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The Soybean Germplasm collection to leave Illinois due to budget cuts

By TIM ALEXANDER Illinois Correspondent

URBANA, Ill. — For the past 60 or more years the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Soybean Germplasm collection has been maintained under the care of the University of Illinois Department of Crop Sciences in Champaign-Urbana, Ill. That will change under a directive from the USDA to relocate the important collection, which is utilized by researchers the world over, to Columbia, Mo.

"There are seedbanks and germplasm collections for many different economically important crops in the U.S.," said Brian Diers, professor emeritus of the U of I Crop Sciences Department. "The USDA is in charge of obtaining the seed and also conducting collections, then they make the seed available to researchers worldwide."

At the root of the move: funding for all USDA Agricultural Research Ser-



Above: Because funding for all USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) labs located at the University of Illinois has been zeroed out for fiscal year 2026, the labs, including the National Soybean Research Center at the U of I, where the soybean germplasm collection (pictured) is housed, will be closed and moved.

vice (ARS) labs located at the U of I in Urbana has been zeroed out for fiscal year 2026 by the Trump administration. Consequently, the labs will be closed and consolidated, including the National Soybean Research Center at the U of I, where the soybean germplasm collection is housed.

Many of the shuttered labs will be leaving the state.

USDA-ARS's National Plant Germplasm System includes 27 specialized federal, state and private institution sites, including the U of I. According to Diers, sites and locations have historically been strategically chosen based on where the crops under study are predominately grown. He feels the USDA's uprooting of the soybean lab and research stands in contradiction with the ARS' original intent to locate its labs in the most beneficial locations

"The soybean germplasm lab has been in Illinois since it was established 60 or 70 years ago. We have trained people here who know how to maintain the collection and the facilities here, so moving it to Missouri means moving where there are untrained people and no facilities," said Diers. "Central Illinois is a great place to grow soybeans that range all the way from being adaptive to Canada, to being adaptive in the southern U.S. In Missouri, they are going to be more limited in what they can grow. I don't think they can grow these very early maturity varieties that can be grown in Canada, and it just doesn't make sense for maintaining all these sovbean types."

In order to better study soybean varieties more suited for deep south or tropical cultivation, the National Soybean Research Center currently contracts with Central American growers and researchers, according to Diers, who added that moving the soybean germplasm and research labs from the U of I would "have to take a while" because USDA would have to construct new facilities worth millions of dollars. In addition, a USDA research center in Mississippi is ideal for field trials examining southern-grown soybean varieties, he said.

Diers also worries about the integrity and continuity of the soybean germplasm collection if it were to be uprooted and moved from its longtime location on the U of I campus. "The collection needs to be maintained for

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Above: The 8th annual Harvester Homecoming was held August 1 and 2 in Fort Wayne, Ind., at the former International Harvester Plant, the country's oldest and still original truck factory dating back to 1923. The plant closed in 1983 marking the end of an era for the city's largest employer. More than 1.5 million heavy-duty trucks and over 500,000 Scouts (an early SUV) were manufactured at this site. Photo by Leondia Walchle

Michigan Christmas tree farm is chosen to send tree to White House

By Celeste Baumgartner Ohio Correspondent

LAKE CITY, Mich.—More than 800 Christmas tree growers recently gathered in Michigan for the annual Summer Meeting of the National Christmas Tree Association (NCTA).

Attendees took farm tours and attended educational sessions ranging from the newest trends in wreaths and flocking to the latest in H-2A regulations regarding temporary seasonal workers.

One highlight of the meeting is choosing the Christmas tree farm that will send a Christmas tree to the White House for 2025. That honor went to Korson's Tree Farms in Sidney, Mich.

"I have been involved with agriculture for well over 25 years," said Rick Dungey, Executive Director of NCTA. "Christmas tree growers, as a commodity that is grown on farms, they seem, in my opinion, to be the best at being willing to share information with each other."

"We had a huge trade show," said Amy Start, executive director of the Michigan Christmas Tree Association, which hosted the event. said. "The biggest trade show I know that has happened in decades. It was so nice because that is where a lot of farm people have a chance to look at things, sometimes things look a lot different in person than they do in a catalog, and then make those personal connections with their suppliers."

Dr. Bert Cregg, Professor in both the Department of Horticulture and Department of Forestry at Michigan State University, was inducted into the Michigan Christmas Tree Associ-



Above: This is the Grand Champion Tree while it was still in the field. It is a blue spruce.

ation Growers Hall of Fame alongside long-time Christmas tree grower and owner of Dutchman Tree Farms, Joel Hoekwater.

Another highlight of the event is the biennial National Christmas Tree Contest. To be eligible growers must first win their state or regional competition.

"States can have up to four farms eligible because the contest is only held every other year," Dungey said. "So they bring a tree from their farm that they grew. There are seven different species categories that they can choose to enter."

"There is a two-stage scoring process," he explained. "A panel of judg-

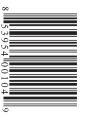
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researchers, and the important thing is that there is a vast collection of germplasms from around the world. There are over 20,000 soybean types in this collection, which is important to be maintained in order for researchers to battle new diseases," Diers said.

"There is also at the U of I the Maize Genetic Stocks collection, which is a collection of seed that has various mutations. This collection is also very important for researchers, and it is also under threat in that the federal government wants to move it to Missouri. Again, they don't have any facilities for the collection there, so it would be disruptive to move it there."

The consolidations are a likely re-

The consolidations are a likely result of the USDA's \$23 billion request for discretionary budget authority from Congress to fund programs and operating expenses in 2026, which is \$6.7 billion below the 2025 Enacted Continuing Resolution levels.

"We have the facilities, and we have the people who can maintain it here in Illinois," said Diers. "It's been well-managed here, and it's hard to understand why (USDA) would want to spend many millions of dollars to (construct) facilities in Missouri."

The U of I and Illinois Soybean Association have been actively engaging with Congress and the USDA to ensure that the National Soybean Research Center and the USDA-ARS labs stay in Illinois. Diers said he was not aware of a proposed timetable for the moves.

Farmers hear from politicans during Indiana Ag Policy Summit

LEBANON, Ind. — Indiana Gov. Mike Braun covered an array of farm topics in a "Fireside Chat" discussion with Courtney Kingery, CEO of the Indiana Soybean Alliance (ISA), the Indiana Corn Growers Association (ICGA) and the Indiana Corn Marketing Council during the Indiana Ag Policy Summit on July 30 at the Boone County Fairgrounds.

The Summit is an annual policy-focused program presented by the ISA's Membership and Policy Committee and ICGA. Approximately 160 farmers, industry stakeholders, legislative staff and state and federal lawmakers attended the Summit. ISDA Director Don Lamb presented

LEBANON, Ind. — Indiana Gov. his "State of Indiana Agriculture" ike Braun covered an array of farm speech.

Braun said he will continue to seek common sense solutions to farm policy issues at both the state and federal levels. He discussed protecting agriculture from losing crop protection products from potential Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) regulations, expanding available energy options, improving rural infrastructure and maintaining Indiana's position as a strong ag state.

ICGA President Chris Cherry, a farmer from New Palestine, Ind., was pleased to hear that Gov. Braun

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Above: USDA-ARS's National Plant Germplasm System includes 27 specialized federal, state and private institution sites, including the U of I, where the national soybean germplasm collection (pictured) is located– for now. (U of I Dept. of Crop Sciences photos)





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Potential US corn yield, harvested acres, debated in the market

It goes without saying that the potential U.S. corn yield is one of the heaviest debated topics in the current market. The USDA is using a 181 bushel per acre yield for the U.S. Several private analysts have issued models indicating the yield could be in the upper 180's, with some above 190 bushels an acre. Many of these are us-MARKET ANALYSIS ing crop condition numbers By Karl Setzer which are highly unreliable

and not intended for yield estimate purposes to begin with.

Recent weather across the U.S. has been less than ideal though, with some regions seeing drought while others have experienced excessive rainfall since early spring. This has created higher than normal variability in crop stands which are becoming more pronounced as the growing season progresses. One thing that is becoming more common is producers from across the Corn Belt stating they believe they have lost the top end of the corn crop. The question now is whether this reduction is from 185 bushels per acre, 181 bushels, or possibly 179 bushels.

Another moving target that is being a little overlooked in balance sheets is the possible shift in harvested acres. The USDA trimmed harvested acres more than usual on corn from the March planting intentions to the June revisions. There were still a large number of unplanted U.S. corn acres, and some analysts feel this will lead to even fewer acres in the final crop update. Even if the U.S. yield is at the top end of trade estimates, losing as few as 2 million acres will take 360 million bu of corn in a rationing position. The U.S. could also lose 2 million acres and still harvest 2 million more than a year ago.

The United States continues to see its share of China's soybean market shrink. The

latest import data shows China took in 12.26 million metric tons of soybeans in June, a record for the month. Of this, 10.6 mmt

originated from Brazil, 87 percent of the country's imports for the month. This was a 9 percent increase from June 2024. The U.S. sent China 1.58 mmt of soybeans in June, 13 percent of the total volume. China's year to date soybean imports now stand at 31.86 mmt, a 7.5 percent decline from the 2024 pace.

A group of Corn Grower Association representatives from 18 different states have joined to call on President Donald Trump to halt the Make America Healthy Again commission from releasing its recommendations. The concern from these individuals is the potential changes to crop protection products, mainly the impact it will have on U.S. production. U.S. farmers have turned to more conservation tillage practices, and this brings an elevated use of pest and weed control products. There are opinions that lower farmer use of pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides, could cut U.S. yields by 70 percent.

China's hog population has started to increase. China's hog population at the end of the second quarter totaled 424.5 million, a 2.2 percent increase from the same period in

the quarter was 40.43 million head, steady from the 2024 total. Hog weights are also starting to creep higher. China's government wants to see a reduction in hog counts to maintain profitability in the industry, and will now have to again take measures to do so.

Chinese officials have announced they are holding talks with the nation's hog industry to improve its economic outlook. China has seen wide swings in both pork production and prices and the government wants to bring stability to both. The main concern in the country is an oversupply of hogs, indicating culling will likely start to be seen. China's government also wants to regulate hog weights. In addition, China is looking for ways to reduce the volume of soy meal it uses in feed ra-

Global wheat production is becoming more of a market factor, especially with leading production countries lowering yield potential. Russia's Ag Minister says the country's wheat crop will range from 88 million metric tons to 90 mmt this year, with their prior estimate being right at 90 mmt. Drought loss is behind the reduction and has also caused a halt in farmer selling. The Ag Minister also cut Russia's export forecast to between 43 mmt and 44 mmt, down from the previous estimate for 45 mmt. This tightness in the Russian market has caused the country's wheat to rally over the past several weeks, supporting the global market as it did.

Other wheat producers cut their production, including Ukraine. Ukraine wheat production is esti-

out of the U.S. supply, and put us 2024. China's sow herd at the end of mated at 21.2 mmt for 2025, just below last year's 22 mmt. Ukraine's wheat export forecast is between 15 mmt and 16 mmt, very similar to last year's quota. Germany predicted a wheat crop of 21.56 mmt today, a 17 percent increase from a year ago. A region of the world getting more attention is Canada as drought is starting to build in the country's prairies.

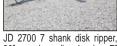
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Above: Korson family and employees left to right: Tatum Johnson, Jack Korson, Rex Korson, Jessica Korson, Scott Rydahl, Raul Castro. They are a second-generation farm with the third generation getting started.

Christmas

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es, mostly previous winners, they score every tree on the same score sheet. It is a whole list of characteristics and attributes that they look at and score every tree on. The top two highest scoring species in each category are the finalists."

Then the top two finalists in each species category are voted on by the NCTA attendees at that conference. The two trees that score the highest among those become the grand champions for the current and the following year. Reserve Champions are also selected, and those trees go to the residence of the U.S. Vice President.

The 2025 Reserve Champion Tree came from Evergreen Acres, Auburn, Pa. The 2026 Grand Champion Tree was grown by Silent Night Evergreens, Endeavor, Wis., and the Reserve by Shepherd's Way Farms, Laurel Springs, N.C.

The 2025 Champion Tree will be delivered to the White House in a horsedrawn carriage. Rex and Jessica Korson will escort their tree and present it to the First Lady. It will be placed in the Blue Room.

"You have guidelines to follow to be able to fit into the contest," Rex Korson said. "The trees can only be 8-feet tall from the base to the tip. I think one of the characteristics of the tree that we had entered, which was a blue spruce, is the color of the tree. The classic blue color draws people to use that tree for Christmas."

The exact tree that will go to the White House has not yet been chosen; the Korsons have a few they are considering, not an easy task as they have over 600,000 trees of various species and in various stages of growth. But the final decision is not theirs. Rather, White House representatives will come and choose the actual tree sometime in late September or early October.

"It will get cut and shipped that week before Thanksgiving and sent to the White House," Korson said. "We don't have all of the details yet, but I believe the Monday before Thanksgiving is when we present the tree to the First Lady."

Finally, Start summarized: "The beauty of Christmas trees is that it is classic, it is nostalgic. There is not a lot of change that happens with them, but the growers have found ways to grow them better, with better needle retention, things like that. The big takeaway from the meeting was how excited everybody was to get together and have a big show like this."



Ag summit

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will continue to advocate for farmers by supporting crop protection products from potential regulation. "Glyphosate, atrazine and other pesticides are important," he said. "Take those away from us, and the cost of production is going to go up and our productivity will go down. Gov. Braun has had conversations with President Trump, USDA Secretary (Brooke) Rollins and RKF Jr. (Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.) about how important it is to keep those products. I am hopeful that they won't take those products away."

No Bull Founder and Market Analyst Susan Stroud told Summit attendees that the Trump Administration has boosted the soybean oil market by proposing higher volume requirements for biodiesel blends of diesel fuel. In June, the EPA announced it would increase the blend volume requirement from 3.35 billion gallons this year to 5.61 billion gallons in 2026.

In addition, the 45Z Clean Fuel Production Credit is designed to incentivize biofuel producers to use feedstocks with lower carbon intensity scores - like soybeans or corn from farms that utilize sustainable practices. While the credit would go to biofuel producers, farmers could receive premiums with demand increasing for domestically sourced, sustainable feedstocks.

Stroud said domestic demand for soybeans has been strong, but domestic demand also increases the cost of exported soybeans. She added that getting new trade deals in place soon would help stabilize exports. In the past soybean meal has been the driver for soybean prices. For several years now, she said, the U.S. soybean market has become driven by

the United States goes to broiler chickens, which is great, but we're going to have to find more ways to export sovbean meal so that we can maintain crush margins and keep crushing for oil," Stroud said.

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Two portions of the Summit covered corn and soybean checkoff programs. Harrison Pittman of the National Agriculture Law Center gave a presentation titled, "The State and Federal Checkoff Landscape." Following that speech, Kingery led a farmer panel on the topic featuring Mike Beard, a Frankfort, Ind., farmer and former ISA, ICGA and Indiana Pork board member; Brian Martin, a Williamsport, Ind., pork producer and Indiana Pork board member; and ICGA President Chris Cherry.

Pittman said Indiana is a major U.S. soybean producer, but he said Indiana is one of only a few soybean-producing states that does not have a state soybean checkoff law. ISA operates under the federal sovbean checkoff law. Pittman added that if the federal law were to ever cease, then Indiana's checkoff program would not be able to continue. However, he added that Indiana could adopt a state soybean checkoff enabling language that would serve as a safety net and only be triggered if the federal checkoff were to cease.

John Baugh, Purdue University's Director of Agricultural Services and Regulations, was presented with the 2025 Friend of Farmer award from ISA's Membership and Policy Committee Chair Brian Warpup and ICGA President Chris Cherry.

Cherry said Baugh has been a respected advocate in academia and public policy. In 2024, Baugh was honored with the 2024 AgriVitrophy case," Cherry said.

Indemnity Fund, expanding rural broadband access, modernizing chemical applicator licensing and supporting sustainable agronomic practices. Cherry added that Baugh also was a key voice in the creation ral communities." of the Indiana Corn Checkoff Law in

"Baugh has been a steady presence at the Indiana Statehouse for more than three decades," Warpup said. "He has helped shape critical legislation affecting farmers and ru-



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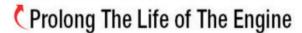
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Ag research foundation funding multi-state crop sustainability study

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MANHATTAN, Kan. – The Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) is funding a multi-state study, focusing on increasing water productivity, soil carbon, and sustainability in integrated multi-crop systems. The study will be conducted across the U.S. Corn Belt and the Great Plains.

Over an initial five-year period, the project will investigate how combinations of cover crops, nitrogen, crop rotation and tillage, and water management under variable soil water conditions influence soil microbial communities that drive nutrient availability and loss, researchers said.

The research team includes experts from Iowa State University, Kansas State University, Mississippi State University, The Ohio State University, the University of Kansas, the University of Minnesota, as well as major industry collaborators, Bayer Crop Science in Creve Coeur, Mo., and LI-COR Environmental in Lincoln, Neb.

The University of Minnesota will be part of a broader initiative, aiming to contribute to developing sustainable solutions for agriculture in the Corn Belt and Great Plains, researchers said.

FFAR awarded a \$7,657,633 grant to Kansas State, which is leading the study. Bayer Crop Science provided \$4,601,244 in matching funds, and Iowa State, Kansas State, LandScan, LCC, in Davis, Calif., LI-COR Environmental, Mississippi State, Ohio State and the University of Kansas, also provided funds for a total investment of \$16,362,948, researchers said.

Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, Kansas State professor of soil fertility and nutrient management, and project lead, told Farm World, "The university collaborators were selected for their expertise in key disciplines and to ensure representation of major production systems

across the Corn Belt and Great Plains regions, with particular emphasis on water use and its interactions with productivity and sustainability.

"Our industry partners are deeply committed to advancing understanding of the complex relationships among water, soil, and crop management and production," he said. "Farmers and the broader agricultural sector face the challenge of increasing yields, while improving land sustainability and profitability, pressures that are further complicated by variable climatic conditions across gradients (a measure of a change that occurs between different quantities of something such as temperature or pressure over a particular distance)."

He said researchers in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Ohio will focus on the rain-fed systems within the project; and Kansas (including cotton in rotation), Mississippi (including cotton in rotation), and Nebraska will focus on irrigated systems; Kansas researchers will also focus on dry land systems.

"The scale and complexity of these studies can only be achieved through strong partnerships with industry and a highly collaborative research team," Ruiz Diaz said.

Ohio State researchers will also examine the productivity effects of crop management practices on corn, soybeans and wheat.

"We're collecting field-scale data on multiple management factors like cover cropping, tillage, nitrogen application, and crop rotation," said Osler Ortez, Ohio State assistant professor of corn and emerging crops at the university's Wooster campus. "This will help us determine the long-term impacts on productivity, soil health, and greenhouse gas emissions."

Sumita Sen, an Ohio State doctoral student who is contributing fieldwork and analysis from the Ohio site in Perrysburg, added, "This project will help us understand the agronomic complexity of current cropping systems and guide sustainable choices."

Sotirios Archontoulis, an Iowa State professor of integrated cropping systems and a researcher, told Farm World: "The ISU team is working on modeling of the cropping systems using the APSIM (Agricultural Production Systems Simulator) model, as well as monitoring one of the field experiments. The APSIM modular modeling framework will be used to simulate the biophysical processes in cropping systems, with a focus on understanding the impacts of management practices, climate and soil conditions on crop production and environmental outcomes.

"Particular focus is on water table depth, and interaction of multiple factors such as crop rotation, nitrogen fertilizer rate, and tillage on productivity," he added.

Ortez said, "This public-private and multi-state partnership will provide vital insights for farmers and policymakers alike."



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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 8/4/2025 - Final

| This Week | Last Reported 7/28/2025 | Last Year | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 637 | 1,279 | 1,271 | | |
| 532(83.5%) 103(16.2%) 2(0.3%) | 1,224(95.7%) 54(4.2%) 1(0.1%) | 1,186(93.3%) 80(6.3%) 5(0.4%) | | |
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Compared to last Monday the feeder market was mostly stronger withan average quality offering. Good quality feeder steers 650 lbs and under were unevenly steady with a moderate supply and good demand. Yearling steers appeared steady but with limited comparisons. Feeder heifers were 3.00 to 6.00 higher or greater in spots with good demand, while yearling heifers were 2.00 to 3.00 higher with a light test. Slaughter cows were sharply higher with a good supply, while slaughter bulls were steady to 3.00 higher with strong demand for all slaughter animals. Supply included: 84% Feeder Cattle (67% Steers, 0% Dairy Steers, 20% Heifers, 13% Bulls): 16% Slaughter Cattle (5% Heifers, 81% Cows, 13% Bulls, 1% Dairy Cows); 0% Replacement Cattle (100% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 57%.

Groups of 20 Head or More:

| STEERS | | | | | | | | |
|--------|---------------------|----------------|---------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| 55 | Hd | Colored/XBREDS | 922 lbs | 319.00 | | | | |
| 60 | Hd | Black/BWF | 925 lbs | 325.00 | | | | |
| 50 | Hd | Colored/XBRFDS | 961 lbs | 310.75 | | | | |

| Head | RS - Medium Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3 | 210-245 | 233 | 465.00-470.00 | 466.50 |
| 2 | 257 | 257 | 462.50 | 462.50 |
| 3 | 300-335 | 323 | 411.00-431.00 | 424.81 |
| 3 1 | 365-397 | 386 | 427.50-430.00 | 428.29 |
| 1 | 375 430 | 375 430 | 460.00 427.50 | 460.00 Value Added 427.50 |
| i | 430 | 430 | 459.00 | 459.00 Value Added |
| 7 | 470-497 | 493 | 387.50-397.50 | 390.88 |
| 6 | 498 | 498 | 425.00 | 425.00 Value Added |
| 8 | 500-540 | 514 | 361.00-387.00 | 372.50 |
| 7 | 508-513 | 510 | 409.00-417.00 | 413.55 Value Added |
| 14 | 555-597 | 573 | 350.00-366.00 | 358.90 |
| 14 1 | 556-595 640 | 581 640 | 372.50-387.00 331.00 | 378.84 Value Added 331.00 |
| 2 | 620 | 620 | 379.00 | 379.00 Value Added |
| 2 | 687 | 687 | 333.00 | 333.00 |
| 21 | 652-677 | 669 | 369.00-381.00 | 375.03 Value Added |
| 7 | 707-741 | 727 | 311.00-333.00 | 319.92 |
| 4 | 738 | 738 | 344.00 | 344.00 Value Added |
| 3 | 772-780 | 775 | 320.00-331.00 | 323.69 |
| 1 9 | 825 802 | 825 802 | 290.00 | 290.00 330.00 Value Added |
| 4 | 802 885 | 802 885 | 330.00 290.00 | 290.00 Value Added |
| 1 | 940 | 940 | 290.00 | 297.00 |
| 115 | 922-925 | 924 | 319.00-325.00 | 322.14 Value Added |
| 50 | 961 | 961 | 310.75 | 310.75 Value Added |
| 1 | 1040 | 1040 | 230.00 | 230.00 |
| | | | e 2 (Per Cwt / Ad | '. |
| <u>lead</u> | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
| 3 | 325-327 | 326 | 380.00-393.00 | 384.32 |
| 1 | 480 535-545 | 480 540 | 393.00 337.50-352.00 | 393.00 344.82 |
| 4 | 580-590 | 585 | 319.00-329.00 | 323.22 |
| 2 | 637 | 637 | 306.00 | 306.00 |
| 3 | 681 | 681 | 310.00 | 310.00 |
| 1 | 735 | 735 | 290.00 | 290.00 |
| 2 | 902 | 902 | 261.00 | 261.00 |
| | | | e 2-3 (Per Cwt / | ' |
| <u>1ead</u> 2 | Wt Range 427 | Avg Wt 427 | Price Range 341.00 | Avg Price 341.00 |
| 2 | 427 | 472 | 331.00 | 331.00 |
| 1 | 500 | 500 | 303.00 | 303.00 |
| 2 | 650-670 | 660 | 270.00-280.00 | 274.92 |
| STEEF | RS - Large 1- | | t / Actual Wt) | |
| lead | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
| 2 | 467 | 467 | 341.00 | 341.00 |
| 1 1 | 710 STEEDS - I | 710 | 262.50 er Cwt / Actual V | 262.50 |
| Head | Wt Range | arge 3 (F Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
| 1 | 795 | 795 | 214.00 | 214.00 |
| HEIFE | RS - Mediun | n and Lar | ge 1-2 (Per Cwt / | |
| lead | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
| 3 | 255-290 | 267 | 385.00-387.50 | 385.91 |
| 1 | 305 | 305 | 455.00 | 455.00 Value Added |
| 3 | 350-385 355-380 | 368 372 | 375.00-397.50 | 389.50 |
| 3 10 | 355-380 405-448 | 372 435 | 420.00 360.00-382.50 | 420.00 Value Added 370.31 |
| 8 | 465-480 | 433 471 | 367.00-362.50 | 371.82 |
| 1 | 465 | 465 | 343.00 | 343.00 Full |
| 10 | 530-543 | 537 | 325.00-344.00 | 331.44 |
| 4 | 500-505 | 501 | 352.50-355.00 | 354.37 Value Added |
| 5 | 572-595 | 583 | 322.50-330.00 | 327.05 |
| 8 | 577-586 | 582 | 336.00-341.00 | 338.48 Value Added |
| 11 | 608-635 665-685 | 617 679 | 310.00-332.50 280.00-290.00 | 326.11 287.30 |
| 4 | | | | |

| 3 | 705-745 | 725 | 264.00-285.00 | 275.14 |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 720 | 720 | 306.00 | 306.00 Full |
| 1 | 785 | 785 | 275.00 | 275.00 |
| 2 | 762 | 762 | 300.00 | 300.00 Guaranteed Op |
| 2 | 810-815 | 813 | 279.00-287.00 | 283.01 |
| 1 | 865 | 865 | 252.00 | 252.00 |
| HEIFE | RS - Mediun | n and Lar | ge 2 (Per Cwt / A | ctual Wt) |
| <u>Head</u> | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
| 2 | 290 | 290 | 342.50 | 342.50 |
| 4 | 406-435 | 413 | 351.00 | 351.00 |
| 1 | 455 | 455 | 347.50 | 347.50 |
| 1 | 520 | 520 | 290.00 | 290.00 |

| 1 | 455 | 455 | 347.50 | 347.50 |
|-------|--------------|------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 520 | 520 | 290.00 | 290.00 |
| IEIFE | RS - Mediun | n and Larg | ge 2-3 (Per Cwt. | / Actual Wt) |
| lead | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
| 1 | 315 | 315 | 325.00 | 325.00 |
| 2 | 442 | 442 | 332.50 | 332.50 |
| 1 | 450 | 450 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 1 | 620 | 620 | 235.00 | 235.00 |
| IEIFE | RS - Large 1 | -2 (Per Cv | vt / Actual Wt) | |
| lead | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price |
| | | | | |

| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | | | | | |
|--|--|--------|-------------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | 355 | 355 | 300.00 | 300.00 | | | | | |
| HEIFE | HEIFERS - Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Head</u> | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | | | | | |
| 1 | 455 | 455 | 320.00 | 320.00 | | | | | |
| BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |

| BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------|------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| <u>Head</u> | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | | | |
| 1 | 215 | 215 | 402.50 | 402.50 | | | |
| 1 | 210 | 210 | 435.00 | 435.00 Fancy | | | |
| 4 | 255-292 | 276 | 403.00-417.50 | 412.70 | | | |
| 8 | 338 | 338 | 425.00 | 425.00 | | | |
| 2 | 350-355 | 353 | 427.50-440.00 | 433.79 | | | |
| 3 | 350-390 | 363 | 457.50-467.50 | 463.92 Fancy | | | |
| 2 | 405-420 | 413 | 437.50-445.00 | 441.18 | | | |
| 3 | 400-415 | 407 | 462.50-487.50 | 479.20 Fancy | | | |
| 3 | 455-490 | 467 | 390.00-402.50 | 394.06 | | | |
| 1 | 460 | 460 | 455.00 | 455.00 Fancy | | | |
| 1 | 515 | 515 | 325.00 | 325.00 | | | |
| 1 | 500 | 500 | 387.50 | 387.50 Fancy | | | |
| 6 | 560-587 | 570 | 325.00-340.00 | 331.31 Fancy | | | |
| 3 | 610-645 | 623 | 299.00-300.00 | 299.67 | | | |
| 4 | 660-672 | 667 | 280.00-295.00 | 290.77 | | | |
| 5 | 655-675 | 663 | 310.00-324.00 | 318.30 Fancy | | | |
| 5 | 762-790 | 774 | 261.00-275.00 | 267.11 | | | |
| BULLS | S - Medium a | | 2 (Per Cwt / Act | ual Wt) | | | |
| <u>Head</u> | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | | | |
| 1 | 330 | 330 | 400.00 | 400.00 | | | |
| 2 | 370-385 | 378 | 375.00-405.00 | 389.70 | | | |

490

1040-1515

490

540

Head Wt Range Avg Wt Price Range

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

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

1324

BRED COWS - Medium 2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt) Age Stage Head Wt Range Avg Wt

685

| Head 1 | Wt Range 515 | Avg Wt 515 | Price Range 230.00 | Avg Price 230.00 | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|--|--|--|--|
| | | SLAU | IGHTER CATTL | .E | | | | | |
| HEIFERS - Select and Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt) | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Head</u> | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | Dressing | | | | |
| 5 | 1140-1525 | 1243 | 210.00-239.00 | 225.91 | Average | | | | |
| COWS | - Breaker 7 | 5-80% (Pe | r Cwt / Actual Wi | t) | | | | | |
| <u>Head</u> | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | Dressing | | | | |
| 11 | 1335-1845 | 1542 | 164.00-179.00 | 174.42 | Average | | | | |
| 18 | 1335-1850 | 1510 | 180.00-197.00 | 186.88 | High | | | | |
| COWS | - Boner 80- | 85% (Per | Cwt / Actual Wt) | | • | | | | |
| <u>Head</u> | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | Dressing | | | | |
| 9 | 1045-1355 | 1231 | 165 00-178 00 | 172.16 | Average | | | | |

377.50

285.00

377.50

285.00

Avg Price

189.06

Price Range

High

Avg Price

| COWS | COWS - Lean 65-50 % (Fer Cwt / Actual Wt) | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt | Price Range | Avg Price | Dressing | | | | |
| 16 | 850-1290 | 1014 | 143.00-162.00 | 155.49 | Average | | | | |
| 11 | 935-1165 | 1066 | 166.00-186.00 | 174.69 | High | | | | |
| 4 | 665-1335 | 933 | 190.00-215.00 | 198.87 | High | | | | |
| 1 | 950 | 950 | 127.00 | 127.00 | Low | | | | |
| | | REPLAC | CEMENT CAT | ΓLE | | | | | |
| BRED COWS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt) | | | | | | | | | |
| Age S | Stage Head | Wt Range | Avg Wt Pr | ice Range | Avg Price | | | | |
| 5-8 | T1 1 | 970 | 970 | 2275 00 | 2275.00 | | | | |

182.00-196.00

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Explanatory Notes:

Stage (Cattle) - Represents pregnancy stage (O = open; T1 = 1st Trimester, 1 to 3 months; T1-2 = 1st/2nd trimester, 1 to 6 months; T2 = 2nd Trimester, 4 to 6 months; T2-3 = 2nd/3rd Trimester, 4 to 9 months; T3 = 3rd Trimester, 7 to 9 months; T1-3 = all trimesters, 1 to 9 months) Age - Numerical representation of age in years.

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Weekly National Sheep Summary For Week Ending Friday, August 1, 2025

Compared to last week Ft. Collins: Feeder lambs had no test and slaughter lambs traded 5.00-10.00 higher and ewes traded too lightly tested to develop trend. Kalona: Slaughter lambs 15.00-20.00 lower, slaughter ewes stronger. Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-3 San Angelo: Wooled and shorn 50-60 lbs 262.00-270.00; 60-70 280.00. Feeder Lambs: New Holland: No test. 70-80 lbs 216.00-233.00; 80-Billings: Kalona: 90 lbs 218.00-233.00; 90-100 lbs 192 00-203 00 Sioux Falls: Ft. Collins: Wooled and shorn 90-100 lbs 215.00-235.00; 110-120 lbs 210.00-240.00 Buffalo, MO: Wooled and shorn 40-50 lbs Kalona: 250.00-265.00; 50-60 lbs 265.00-305.00; 60-70 lbs Billings: 225.00-270.00; 70-80 lbs 220.00-255.00; 80-90 lbs 215.00-240.00; 90-100 220.00-245.00

Sioux Falls: 60-70 lbs 220.00; 70-80 215.00-227.50; 80-90 lbs 195.00-225.00; 90-100 lbs 100-110 205.00-220.00; lbs 110-120 210.00-214.00; lbs 207.50-221.00; 120-130 130-140 210.00-224.00; lbs 140-150 219.00-231.00; lbs 229.00-234.00; 150-160 220.00.

Buffalo, MO: No test. Equity Coop: No test. Missouri: Wooled and shorn 50-60 lbs 202.00-210.00; 60-70 215.00; 100-140 lbs 160.00-

Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3 120.00-175.00; Good Ft. Collins: 3-4 140.00-142.50. Kalona: Good 2-3 110.00-150.00. Good 2-3 125.00-162.00; Utility

210.00.

San Angelo: 1-2 94.00. New Holland: No test.

Good 2-3 84.00-90.00; Good Billings: 3-4 86.00-90.00; Utility 1-2 84.00-95.00 Sioux Falls: Good 2-3: 85.00-100.00; Good 4-5: 100.00; Utility 1-2: 75.00-95.00.

Buffalo, MO: No test.

Missouri: Utility and Good 1-3 85.00-110.00; Good 2-3 120.00-

137.00.

Medium and Large 1-2: Ft. Collins: No test

30-40 lbs 300.00-335.00. No test Equity Coop:

40-50 lbs 255.00; 50-60 lbs 290.00; 70-80 lbs 240.00-250.00; 80-90 lbs 230.00.

No test.

30-40 lbs 230.00-250.00; 40-50 San Angelo:

lbs 220.00-240.00 40-50 lbs 231.00-246.00;

50-60 lbs 238.00; 60-70 lbs 222.00-240.00; 70-80 220.00-230.00; 80-90 lbs 217.00-235.00; 90-100 lbs 195.00-219.00; 100-110 lbs

189.00-205.00. 30-40 lbs 165.00. Missouri: Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:

Ft. Collins: No test Kalona: No test

Missouri:

Young bred for fall 189 lbs Sioux Falls:

110.00 per cwt. Buffalo, MO: No test No test.

San Angelo: Medium and Large 1-2 Young Billings: Open 110-125 lbs 125.00-

> 160.00 No test

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 32,000 compared to 33,000 last week and 35,000 last year.

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Daily Livestock and Poultry Slaughter

Report for Thursday, August 7, 2025 - Final

| | Current Day Staughter | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| | | | | | Prev Week | Last Year | 2025 | 2024 | YTD |
| Thurs., Aug. 7, 20 | <u>125</u> | Week Ago | Year Ago | WTD | WTD | WTD | YTD | YTD | % Change |
| Calves | 1,000 | 1,000 | 445 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 2,879 | 79,751 | 129,759 | -38.5% |
| Cattle | 115,000 | 108,000 | 121,188 | 447,000 | 441,000 | 481,910 | 17,726,668 | 18,970,903 | -6.6% |
| Hogs | 465,000 | 464,000 | 466,982 | 1,837,000 | 1,844,000 | 1,834,573 | 75,480,594 | 77,243,005 | -2.3% |
| Sheep | 5,000 | 5,000 | 6,822 | 28,000 | 27,000 | 30,318 | 1,164,413 | 1,157,816 | 0.6% |
| Chicken (Young) | 35,509,000 | 35,311,000 | 34,820,000 | 141,542,000 | 141,064,000 | 139,792,000 | 5,648,292,000 | 5,714,499,000 | -1.2% |
| | | | Pre | vious Dai | ly Slaugh | ter | | | |
| | | | | | Prev Week | Last Year | 2025 | 2024 | YTD |
| Wed., Aug. 6, 202 | <u>5</u> | Week Ago | Year Ago | WTD | WTD | WTD | YTD | YTD | % Change |
| Calves | 1,000 | 1,000 | 863 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,434 | 78,751 | 129,314 | -39.1% |
| Cattle | 116,000 | 112,000 | 122,133 | 332,000 | 333,000 | 360,722 | 17,611,668 | 18,849,715 | -6.6% |
| Hogs | 465,000 R | 470,000 | 477,361 | 1,372,000 | 1,380,000 | 1,367,591 | 75,015,594 | 76,776,023 | -2.3% |
| Sheep | 6,000 | 6,000 | 5,742 | 23,000 | 22,000 | 23,496 | 1,159,413 | 1,150,994 | 0.7% |

Previous Day Breakdo

Chicken (Young) 35,189,000 | 35,463,000 34,855,000 106,033,000 105,753,000 104,972,000 5,612,783,000 5,679,679,000

Wed., Aug. 6, 2025

Cattle Cows/Bulls ...19,000 Explanatory Notes: Livestock Species listed consists of young and mature animals Poultry references young only. Year to Date calculation is based on week 1 of calendar year R = Revision WTD = Week to Date YTD = Year to Date

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August 8, 2025

| Corn | Delivery Month Sep 25 Dec 25 Mar 26 May 26 Jul 26 | Last \$388-6 \$410-2 \$427-0 \$436-4 \$443-2 | Change + 4-2 + 3-2 + 2-4 + 1-6 + 1-2 | Wheat | Delivery Month Sep 25 Dec 25 Mar 26 May 26 Jul 26 | Last \$ 521-0 \$ 541-2 \$ 560-2 \$ 573-0 \$ 582-2 | Change + 2-6 + 2-2 + 2-0 + 1-4 + 1-2 |
|-----------------|---|---|---|----------------|---|--|---|
| Soybeans | Aug 25 Sep 25 Nov 25 Jan 26 Mar 26 | \$ 975-6 \$ 976-0 \$ 995-4 \$1014-2 \$1030-2 | + 4-0 + 2-0 + 1-6 + 1-6 + 1-0 | Oats | Sep 25 Dec 25 Mar 26 May 26 | \$ 332'0 \$ 344'2 \$ 346'4 \$ 349'4 | UNCH + 2'2 - - |
| Soybean Meal | Aug 25 Sep 25 Oct 25 Dec 25 Jan 26 | \$ 272.7 \$ 278.3 \$ 280.9 \$ 287.3 \$ 290.8 | + 3.3 + 2.2 + 2.1 + 2.1 + 2.0 | Live Cattle | Aug 25 Oct 25 Dec 25 Feb 26 Apr 26 | \$ 236.325 \$ 230.125 \$ 231.475 \$ 232.075 \$ 231.575 | - 2.425 - 2.100 - 2.150 - 2.175 - 2.100 |
| Soybean Oil | Aug 25 Sep 25 Oct 25 Dec 25 Jan 26 | \$ 53.54 \$ 53.10 \$ 52.93 \$ 52.94 \$ 53.14 | - 0.25 - 0.40 - 0.42 - 0.48 - 0.45 | Lean Hogs | Aug 25 Oct 25 Dec 25 Feb 26 Apr 26 | \$108.900 \$ 90.825 \$ 83.675 \$ 86.575 \$ 89.625 | + 0.125 - 0.100 - 0.125 + 0.100 + 0.025 |

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Weekly Combined Regional Shell Egg Report

Report for: 07/27/2025 - 08/02/2025

| National Shell Eggs | Caged | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---|
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| Class | <u>Price</u> <u>Range</u> | Average Price | Price Change | Reported (7/25/2025) |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Extra Large | 346.00 - 383.00 | 367.25 | -9.00 | 376.25 |
| Large | 345.00 - 372.00 | 358.69 | -9.00 | 367.69 |
| Medium | 180.00 - 205.00 | 193.00 | -9.00 | 202.00 |
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Midwest Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

| Class | Price Range | Average Price | Price Change | Reported (7/25/2025) |
|-------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Extra Large | 346.00 - 355.00 | 350.50 | -9.00 | 359.50 |
| Large | 345.00 - 354.00 | 349.50 | -9.00 | 358.50 |
| Medium | 180.00 - 189.00 | 184.50 | -9.00 | 193.50 |

Delivered Store Door, White, Cents Per Dozer

| <u>Class</u> | Price Range | Average Price | Price Change | <u>Last</u> <u>Reported</u> (7/25/2025) |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|---|
| Extra Large | 353.00 - 361.00 | 357.00 | -9.00 | 366.00 |
| Large | 351.00 - 359.00 | 355.00 | -9.00 | 364.00 |
| Medium | 186.00 - 194.00 | 190.00 | -9.00 | 199.00 |

Paid to Producers - FOB. White, Cents Per Dozen

| | <u>Price</u> | <u>Average</u> | Price | <u>Last</u> <u>Reported</u> | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Class | Range | <u>Price</u> | <u>Change</u> | (7/25/2025) | |
| Large | 327.00 - 337.00 | 332.00 | -9.00 | 341.00 | |
| Medium | 162.00 - 166.00 | 164.00 | -9.00 | 173.00 | |
| Small | 92.00 - 98.00 | 95.00 | -50.00 | 145.00 | |
| Northeast Shell Eggs - Caged | | | | | |

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

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|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Class | <u>Price</u> Range | Average Price | Price Change | Reported (7/25/2025) |
| Extra Large | 353.00 - 374.00 | 363.50 | -9.00 | 372.50 |
| Large | 347.00 - 361.00 | 354.00 | -9.00 | 363.00 |
| Medium | 182.00 - 195.00 | 188.50 | -9.00 | 197.50 |

South Central Shell Eggs - Caged Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

| Class | <u>Price</u> Range | Average Price | Price Change | <u>Last</u> <u>Reported</u> (7/25/2025) | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| Extra Large | 374.50 - 383.00 | 378.75 | -9.00 | 387.75 | |
| Large | 363.50 - 372.00 | 367.75 | -9.00 | 376.75 | |
| Medium | 196.50 - 205.00 | 200.75 | -9.00 | 209.75 | |
| Southeast Shell Eggs - Caged | | | | | |

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozer

| Class | <u>Price</u> <u>Range</u> | Average Price | Price Change | Reported (7/25/2025) |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Extra Large | 372.50 - 380.00 | 376.25 | -9.00 | 385.25 |
| Large | 360.00 - 367.00 | 363.50 | -9.00 | 372.50 |
| Medium | 194.50 - 202.00 | 198.25 | -9.00 | 207.25 |
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Explanatory Notes: Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, white eggs

Regional Breakdown: Midwest: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA. Northeast: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, Eastern PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT South Central: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX. Southeast: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA.

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Missouri Direct Hay Report

Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 8/8/2025

As of the latest drought monitor the entire state is now considered 100 percent drought free. Significant improve-ment was noted for just about all the states in the Midwest this week. Rains, which if one was under specific clouds were excessive at times, have been plentiful for July thus far has the state looking much more like Mid-May rather than late July. Pastures in the state continue to be some of the highest rated in the nation and much better than those in neighboring states. Once again this year a few farmers who were lucky enough to get started early between spring rains are cutting grass hay for a second time and if Fall goes well could likely get a third cutting if they choose to keep baling. This is very uncommon for grass hay in MO. Extreme heat over the last week has made being out a bit less enjoyable, especially if you had to spend the day on an open station tractor but it has allowed for several to get back to making hay as along as they weren't under one of those previously mentioned storms that dropped multi-ple inches of rain. Hay movement has been slow, prices are steady to week, supplies are heavy, and demand is light. 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) | |
| Small Square | 6.00-10.00 |
| Alfalfa - Fair (Ask/Per Ton) | |
| Large Round | 125.00-150.00 |
| Mixed Grass - Premium/Supreme (Ask/Per | Ton) |
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| 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 |
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20.00-50.00 Large Round STRAW (Conventional)

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/2929

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Grain Report for Thursday, August 7, 2025 - Final

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|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Exchange Page 1 | Commodity | | Closing | Settlement Price | es (¢/bu) as of 8 | 3/7/2025 | | |
| CBOT | Corn | 384.50 (Sep 25) | 407.00 (Dec 25) | 424.50 (Mar 26) | 434.75 (May 26) | 442.00 (Jul 26) | 439.75 (Sep 26) | 447.50 (Dec 26) |
| CBOT | Soybeans | 971.75 (Aug 25) | 974.00 (Sep 25) | 993.75 (Nov 25) | 1012.50 (Jan 26) | 1029.25 (Mar 26) | 1044.00 (May 26) | 1054.25 (Jul 26) |
| CBOT | Wheat | 518.25 (Sep 25) | 539.00 (Dec 25) | 558.25 (Mar 26) | 571.50 (May 26) | 581.00 (Jul 26) | 594.25 (Sep 26) | 611.75 (Dec 26) |
| CBOT | White Oats | 332.00 (Sep 25) | 342.00 (Dec 25) | 346.50 (Mar 26) | 349.50 (May 26) | 349.50 (Jul 26) | 365.25 (Sep 26) | 367.75 (Dec 26) |
| KCBT | Wheat | 521.50 (Sep 25) | 541.75 (Dec 25) | 559.75 (Mar 26) | 572.50 (May 26) | 582.00 (Jul 26) | 595.25 (Sep 26) | 613.75 (Dec 26) |
| MGE | Wheat | 574 00 (Sep 25) | 595 00 (Dec 25) | 615 50 (Mar 26) | 628 00 (May 26) | 638 50 (Jul 26) | 650 50 (Sep 26) | 662 50 (Dec 26) |

US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)

| Country Elevators - Con | ventional | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Region/Location | Basic (¢/Bu) | Basis Change | Price (\$/Bu) | Price Change | <u>Average</u> |
| Pennyrile | 90.00Z | UNCH | 4.9700 | UP 0.0575 | 4.9700 |
| Barge Loading Elevators | s - Conventional | | | | |
| Region/Location | Basic (¢/Bu) | Basis Change | Price (\$/Bu) | Price Change | <u>Average</u> |
| Ohio River - Lower KY | 90.00Z | UP 5.00 | 4.9700 | UP 0.1075 | 4.9700 |
| Purchase | 130.00U | UNCH | 5.1450 | UP 0.0475 | 5.1450 |
| Purchase | 80.00Z | UNCH | 4.8700 | UP 0.0575 | 4.8700 |
| | | US #2 YELLOW | CORN (BULK) | | |

Region/Location Basic (¢/Bu) Basis Change Price (\$/Bu) Purchase 0.00U 3.8450 -20.00Z UNCH 3.8700 Purchase Green River 25.00U UNCH 4.0950 -20.00Z UNCH 3.8700 Green River 5.00U to 20.00U DN 5.00 3.8950-4.0450 Pennyrile Pennyrile -45.00Z to -20.00Z DN 5.00-UNCH 3.6200-3.8700 -6.00U to 13.00U Louisville Louisville Bluegrass

| Bluegrass | -40.00Z |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Barge Loading Elevato | rs - Conventional |
| Region/Location | Basic (¢/Bu) |
| Ohio River - Upper KY | -6.00U to -2.00U |
| Ohio River - Upper KY | -40.00Z to -37.00Z |
| Ohio River - Lower KY | 0.00U to 10.00U |
| Ohio River - Lower KY | -28.00Z to -20.00Z |
| Purchase | 7.00U to 8.00U |
| Purchase | -28 007 to -18 007 |

Country Elevators - Conventional

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| UNCH | 3.7850-3.9750 | UP 0.0475 |
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| UNCH | 3.6800 | UP 0.0575 |
| UNCH | 3.8450 | UP 0.0475 |
| UNCH | 3.6700 | UP 0.0575 |
| | | |
| Basis Change | Price (\$/Bu) | Price Change |
| UNCH | 3.7850-3.8250 | UP 0.0475 |
| UNCH | 3.6700-3.7000 | UP 0.0575 |
| UNCH-DN 3.00 | 3.8450-3.9450 | UP 0.0475-UP 0.0175 |
| UP 1.00-UNCH | 3.7900-3.8700 | UP 0.0675-UP 0.0575 |
| DN 1.00-UNCH | 3.9150-3.9250 | UP 0.0375-UP 0.0475 |
| UP 1.00-UNCH | 3.7900-3.8900 | UP 0.0675-UP 0.0575 |
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US#1 SOYBEANS (BULK)

| Country Elevators - Co | nventional | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Region/Location | Basic (¢/Bu) | Basis Change | Price (\$/Bu) | Price Change | <u>Average</u> |
| Purchase | -30.00X | UNCH | 9.6375 | UP 0.0925 | 9.6375 |
| Purchase | -30.00X | UP 20.00 | 9.6375 | UP 0.2925 | 9.6375 |
| Green River | -35.00X | UNCH | 9.5875 | UP 0.0925 | 9.5875 |
| Green River | -35.00X | UNCH | 9.5875 | UP 0.0925 | 9.5875 |
| Pennyrile | -40.00X to -12.00X | UNCH-DN 8.00 | 9.5375-9.8175 | UP 0.0925-UP 0.0125 | 9.6132 |
| Pennyrile | -70.00X to -47.00X | UNCH-DN 2.00 | 9.2375-9.4675 | UP 0.0925-UP 0.0725 | 9.3204 |
| Louisville | -32.00Q | UNCH | 9.3975 | UP 0.1025 | 9.3975 |
| Louisville | -92.00X | UNCH | 9.0175 | UP 0.0925 | 9.0175 |
| Bluegrass | -50.00U | UNCH | 9.2400 | UP 0.0850 | 9.2400 |
| Bluegrass | -100.00X | UNCH | 8.9375 | UP 0.0925 | 8.9375 |
| Barge Loading Elevato | rs - Conventional | | | | |
| Region/Location | Basic (¢/Bu) | Basis Change | Price (\$/Bu) | Price Change | <u>Average</u> |
| Ohio River - Upper KY | -34.00X | DN 7.00 | 9.5975 | UP 0.0225 | 9.5975 |
| Ohio River - Upper KY | -64.00X to -62.00X | DN 2.00 | 9.2975-9.3175 | UP 0.0725 | 9.3075 |
| Ohio River - Lower KY | -10.00Q to 0.00X | UNCH | 9.6175-9.9375 | UP 0.1025-UP 0.0925 | 9.7935 |
| Ohio River - Lower KY | -50.00X to -25.00X | UP 1.00-UNCH | 9.4375-9.6875 | UP 0.1025-UP 0.0925 | 9.5325 |
| Purchase | -31.00X | DN 3.00 | 9.6275 | UP 0.0625 | 9.6275 |
| Purchase | -49.00X to -40.00X | UP 2.00-UNCH | 9.4475-9.5375 | UP 0.1125-UP 0.0925 | 9.4900 |

US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

| Region/Location | Basic (¢/Bu) | Basis Change | Price (\$/Bu) | Price Change | Average |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|---------|
| Pennyrile | -10.00U | UNCH | 5.0825 | UP 0.0975 | 5.0825 |
| Pennyrile | 0.00H | UNCH | 5.5825 | UP 0.0975 | 5.5825 |
| | | US #2 SOFT RED WI | NTER WHEAT (BULK |) | |
| Country Elevators - Co | onventional | | | | |
| Region/Location | Basic (¢/Bu) | Basis Change | Price (\$/Bu) | Price Change | Average |

| Country Elevators - Co | nventional | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Region/Location | Basic (¢/Bu) | Basis Change | Price (\$/Bu) | Price Change | <u>Average</u> |
| Green River | -75.00N | UNCH | 5.0600 | UP 0.1000 | 5.0600 |
| Pennyrile | -80.00U to -30.00U | UNCH | 4.3825-4.8825 | UP 0.0975 | 4.5396 |
| Pennyrile | -60.00N to -55.00N | UNCH | 5.2100-5.2600 | UP 0.1000 | 5.2500 |
| Louisville | -104.00U to -37.00U | UNCH-UP 14.00 | 4.1425-4.8125 | UP 0.0975-UP 0.2375 | 4.4775 |
| Barge Loading Elevato | rs - Conventional | | | | |
| Region/Location | Basic (¢/Bu) | Basis Change | Price (\$/Bu) | Price Change | <u>Average</u> |
| Ohio River - Upper KY | -20.00U | UNCH | 4.9825 | UP 0.0975 | 4.9825 |
| Ohio River - Lower KY | -45.00U to -40.00Z | UNCH | 4.7325-4.9900 | UP 0.0975 | 4.8350 |
| Ohio River - Lower KY | -25.00N | UP 1.00 | 5.5600 | UP 0.1100 | 5.5600 |

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

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|---------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Small Animals | 8/5/2025 | Sheep | | Cows | |
| Chickens | \$1-\$12 | Ewes | \$0.90-\$1.30 | Cull Cows | \$1-\$1.76 |
| Bantys | \$3-\$18 | 40-60# Lambs | \$1.50-\$2.75 | Bulls | \$1.75-\$1.87 |
| Ducks | \$2-\$15 | 61-80# Lambs | \$1.50-\$2.60 | Fot Cottle | 58 |
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| Rooster | \$1-\$14 | Goats | | 0010104 | 6 |
| Turkey | \$35 | Billys | \$55-\$465 | Pigs | - |
| Peacock | | Nannies | \$45-\$340 | Fat Hogs | \$.60-\$.86 |
| Rabbits | \$3-\$13 | Kids | \$35-\$180 | Sows | \$.97-\$1.025 |
| | 1220 | | 111 | Boars | \$.15-\$.47 |
| Veal Calves | | Feeder Cattle Dairy | and Beef | Feeder Pigs | 57 |
| Holstein | \$800-\$1000 | 200-500# | \$1.45-\$3.35 | 20-45# | \$40-\$55 |
| Beef Cross | \$975-\$1300 | 501-800# | \$1.30-\$2.15 | 46-65# | \$60-\$65 |
| | 447 | | 103 | | 63 |



Market Report

August 6th 2025 13th Auction
This Report is the Actual High and Average Prices. Brd Cows/Sprgrs: 5 \$ 2525.00 High \$1595.00 Avg. \$ 2.96 Avg. Beef Feeders: \$ 4.27 high Jersey/Cross: \$150.00 high \$125.00 \$ 728.00 Avg 52 \$ 1000.00 High \$ 1225.00 High \$ 983.00 Avg. \$ 1.95 High \$ 1.38 Avg

Dairy veal: Beef /Cross veal: 5 **Cull Cows:** Butcher Hogs: \$0.60 Sheep/Ewes \$ 1.25 high \$ 1.25 Avg. \$ 275.00 High \$ 71.00 Avg. Goat: 19 Lambs \$ 2.45 High \$ 2.15 Avg. \$50.00 High \$ 27.72 Avg

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Insect meal as source of feed for livestock

By Hayley Laichand **Ohio Correspondent**

Researchers worldwide are interested in utilizing insects as a sustainable source of animal feed.

Insect meal is a nutritious ingredient made from processed insects, meaning that the insects are dried, ground, and sometimes defatted. Common species used for insect meal include black soldier fly larvae, crickets, mealworms and houseflies. While it might seem unusual at first to consider insect meal as a feed source for animals, species like poultry and pigs naturally consume insects every day.

Many factors contribute to the increased interest in using insect meal as a feed component for livestock, including its nutritional value. Insect meal provides proteins and fats suitable for production animals' requirements, Kristy DiGiacomo, associate professor at The University of Melbourne, Australia, said via email. Research has shown that insect meal is a rich source of protein, amino acids, and minerals like calcium, phosphorus, and zinc, with a high digestibility

Perhaps more interesting, though, is how insects can be rapidly produced and contribute to a circular economy. DiGiacomo explained that insects can bioconvert many organic and potentially inorganic substrates, including vegetables, fruits, grains, manure, and animal remains, into a nutritious product (insect meal). In other words, insects can be reared with a variety of substrates as a food source, meaning that waste, such as that coming from a supermarket, could be used as feed. Additionally, insects produce frass, a term used to describe insect poop and



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"Globally, feed production systems are changing in line with climate change and changes to consumer demands," DiGiacomo said. "Livestock producers are responding to these changes by diversifying and innovating, and insects are one part of such developments."

DiGiacomo also added that the desire to pursue insects as feed is driven by a desire to reduce environmental footprints, increase sustainability, and reduce reliance on traditional feed proteins and imported feed ingredients. Additionally, insects provide an alternative revenue stream, especially when rearing facilities can be embedded into existing production systems.

There are different systems under development for rearing insects on a commercial scale, DiGiacomo added. Generally, the process involves processing feed, which is then inoculated with insect larvae obtained from a breeding stock. The insects are left to feed, and once they reach an appropriate size, they are separated from the frass and processed.

There are large-scale and smallscale production facilities for insects. On the large end are companies like EnviroFlight in the U.S. EnviroFlight

exoskeleton waste, which can be used commercially produces black soldier fly larvae in Kentucky, growing the insects in vertically stacked trays. The insects are reared for 18 to 20 days before they're harvested and processed into ingredients. The commercial facility manages more than five billion flies each year and more than 30 billion larvae, as reported by the North Carolina Biotechnology Center.

However, it's also feasible to raise insects for feed at home. Purdue University offers a guide online for raising black soldier fly larvae, including instructions on how to build a rearing bin. Larvae raised at home can be used both as a feed source for animals and to improve composting.

While insects as feed present a lot of benefits for the industry, there are still barriers to the practice becoming widely adopted.

"Current challenges are mainly around engineering and scaling up of production. To meet the demand of large industries like poultry and pork, the production of insects needs to be in large and consistent volumes," DiGiacomo said. "This also requires adequate feed stocks to rear the insects with, and consistent sources can be difficult to maintain. Finally, regulation and legal barriers still exist that can prevent the use of insects as livestock feed.'

In the U.S., black soldier fly larvae protein has been formally approved for use in adult dog food by the Association of American Feed Control Officials, a non-profit organization composed of federal and state officials who oversee animal feed laws and collaborate with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Center for Veterinary Medicine. This is the only insect species approved so far in the U.S. feed supply chain. The EU has authorized insect proteins in fish, poultry, and pig feeds. Unlike the EU, the U.S. has not undertaken a centralized policy or guidance framework for insects as feed, making progress a bit slower and up to individual companies.

Interestingly, companies are allowed to sell dried mealworms and other insects for livestock like poultry because they are labeled as "treats" and not feed. This is a gray zone of regulatory oversight, especially in the backyard and hobby farming market. Ingredients for commercial farms face higher regulatory scrutiny.

"While it's unlikely that insects will ever fully replace other feed protein sources for production animals, they can potentially provide a valuable additional option for producers," DiGiacomo said.



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Kudzu, 'Vine that ate the South,' remains highly invasive

By DOUG GRAVES **Ohio Correspondent**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — There's a green curtain draped across the American South, an unstoppable wave of leaves and tendrils that has swallowed barns, silos, telephone poles and even entire hillsides.

What started as an ambitious plan to save the land became one of the most enduring ecological dramas in U.S. history. Kudzu, once praised as a miracle plant, now evokes sighs and groans from farmers, scientists, and anyone who's tried to fight its relentless grip. How did a single vine, imported with the best intentions, transform into the notorious "Vine that ate the South"?

Because it was so widely planted and grew so rapidly, many states have been managing kudzu for 70 years or more. New areas of the Midwest and northeastern U.S. now manage for it.

Native to Japan, kudzu was first introduced into the U.S. at the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. It was marketed as an ornamental plant or ground cover to stabilize soil. That Japanese exhibitor wowed visitors with this plant's beauty and cover ability. The plant caught more attention at a New Orleans Expo in the early 1900s.

The U.S. Soil Conservation Service promoted kudzu widely throughout the 1930s and 1950s as an erosion control measure, even paying farmers to plant it. Today, the most intense kudzu infestations center around Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. However, it can be found in 31 states, including Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

"Kudzu is semi-woody and the plant is hardy, very hardy," said Clemson University Entomologist David Coyle. "This plant grows over dead vines and creates its own thick cover that's hard to walk through. It can easily cover railways and climb up trees. And though it seems to take over, there are ways to control or even eradicate the plant."

The invasive vine can appear picturesque, its greenery adding vibrancy to the landscape. The lush vegetation has gone viral on social media for making modern buildings appear to be amid a jungle. South Knoxville, Tenn., "Jungle Arby's" is a prime example. The Arby's restaurant at 2819 Chapman Highway in Knoxville, Tenn., is known by locals as "Jungle Arby's" thanks to the massive amount of Kudzu growing around the business.

Luckily, Kudzu rarely penetrates



Above: This old tractor sat idle just long enough for kudzu to take over. (photo submitted)

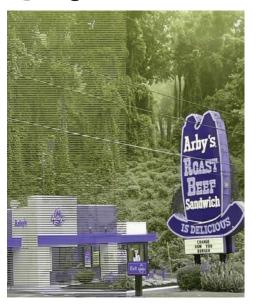
the forest or wilder areas, sticking to "edges" of human civilization. There are however newer air quality concerns with kudzu, as several studies have found that kudzu produces nitric oxide in the soil and can raise ozone levels in the immediate area around it. With annual temperatures rising due to climate change, vines are particularly well-suited to heat adaptation, and growth of almost every type of invasive vine is expected to flourish.

Kudzu primarily spreads through vegetive runners, where nodes that touch the ground can put down roots and spread. As many farmers can attest, kudzu has posed concerns for old field sites. Kudzu often prevents native plants and trees from establishing and creates a monoculture that decreases species biodiversity.

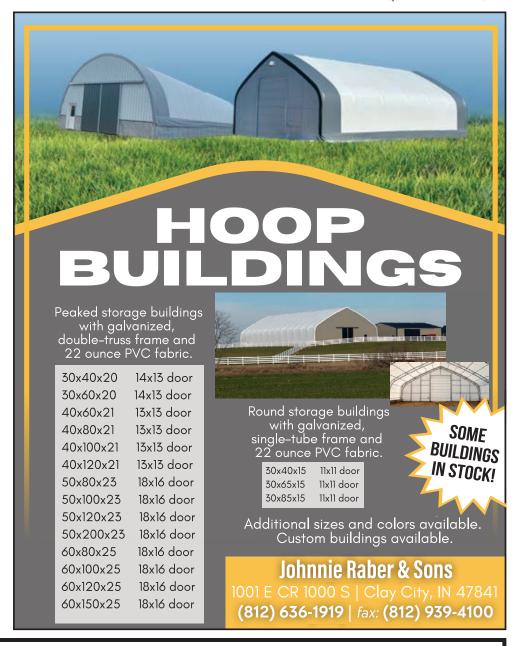
Kudzu grows very rapidly, according to Invasive.org, growing up to 60 feet per season at a rate of about one foot per day.

"The plant is not invincible, though," Coyle said. "If it invades your yard or pasture you can mow to keep the vines in check. Mowing kudzu isn't an instant solution, but because you'll mow away the leaves of the vines, the plant won't be able to photosynthesize and its roots will weaken. More expansive patches can be cut down and sprayed with herbicides during the growing season. If you have farm animals let them graze on it. Goats love it. Some want to burn the plant, but it isn't an

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Above: The Arby's restaurant at 2819 Chapman Highway in Knoxville, Tenn., is known by locals as "Jungle Arby's" thanks to the massive amount of Kudzu growing around the business. (photo submitted)



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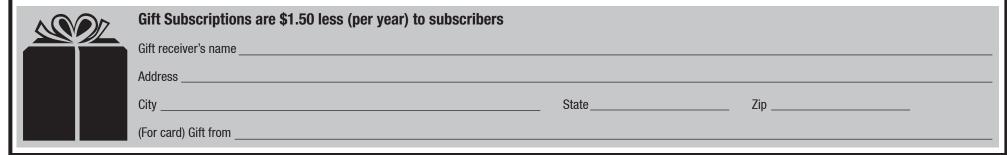
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Illinois farmer Jim Martin named to American Soybean Association board

By TIM ALEXANDER **Illinois Correspondent**

PONTIAC, Ill. — Jim Martin, a La-Salle County, Ill., farmer and healthy soils proponent, is heading to the American Soybean Association's board of directors. He previously served as District 6 director for the Illinois Soybean Association until his recent appointment to the ASA board.

Martin is a fifth-generation farmer from Pontiac, Ill., with an insurance, banking and seed sales background. In addition to growing soybeans, corn and cover crops, he operates Midwest Insurance and Income Tax Service. He and his wife, Lisa, have two children. Lisa is the Illinois coordinator for the Certified Crop Adviser program.

Martin is a big proponent of conservation management, which he says increases nutrient efficiency and crop yields, reduces sediment and nutrient losses and makes farms more resilient to extreme weather conditions. As an ASA representative for Illinois, he hopes to bring the news about the benefits of sustainable conservation practices to a wider audience.

One of the most important and easily-adapted conservation practices a sovbean farmer can employ is the implementation of no-till or minimal tillage, according to the north-central Illinois farmer.

"Any time you can cut back on input costs and reduce trips across the field, it's a win for farmers," Martin told Farm World. "I think no-till soybeans are one of the most amazing things in farming, planting into all that residue and having the types of soybean yields we've been having.'

Additionally, no-till farming can help mitigate the effects of wind-driven dust storms from farm field erosion, along with high-intensity rainfall events, according to Martin, who recommends farmers grow cover crops, when feasible, as a deterrent



Above: Jim Martin, a fifth-generation farmer from Pontiac, III., and a healthy soils proponent, was recently elected to the American Soybean Association board of directors. (III. Soybean Assoc. photo)

to dust storms.

"If you plant cover crops you're going to hold the soil, moisture and the nutrients in place," he said. "We're also seeing weed suppression with no-till and cover crops, because you're not stirring up that weed-seed bank and helping it to germinate (like) when you're doing tillage."

Establishing cover crops can lead to better pest and disease control, enhancing both environmental and economic sustainability, the new ASA director said. However, more and better incentives will need to be offered to producers in order to dramatically increase the percentage of farmers who plant cover crops.

"I'm a cooperator for the PCM-Precision Management Program and they have helped me get in touch with some of the carbon sequestration programs and grants available to farmers for doing no-till and cover crops," Martin said, recommending others follow his lead. "We're also investing farmer checkoff dollars for a lot of different research projects related to cover crops and the carbon programs."

Martin is one of many farmers who are investing in a pattern-tiling project to enhance drainage, specifically in regard to ponding. This can greatly reduce the amount of nitrogen lost through water ponding in fields, studies have shown.

"In one field, on my side with patterned tile it stayed dry after heavy rains, versus the neighbor, who had ponded water," said Martin, whose field tiling is patterned in 60-foot intervals. "I showed a picture of this to an agronomist, who was amazed by the difference. In our heavier soil

types, pattern tiling works well. I am always getting questions from farmers in other states and other countries about how this tiling system works here in the Corn Belt."

To help promote conservation and sustainability on farms, Martin is a participant in ASA's Conservation Champions group, Also sponsored by the Walton Family Foundation and United Soybean Board, the group serves as a think tank for conservation issues in consultation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Kudzu

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effective way to kill it."

Coyle said problematic kudzu can be killed using herbicides like Roundup and Rodeo.

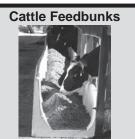
Besides reducing native biodiversity, kudzu hosts the kudzu bug and soybean rust fungus, both of which can wreak havoc on legume crops like lima beans and soybeans.

There are a few up sides to the plant. Kudzu has been used in traditional Chinese medicine for its root, which is a healthy food and has been utilized in tinctures, tonics and tea preparations for various ailments. The leaves of kudzu are used as fodder and forage for livestock.

Kudzu is rich in bioactive ingredients, especially isoflavones, which have been found to have medicinal benefits. And, its high starch and cellulose content make it a promising feedstock for biofuel production and paper preparation.



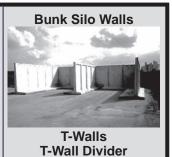
Above: Kudzu has wide leaves, stringy vines and can grow up to a foot per day. (photo submitted)



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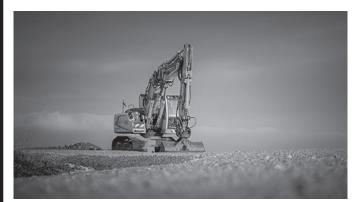
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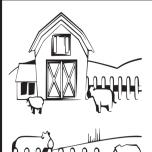
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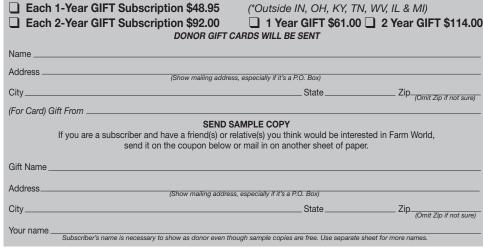
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Indiana grower a Master Farmer for mint success

By DOUG GRAVES **Ohio Correspondent**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. - This year marks the 58th Master Farmer class in Indiana. The Indiana Master Farmer award is co-sponsored by Purdue University's College of Agriculture, and Indiana Prairie Farmer. The program recognizes outstanding Indiana farmers and agribusiness professionals who demonstrate exceptional dedication, leadership and a strong work ethic in agriculture.

South Bend farmer Randy Matthys, who specializes in the production of mint, is one of five honored in the 2025 Master Farmer class.

Matthys, a fourth-generation farmer, manages nearly 6,000 acres of crops, including corn, wheat, and notably, both spearmint (500 acres) and peppermint (350 acres). His dedication to mint production has made him a recognized voice in the state.

The Matthys family may not be the first mint famers in Indiana, but it's among the oldest. Matthys' grandparents started raising mint out of convenience due to a nearby mint still in the 1930s. And Matthys has fond memories of running through the mint fields at Shady Lane Farms.

"It was obviously something I wanted to do and wanted to carry on and keep it moving forward," he said. "It's really a unique crop and such a small group of us growers are flavoring the world."

This decision sparked a nearly

century-long tradition in mint farming for the family near South Bend. Matthys has plans to increase his mint operation at Shady Lane Farms to 1,000 acres, in addition to his corn and soybean acreage. Matthys said sticking with the crop was a no-brainer as the farm transitioned from his father to him.

"We just always had mint," Matthys said. "Every summer growing up, it was mint harvest time. It still

Matthys held steadfast to mint while also staying on top of innovations for his corn and soybean operation. Matthys has continued to work with mint growers across Indiana and the U.S., staying involved with the Mint Industry Research Council (MIRC) and the Midwest Mint Growers. Shortly after the MIRC formed 50 years ago in Chicago, Matthys became involved in the organization.

"I wanted to make sure that Indiana is represented," he said.

Mint was in demand at that time his grandparents grew it in South Bend and the crop grew well in their muck soils. Muck soils are ideal for raising high-quality specialty crops such as radishes, onions, carrots, potatoes - and mint. The soil is a darker color, which warms faster, and its fluffy density helps the roots take hold and mature faster.

The crop requires well-drained, fertile soil and benefits from a moist environment. It has a shallow root system that is sensitive to drought.



Above: Around South Bend, most everyone knows Randy Matthys. thanks to his hundreds of acres of mint dotted across the city's southwest side. (photo submitted)

Irrigation systems often are used to much effort goes into collecting mint maintain ideal growing conditions.

"Northwest Indiana's soil and climate is ideal for increasing mint production," said Petrus Langenhoven, a Purdue University Extension vegetable specialist. "For instance, we can grow mint here in West Lafayette, but the mint oil yield will be a lot lower than what it will be in the northern part of the state. The quality of the oil will remain the same, but the quantity will be a lot less. They just try to maximize how much oil they get from that acre for that year."

As with alfalfa hay, leaves are an important component of mint hav. Fewer leaves equal less mint oil.

"A lot of people don't realize how

leaves," Langenhoven said. "The main oil content is in the leaves, so if the grower loses leaves due to rain or a delay in drying, it can result in a significant financial loss."

Mint is typically planted in the spring, soon after the ground has thawed. It's planted by stolons that are cut into four-inch pieces. Mint can't be planted with seeds. Rather, it starts from these root stolons, also called runners. A specialty digger is used to bore trenches for the roots. Then there's a specialty planter to sow the roots.

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Mint

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These mint stolons are horizontal stems that grow from the base of the plant just above the soil surface and produce new plants from buds at their tips. Once established, mint is a perennial.

"I've always been told the plant must go into dormancy to produce oil the next year. It needs to have that season," Matthys said.

According to Matthys, mint growers mow the crop in August through October, cutting and swathing with no crimping. They then leave it to dry in the field for about two days. The hay is then chopped and blown into large wagons or tubs to dry. Matthys said his wagons will hold 16,000-20,000 pounds of mint hay.

After this, the mint is then put through a hydro-distillation process. The wagons are hooked up to pressurized steam directed through small openings in the floor of the wagon. Both steam and mint oil are condensed and separated into a tank. Due to the density differences, mint oil rises to the top, and water sinks to the bottom.

Once separated, mint oil is skimmed from the top. Extracted mint oil is stored in stainless-steel barrels, weighted and sold to distributors.

"The oil is our crop," Matthys said. "That's what we're after."

Earlier harvests on certain varieties also can allow mint to have a double cutting if conditions are ideal and if plant regrowth reaches a certain height, usually 60 to 65 days after the first cut. The oil quality does not decrease with a second cutting.

"The quality of the oil remains the same, but the quantity will be a lot



Above: While mint flourishes in the mucky soil found around northern Indiana, it is mostly grown in the Pacific Northwest. (photo submitted)

less," Matthys said.

While mint growing began in the Midwest, it is no longer the only region in the country that is growing the plant. Today, most of the U.S. mint acreage is located in the Pacific Northwest, where farmers see larger yields.

Mint likes sunshine, Matthys said, but there's a reason it isn't grown down south. It needs to be a bit farther north so that it goes dormant during the winter as an important part of its growing cycle. The crop is not planted anew each year, but farmers usually can get three to four years out of each planting.

Matthys said there's a decline in U.S. mint growers, adding that the industry has faced a series of hits with growing demand for foreign mint oil and synthetic flavoring. "I think we've hit the bottom," he said, "but I'm the eternal optimist."

Matthys, 70, is now passing the torch to his son Doug and Doug's wife, Kala, who represents Indiana on the MIRC board.

Other Master Farmer awards for 2025 were presented to Kent and Isabella Chism (Galveston), Mark Kingma (DeMotte), Phil and Cindy Ramsey (Shelbyville) and Scott Smith (Windfall).

Preparing healthy meals for farm workers focus of Purdue program

By Michele F. Mihaljevich Indiana Correspondent

FRANKLIN, Ind. – An upcoming program offered by Johnson County Extension will focus on nutrition and food safety when feeding farmers, according to an Extension educator in the county.

"Farmers need fuel just as their tractors," explained Shalee Bradley, the county's agriculture and natural resources educator. "As a farm wife who feeds six to nine farmers during the busy season, it can be difficult coming up with meals that fuel our farm workers nutritionally and providing it in a safe manner."

The Field-Ready Meals for Farm Families program is 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 20 at Bradley Farm Enterprises in Trafalgar, Ind. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch

Attendees will first learn about the basics of field meals, Bradley said, including nutritional needs for physical labor, balancing protein, hydration essentials and food safety.

"The second part will be centered around meal prep systems and packing tips – batch cooking, freezer meals, containers that work, labeling and rotating meals, transporting meals, prepping a five-day meal plan," she noted. "Third, we will be doing a 'make and take' activity where participants will be able to make a meal that would fit right into a field meal rotation and will be prepping items to take home with them."

The program will include a sharing session about "tried and true" recipes from the farm, Bradley said. Each participant will go home with a recipe book, packing checklist and a weekly meal planner template, she added.

"Even if you aren't feeding farm workers, this program is for everyone," Bradley pointed out. "Looking for a new recipe to try or maybe need a refresher on how to prepare fresh, well-balanced meals? This program is suited for anyone and everyone who cooks, feeds and eats."

When planning field-ready meals, she said meals should be balanced and those preparing the meals should be certain nutritional needs are being met. Staying hydrated, Bradley said, will keep you healthy, focused and awake.

"Maybe plain water isn't appealing to you, consider adding fruit, splash of juice or powdered/liquid water flavorings," she said.

Dietary restrictions, limitations, food allergies or sensitives should also be considered, Bradley said.

"Keep your crew healthy. Pack along a homemade hand-washing station or some hand sanitizer to use before indulging in yummy field meals," she said.

Bradley said the Field-Ready Meals event came about after feedback from programs such as Ladies Night Out and Harvesting Her Voice, both hosted by the Purdue University Women in Ag team.

"Whether it is farm stress, work life balance, finding your role or more hands-on like backing a trailer or flower arranging, we have had a lot of great opportunities for women over the past year. We have seen a lot of interest in a 'Meals to the Field' program," she said.

The program will be hosted in a kitchen meant for farmers and farm meal preparation, Bradley said. She said organizers hope for about 15 participants. For more information, contact Bradley at sdaming@purdue.edu.



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FFA names 16 finalists for American Star honors this year

By Michele F. Mihaljevich **Indiana Correspondent**

INDIANAPOLIS - Two FFA members - one from northern Indiana and the other from central Kentucky - are among 16 American Star finalists in four categories, the National FFA Organization announced in July.

The American Star Awards represent the best of the best among thousands of American FFA Degree recipients, according to the organization. The award recognizes FFA members who have developed outstanding agricultural skills and competencies by completing a supervised agricultural experience program, FFA said. The winners will be announced at the 98th National FFA Convention & Expo this fall.

Matthias David Hefty, of the DeKalb, Ind., FFA chapter, is one of four finalists for American Star in Agriscience. Nathan Clark, of the Locust Trace chapter in Kentucky, is one of four finalists for American Star Farmer.

Hefty's four projects in high school centered around his goat herd and solving problems with hay waste, resistance to parasites and hoof trimming. For one project, he created two hay bunk feeders of different sizes to test against a control feeder with a goal of reducing hay waste.

"My second project, I created a retractable tray within my fence-line feeders to easily remove manure where the grain is put. This stopped my goats from consuming their own manure, eliminating the recurrence of parasites."

Hefty said he believes all his projects "played a factor in me being chosen as a finalist because they all effectively saved me money as a goat farmer and solved all the problems within my herd



Matthias Hefty

to improve health and efficiency.

"I have a huge passion for my goat herd and always want everything to be healthy and operating correctly," Hefty explained. "With my projects, I always sought after problems that were hurting the operation's efficiency or herd health. I enjoyed spending countless hours on coming up with ideas and testing them to see if it solved the problems at hand. This always helped me save money and time and ensured that I kept my herd at its best."

A panel of judges will interview the finalists before the winners are announced at the convention.

To prepare for the interview, Hefty said he will review his reports to refresh himself on his data and research.

"It means a lot to me to be selected as an American Star finalist in Agriscience because I've spent countless hours on research and testing to find solutions to problems within my goat herd," he said. "This recognition acknowledges my research and designs as well as all the hours I invested."



Nathan Clark

Hefty will be a sophomore this fall at Purdue University, where he is dual majoring in finance and accounting. He said he intends to pursue a career in accounting where he can help individuals and business owners.

Clark's main project is a grass-fed cattle operation that he owns and manages from cow-calf production through to slaughter.

"I also run a small lamb feeding operation and a forage business that includes custom baling (both round and square bales), hay and forage sales, and pasture mowing services. It's a full-time job and full-circle operation that's grown with me over the years."

He said the most rewarding part of the project has been seeing how far things have come.

"With a lot of hard work and persistence, I've been able to improve genetics, increase forage yields, upgrade equipment, and boost overall productivity. Watching that progress unfold over time has been amazing - it's the kind of satisfaction that only comes from getting your hands dirty and putting in the work."

He said being named a finalist is an incredible honor.

"It's really humbling to see all the hard work, late nights, and dedication recognized on this level. It means that the time I've spent building my operation and learning through FFA has truly paid off - and that's something I'm really proud of."

Clark said joining FFA seemed like a natural fit as he was always drawn to agriculture. "But once I got involved, I realized it was so much more than I expected - it became a place where I could grow as a leader, gain real-world experience and truly find my path."

He has been farming full time since he graduated from Locust Trace Agriscience Center in 2022. "Since then, I've grown my operation significantly and plan to continue expanding. Farming isn't just what I do - it's who I am."

The other two American Star categories are agribusiness and agricultural placement.

In addition to Hefty and Clark, additional finalists from Farm World's primary readership area are:

Brady Frascht, Charles City, Iowa, FFA chapter (American Star Farmer); John Buryl Neely, Woodbury, Tenn., chapter (agribusiness); Blake Twenhafel, Wescline, Ill., chapter (agribusiness); Braden Compton, Meade County, Ky., chapter (agricultural placement); Nevin Erbsen, Eastland, Ill., chapter (agricultural placement); Delana Erbsen, Eastland, Ill., chapter (agriscience); and Joanna Hamilton, Felicity-Franklin, Ohio, chapter (agriscience).

For more information and a complete list of finalists, visit ffa.org/stars





Monarchs, other butterflies, become more common this time of year

The flocks are beginning to form I will take with me the emptiness of my hands

What you do not have you find everywhere. - From "Provisions" by M. S. Merwin

The Planets of August

Venus and Jupiter are the Morning Stars this month, rising after midnight in the east. Venus is the brighter of the two. Mars is the Evening Star, visible at the end of the day in

the west with Virgo... The moon in August:

The Raspberry Pie Moon entered its second quarter on Aug. 1.

The moon was full on Aug. 9.

The moon enters its final quarter on Aug. 16.

The Peach Pie Moon is new on Aug. 23. The moon enters its second quarter on Sept. 1.

Phenology

When watermelons are ripe and firefly season comes to a close, then farmers and gardeners cut the last of the oats and put in fall peas.

When spiders start to increase their building of webs in the woodlot, then yellow jacket season begins in the windfall apples and plums, and morning fogs increase in the lowlands. The yellow jackets build nests at the end of the summer and become more aggressive near them.



mature, then gardeners divide and transplant the lily-of-thevalley. When cardinals stop singing before dawn, the soybean leaves are vellowing in the fields and farmers start to cut corn for silage.

Natural Calendar

Poor Will's Almanack August is the month of the Milky Way in the east-By Bill Felker ern early night sky. Cygnus

> the swan can be found there, its formation a giant cross. Below it is Aquila, spreading from its keystone, Altair, like a great eagle. Almost directly above you, Vega, of the constellation Lyra, is the brightest star in the heavens. Hercules stands beside it. June's Corona Borealis and the huge Arcturus have moved to the west.

> An hour or two before sunrise, walk out and look to the east. Orion will be rising, in the same position he will be in on Christmas Eve. The Pleiades and Taurus will be almost overhead. Cygnus, the summer swan of August evenings, is setting in the northwest.

> As Late Summer begins, all the katydids are singing. They call out the close of the Dog Days, and even though heat often lingers, the rhythm of the season has shifted, its tones have been altered, colors and sounds and scents all pointing to fall.

> Now, almost everywhere in the country, average temperatures start to drop a degree and a half every seven days until the middle of September, at which point they decline about one degree every three days into January. Migration clucking among the robins increases. Some days, there will be a long and steady cardinal song before sunrise, then silence. Hummingbirds, wood ducks, Baltimore orioles

south; their departure marks a quickening in the advent of Early Fall.

Cottonwoods are yellowing. Black walnut foliage is thinning, foretaste of the great leafdrop to come. Locust leaves turn brown, damaged by leaf miners. Violet Joe Pye weed grays like thistledown. The prickly teasel dies back. Fruit of the bittersweet ripens. Spicebush berries redden. Tall goldenrod heads up. Rose pinks and great blue lobelia color the waysides. In the thunderstorms of Late Summer, green acorns and hickory nuts fall to the sweet rocket growing back among the budding asters. Spiders in the woods weave their final webs, and fireflies complete their cycle.

Butterflies often become more common this week of the year, monarchs appearing more frequently, and another generation of cabbage butterflies, swallowtails and skippers seeking nectar. Sometimes giant imperial moths come out to seek the lights of the city. Tiny alypias, shiny black moths with white spots on their wings, may find their way indoors.

Almanack Literature

Political Unrest By Mike Beard, Shelby, Ohio

This story goes back a few years; as a matter of fact, it goes back to 1960 during another political campaign. As most of you remember, the presidency of the United States was being sought by Jack Kennedy and Richard Nixon. I was in high school and lived on a small farm in northwest Ohio. The political hype was at

its greatest all year. I raised sheep on the farm at that time, and in January, I purchased two beautiful Hampshire rams to

When the first field corn is and purple martins start to disappear rams were my pride and joy, and they were pampered and given the best living conditions in the barn. They together shared a large horse stall. Both being as pampered as they were needed names, so one was called Kennedy and the other Nixon.

As the political climate grew, so did the rams. By September, it was breeding season, and they were turned into pasture with the ewes for breeding. As rams will do, they became aggressive, not just with themselves, but with humans...mainly myself.

You could not turn your back on either one of them or you would get butted rather hard. While bending over mending fences one day, Nixon head-butted me, knocked me on my butt and gave me a mild concussion. So needless to say, after that point, I was never able to trust them again. I still loved them, but after that I was careful and always had an eye on them when I went to the barn to do chores.

Sometime in late October, I segregated them from the rest of the sheep, and they were back in their shared stall. I noticed that they would have head butting contests, and it appeared to be getting worse. I decided they had to be separated from each other as they would butt heads relentlessly. I put a substantial gate between them to solve the head-butting problem, or so I thought.

Two days before the 1960 presidential election between Jack Kennedy and Richard Nixon, I went to the barn to do chores and found both of my much-loved Hampshire rams dead. They had torn down the gate between them and fought until they broke each other's necks and died.

At that time, my father said, "That was a bad omen!" And I guess history be used for breeding services. These tells us he was right.





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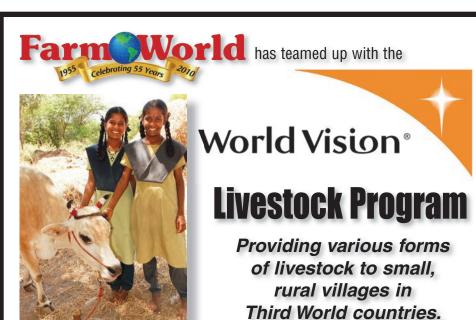
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COLLECTORS: IH McCormick Barge Wgn; IH 3x Pull-type Plow; David Bradley 2x-14"; Oliver 2x, all steel; AC 3x.

INDUSTRIAL: JD Pro 911 Extndr Bhoe Attach; Bobcat T66 Skid Ldr, 1100 hrs; Eversman 450 Scraper, nice!; CAT 279D2 Skid Ldr, XPS, 2022 yr, 470 hrs, sharp!; JD 860A Scraper, 215 hp, 5 spd, powershift, hyd brakes, diff lock, 15.1 cu yd, self loading; Bobcat 2400 Wheel Ldr, articulating, hydro, 4 cyl eng.

COMBINES: CIH 2166, 4x4, 305-32 drive & 18.4-26 steer, chpr, chaff sprdr, rock trap, 5000 hrs, Ag Ldr mon; '99 CIH 2366, 30.5-32, rock trap, 6100/4100 hrs, Maurer bin ext, chpr, AFS yield mon.

GRAIN HEADS: JD 920F, 20', full fngr, ss floor, good poly; MF 9120, 20'; JD 606C, "Stalk Master", 6R-30", 2008 yr, adj deck plts, lights; JD 625F, 25', hydra-flex, 4" dbl cut, fore & aft, poly skid plts.

HEAD CARTS: UM HT25. 25'.

GRAIN AUGERS: Hutchinson 10"x31'; Westfield J207, 42', elec or

PLANTERS: JD 1760, 12R-30", c/b mtrs, row cltchs, NT, row clnrs, CT350; Sukup Wild Life Food Plot Planter, 6', 3pt.

PLANTER & DRILL PARTS: (24) JD 7000 Corn Meters; (4) JD 3pt Hitches; (2) UM Inline Frame Exts; (6) Yetter Row Clnrs; (12) Yetter Row Clnrs, like new; (12) JD Seed Box Exts; (32) JD Mini Hprs & Mtrs; (12) CIH Trsh Whls; (12) CIH Press Whls; (23) CIH Gauge Whls; (12) Ytr Trash Whl Brkts; (16) JD 3bu Seed Bxs; (12) Ytr Row Clnrs; JD 1770 Vac System; (2) UM Fert Cross Agrs; JD Liq Fert Parts; (12) Ytr Liq Fert Opnrs, off Kinze plntr; JD 750 Dolly Hitch; UM Till & Drill Caddy, 24', spring cltrs.

SPRAYERS: JD 250, 500 gal, pull between; Hi-Flo 25 Gal Sprayer, gold series, 3pt; Top Air 60' 3pt Sprayer Booms.

OFFSET DISKS: Miller 9100 Series III, 9'; White 256, 21', 7.5" sp.

FIELD CULTIVATORS: CIH 200, 32', rear hitch & hyds.

CULTIVATORS: Orthman 9300 Cult/28 Bar, NT.

DISK RIPPERS: Steiger 11x; DMI 527b, 5x, hyd IvIr, hyd frnt gang, sharp; Krause 4850-18, "Dominator", 2011 yr, 11x.

SOIL SAVERS: Brillion 7x.

PLOWS: JD 1350-1450. 6x-16": JD F670AH, 5x-16", pull-type.

CULTIMULCHERS: Brillion 15'.

MOWERS: Widow Maker Walk Behind Mwr; IH 123 Cub Cadet, hydro, new tires; Woods HS106-3 Ditch Mower, ext arm, 540 PTO, hyd pump drive.

FORAGE: 8'x16' Hay Rack; 8'x15' Hay Rack; 8'x14' Hay Rack, on JD gear; MF 1330 Discmower, 10'; JD 640 Hay Rake, 3 wheel; Farmhand 450 Manure Spreader.

TRUCKS & TRAILERS: '22 Diamond C HDT207 Trlr, 8'x22', tilt bed, fndrs, 1400 GVW, nice!; '71 Ford 8000 Gr Trk, 71K miles, 18' bed, twin screw, air brakes, V8 460 eng; Donahue 28' Imp Trlr.

UTV's: JD 4x2 Gator, 2017 yr, cab, runs & drives great!.

MISC EQUIP: Frontier FP2204 Wild Life Plow Seeder; Lincon Elec Welder, like new! Homelite HG3500 Generator, runs good; Yetter 1600 gal All Steer Tank; 1000 gal Water Wgn, on gear; 15' Chain Hrw; 500 gal Dsl Tank; King Kutter 6' Blade, 3pt; (2) 1000 gal ANH3 Tanks, on DMI gears; (2) 1000 gal ANH3 Tanks on Dalton gears.

MISC: (3) Wgn Unload Spouts; (2) Bxs Sickle Guards; (10) Challenger Frnt Whl Wts; Down Corn Reel; (16) JD Hooded Fndrs; (5) Prs Pre-Concaves, for Lexion; 210 gal Tank, w/ 20 gal min pump; Hyd Drive Air Cmprsr, w/oil cooler; PTO for Generac 8W-40 Generator; Alum Headache Rack; (30) DMI FC Shvls; (4) Case Mgnm Wts.

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June cheese output down from May but up over a year ago

MIELKE MARKET

WEEKLY

By Lee Mielke

You'll recall June milk production was up 3.3 percent from a year ago. StoneX says, "When you add the stronger components, there was 5.2 percent more solids to turn into cheese, butter and other products."

The USDA's latest Dairy Products report shows June Cheese output totaled 1.203 billion pounds, down 3.9 percent from May, but 4.2 percent above

six months of 2025 hit 7.3 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from 2024.

Wisconsin cheese output fell to 297.4 million pounds, down 6.2 percent from May but was 1.4 percent above a year ago. California vats produced 209.0 million pounds, down 5.8 percent from May but 1.8 percent above a year ago. Idaho cheese totaled 84.9 million, down 3.0 percent from May and 4.4 percent below a year ago. New Mexico, with 72.0 million pounds, was down 12.4 percent from May, but 4.8 percent above a year ago.

Mozzarella production totaled 403.6 million pounds, up 3.3 percent from a year ago, with year-to-date (YTD) output hitting 2.4 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from 2024. American cheese, at 473.1 million pounds, was down 7.1 percent from May, but was 4.8 percent above a year ago. YTD American hit 2.9 billion pounds, up 3.9 percent. Italian style cheeses totaled 517.4 million pounds, up 1.0 percent from May and up 2.4 percent from a year ago, with YTD at 2.6 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent.

Cheddar production dropped to 330.3 million pounds, down 25.1 million or 7.1 percent from May, but up 25.2 million or 8.3 percent from a year ago. YTD Cheddar hit 2.0 billion pounds, up 5.3 percent from a year ago.

Butter output dropped to 185.5 million pounds, still a new record for the month of June but down 26.4 million pounds or 12.5 percent from May, and 17.5 million or 10.4 percent more than a year ago. YTD butter hit 1.3 billion pounds up 4.6 percent from a year ago.

Yogurt production totaled 440.3 million pounds, up 11.7 percent from a year ago, with output for the year so

June 2024. Total output in the first far at 2.6 billion pounds, up 8.1 percent. Hard ice cream, at 64.9 million pounds, was down 3.9 percent from 2024. YTD production, at 367.1 million pounds, was down 2.3 percent from a year ago.

Dry whey output came in at 73.6 million pounds, up 2.1 million pounds or 2.9 percent from May, and up 500,000 pounds or 0.7 percent from a year ago. YTD whey output hit 417.6 million pounds, down 7.7 percent from a year ago. Whey stocks slipped to 58.5 million pounds, down 1.7 million or 2.8 percent from May, and were down 4.6 million or 7.3 percent from a year ago.

Nonfat dry milk (NFDM) output dropped to 139.8 million pounds, down 16.5 million or 10.5 percent from May, but was up 12.2 million pounds or 9.6 percent from a year ago.

NFDM YTD came in at 928.3 million pounds, down 1.3 percent from 2024. Stocks fell to 236.6 million pounds, down 13 million, or 5.2 percent from May, and down 3.6 million pounds or 1.5 percent from 2024.

Skim milk powder production grew to 53.9 million pounds, up 6.6 million pounds or 13.9 percent from May, but was down 14.9 million or 21.7 percent from a year ago. YTD SMP hit 235.9 million pounds, down 23.9 percent from 2024.

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Rural Ohio building sites hit nearly \$39,000/acre at auction

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Illinois

Lawrence County - On July 8, Geswein Farm & Land presented 45 +/- acres of flat, mainly wooded land in two tracts.

land in two tracts. Situated less than a mile from the Lawrence County Fairgrounds, Tract 1 in Petty Township contained 21.49 +/- acres with a mixture of mature timber, creeks, and natural water sources, with abundant wildlife, and adjacent to farmland, making for good potential homesites or recreational land. Tract 2, in Bridgeport Township, was 23.5 +/- acres also in mature timber, with creeks and water sources, adjacent to farmland, good for hunting or potential homesites. The tracts sold combined for \$216,815 (\$4,819/

acre).
Oakley - Cory Craig hosted an online-only auction on July 7 of 1.6 acres of vacant land. The parcel was located along Coulters Mill Road, close to I-72. Wooded, with a creek running through, it contained a good building site, ideal for a house with a walkout basement. It sold for \$10,600 (\$6,625/acre).

Indiana

Laconia - On July 29, Beckort Auction offered 57 acres in 4 tracts. Tract 1, at 1925 Cross Street, held a 1920-built home on two town lots. The 1,255-square-foot 2-bedroom/1-bath house required repairs/updates, currently served by cistern (with main water available), septic (with Laconia sewer available), and LP heat. Additionally, there was a detached garage,

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buildings. Tract 2
was 15 +/- acres
with approximately 850 feet
of frontage on
Old Highway 11.
The mostly tillable
acreage, with no existing farm lease,
had a repairable vintage barn and a
small pond. Town water and electric-

had a repairable vintage barn and a small pond. Town water and electricity were available, making for a possible building site. Tract 3 consisted of 25 +/- acres, with approximately 200 feet frontage on Hooptown Road. The mostly wooded acreage held an estimated \$31,000 in marketable timber. There was a small cemetery with an easement granted on the title. Town water was nearby. Tract 4 had 17 +/- acres with approximately 550 feet of frontage on North Tobacco Landing Road. The mostly wooded acreage had approximately \$5,800 of marketable timber. There was a small house in very poor condition, a pond, and town water available. Tract 1 sold for \$52,800, Tract 2 for \$146,300, Tract 3 for \$100,100, and Tract 4 for \$83,600.

Syracuse - Kraft Auction Service presented a 7-acre country hobby farm on July 23. The property featured a 1946-built 1,906-square-foot ranch home, with 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, and a partial basement providing 810 additional square feet of space. Adjacent was a 20-by-20-foot detached garage and 30-by-65-foot pole barn. Formerly used as a bed and breakfast, the home had been completely remodeled down to the studs in 2000. The opening bid was \$299,900; it sold for \$322,000.

Kentucky

Farmington - Harris Real Estate & Auction held an absolute auction on July 24 of a single tract containing 18.35 +/- acres of highly productive, tillable farmland. The property was located near the Tri-City community and offered access to high-speed WK&T fiber internet. The property brought \$125,000 (\$6,812/acre).

Vine Grove - On July 24, Lawson & Co. Auctioneers offered 9 +/- acres of mixed open and wooded land, with two homes, a fully-finished barndominium-style metal building, and a large agricultural barn. The first house was a 2,112-square-foot brick rancher with three bedrooms, two bathrooms, and many recent updates. The second house was a 1,722-square-foot Cape Cod with three bedrooms and one bath. The 2,448-square-foot finished metal "Barndominium" had a full kitchen, two bathrooms, a laundry room, and central HVAC, making it perfect for a home business or guest quarters. In addition, there was a 70-by-40-foot barn, perfect for storage or livestock. The package sold for \$574,200.

Michigan

Marcellus - Bright Star Real Estate Services held an online and phone auction on July 16 of 93 +/- acres, at an opening bid of just \$4,500 per acre. The property, with a large portion along the Rocky River, contained a mix of open fields, wooded areas and wetlands. Wildlife was abundant, and multiple hunting blinds were included. It sold for \$450,000 (\$4,839/acre).

Ravenna - On July 23, Miedema's sold for \$172,500 (\$7,500.00/acre).

LastBid Real Estate presented 2.79 acres with a garage, auctioned to help settle an estate. The property, located at Heights Ravenna Road (M-72) and Bossett Road, offered a potential building site (no current perc test). On the parcel was a 1,200-square-foot garage with two overhead doors, concrete flooring, partial insulation, wood stove heat, and a lean-to along the back. It fetched \$141,000.

Ohio

Baltic - Kaufman Realty & Auctions hosted an auction of 7.17 acres, presented in two tracts, with no buyer's premium, on July 29. Tract 1 contained 3.97 acres of open land with approximately 190 feet of frontage on Township Road 175. Tract 2 was 3.2 acres of open land with approximately 237 feet of frontage, also on Township Road 175. Each had natural gas and electricity available, making for excellent building sites. They sold combined for \$278,850 (\$38,891/acre).

Mansfield - On July 21, RES Auction Services presented 54 acres as two parcels in an absolute land auction. Just minutes from I-71, each offered tillable ground, woods, and potential for development. Tract 1 contained 31 acres, with a mix of mostly wooded and some tillable land. With frontage on Logan Street, it was ideal as a potential homesite or outdoor recreation use. Tract 2 was 23 acres, perfect for an estate home, cabin lodging, agriculture, hobby farming, vinevards or orchards. Frontage was along South Main Street, with panoramic views overlooking a nearby golf course. Tract one sold for \$232,500 (\$7,500.00/acre). Tract 2





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PULASKI COUNTY, IN

some agricultural Making stops in Southernmost Illinois

SOUTHERNMOST, Southernmost Illinois is made up of the 10 southernmost counties of Union, Alexander, Pulaski, Massac, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Saline, Galatin and Jackson. While in nearby Perry County, one stop in the area high on the list of stops for collectors is the Rural Heritage Museum in WRENCHING TALES Pinckneyville, Ill. The mis-By Cindy Ladage sion of the Illinois Rural

Heritage Museum is to "educate the public about the rural heritage of Illinois in a manner that tells the life lessons of success."

The museum is across the street from the American Thresherman Association grounds, which hosts both a fall and August show, with the August show being the largest. This August show is their 66th.

Near Pinckneyville, the southernmost town of Alto Pass, is the Havisham Bourbon Bar where they serve appetizers and cocktails and host events. For their drinks, they use local produce like peaches from Rendleman's Orchards, strawberries from Flamm's Orchard, and Shawnee Hills Lavendar as well.

Southernmost Illinois has a significant agricultural story behind it. "This whole town was built by a traveling miller in 1888. There were railroad tracks that ran through the center of town," Crystal Schilling, the general manager of Havisham Bourbon Bar, shared.

Long before it was a bourbon bar, the building was used as a flour mill. Started by Frank and George "Buck" James, and Dick Furgeson the mill located right on Main Street - operated for some years before being sold to Ot Rendelman, of the Rendelman Orchard family. In 1878, the mill was sold to H.C. and Charles Curtis and they produced flour under the name, "Pride of Alto."

They operated the mill until the 1920s, when it was sold once again, and operated as the Alto Pass Milling Company. The owners expanded by selling feed, hardware and lumber, and eventually apples and tomatoes under a new owner. Converted back to a lumber yard and appliance store, it eventually became an antique store

before the current owners Nick and Jerri Schaefer saved the building and turned it into a bourbon bar. Downstairs visitors can still see remnants of the milling past.

> Besides the bourbon bar, they have also fixed up an amazing Victorian house and carriage house that serves as a place for brides during wedding events. "We named it Havisham House from Miss Havisham from Great Expec-

tations," Schilling said.

The house can also be rented by groups. The next adventure is the former icehouse which they want to turn into a distillery. Other southernmost agricultural stops include the local orchards that Havisham Bourbon Bar uses for their cocktails. Mileur Orchard is a small family-owned orchard owned by Lisa and Howard Mileur. Originally planted in 1961 by Lisa's father-in-law, the ground has been farmed since the mid-1800s by her mother-in-law's family, the Graffs. Lisa and Howard took over the orchard in 1996.

At Mileur they grow peaches, apples and nectarines. Lisa makes amazing peach cobblers. She also makes homemade ice cream to go with the cobbler. They also offer sorbet and homemade marshmallows. "We try to keep it real and make it from scratch."

Creating more of an agritourism stop, Lisa focuses on selling their produce in a retail setting. "We flip flopped, we used to sell fruit under the barn roof. We built a building and made it easier. I said let's put in a kitchen because I like to bake."

It took a year to add the kitchen, but the scratch-baked items are a huge success. Besides the cobblers and ice cream, they also added candies and popular homemade marshmallows. Again, focusing on local, they offer gift items like woven rugs.

Southern Illinois's Shawnee Hills have a unique agricultural past. Irish, Scotts and Germans settled the area coming from Kentucky, Tennessee and North Carolina. Along with their ancestry, those from Kentucky also brought their southern culture. The settlers found that this area with

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Above: Crystal Schilling, the general manager of Havisham Bourbon Bar



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The Daily Dairy Report points out, "Plentiful cheese production resulted in increased availability of raw whey with manufacturers of whey protein isolates (WPI) in particular capitalizing on the opportunity. WPI production rose 11.1 percent year over year in June while output of whey protein concentrates increased 4.8 percent and dry whey production for human consumption climbed 5.8 percent."

Speaking in the Aug.11 Dairy Radio Now broadcast, StoneX broker Dave Kurzawski said we're not overproducing any dairy products. He pointed to the increased Mozzarella output and attributed that to increased processing capacity, but was a little surprised by nonfat dry milk. Output was a little stronger than expected, he said, but was still down from a year ago and inventory was down as well. "It's a little strange the market is chopping sideways in the \$1.20s, almost as far as the eye can see on the futures," he said, but he doesn't see anything in the report that will move the market one way or the other dramatically.

The increasing milk supply and dairy product output underscores the importance of exports which face headwinds from the global tariff wars. Kurzawski said the domestic market is "critically important but when it's quiet, it certainly matters that we can export product and we've been doing that a lot this year."

June U.S. dairy exports soared to 563.1 million pounds, highest level since May 2022, according to High-Ground Dairy. "Shipments to Mexico and China surged, up a respective 15.1 million and 23.3 million." HighGround says, "These sales were likely booked in March and may have been front-loaded ahead of Trump's Liberation Day on April 2. Additionally, the weaker dollar and sizable discount that U.S. cheese and butter held to their global competitors also fueled sales."

Cheese exports hit 115.1 million pounds, up 34.4 percent from a year ago, an all-time high for June, and third month in a row of a record being

made. Top destinations included Mexico, South Korea, Japan and Australia.

Butter exports totaled 14.2 million pounds, up 100.4 percent, strongest total since 2014, according to HGD, and more than double that of June 2024. Total dairy exports to Canada dropped in June, but butter shipments rose 11.1 percent, with big increases to Saudi Arabia, Australia and the Netherlands.

U.S. butter prices were at a nearly \$1 per pound discount to global competitors in first quarter, says HGD, and that difference grew to almost \$1.25 in second quarter, meaning "more butter exports are (likely) on the horizon."

Whey exports, at 38.3 million, were up 20.4 percent. Nonfat-skim milk powder totaled 131.1 million pounds, down 1.7 percent from a year ago and down 11.3 percent year to date.

Speaking of tariffs, the Wall Street Journal reported that U.S. trading partners were lobbying the White House for exemptions to Trump's Aug. 1 deadline. India got the opposite, a doubling to 50 percent because it purchases oil from Russia. Word was that China could receive the same. Reports are that Trump may soon meet with Russia's Vladimir Putin to discuss a peace plan for Ukraine and meet with China's Xi Jinping, if a trade agreement with that country can be reached.

Checking prices in Chicago; block Cheddar was trading Thursday at \$1.8250 per pound, highest CME price since June 13, 2025, following Friday's close at \$1.7050. The barrels were at \$1.7950 Thursday, also the highest since June13, after finishing Friday at \$1.71.

Dairy Market News reports that milk output continues to decline seasonally in the Central region as high temperatures negatively impact cow comfort. Mid-week Class III milk prices ranged from \$1-under to \$2-over. Retail and food service sales remain light. International purchasers are steadily ordering cheese. Vats are running steady to lighter as some plants say tight milk and increasing demand from Class I processors was reducing their ability to run full schedules.

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Metzger Property Services names business development director

NORTH MANCHESTER, Ind. Metzger Property Services is proud to announce the appointment of Jason Conley as business development di-

Conley has been an associate auctioneer and agent of Metzger's for more than 10 years, and the firm is excited to see what he can do in his new full-time role as business development director. Prior to this position, he had been in a similar role for about 15 years, working in management as well as heavy equipment sales.

"He will bring many valuable attributes to the team, especially his entrepreneurial spirit. We are confident that he will play a pivotal role in driving our continued growth and delivering exceptional value to our clients," said Chad Metzger, owner.

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"I'm so excited to join the Metzger team as their business development director and can't wait to work with such a talented group as we continue to take things to the next level," Conley said. He resides in Warsaw, Ind., with his wife and son. He can be contacted via call or text at 574-527-6330.

Keith Robeson Estate Online Auction

Auction Starts: August 5, 2025 @ 8:00 a.m. Auction Preview: August 21, 2025 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: We are proud to have the opportunity to work for the family of the late Keith Robeson, selling his farm and excavation equipment. Keith was a lifelong Fayette County resident, farmer, cattleman and mechanic. He enjoyed repairing & rebuilding and adding value to machinery to use himself and for others. Make sure you stop by to inspect this line-up of equipment.

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Quentin Williamson (1929-2025)

Quentin Williamson, 95, of Richmond, Ind., passed away July 20, 2025, at Forest Park Health Campus.

He was born Dec. 13, 1929, in Economy, Ind., to Wayne and Zelma Williamson. He was a graduate of Economy High School and Purdue University with a degree in animal science. After graduating, he served in the U.S. Army as a sergeant in Korea. After his military service, he taught science and agriculture at Economy High School and Williamsburg High School. He was a dairy farmer for over 35 years and a conservationist and pioneer of new methods to conserve the soil, both as a farmer and during his 24 years working at the Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District. In 2008, the Soil Conservation Society of America honored him with a national award of service for his body of work educating others about soil conservation.

Beyond his professional life, he was very involved in the community. He served as precinct committeeperson for many years. He was a member of Economy United Methodist Church. He loved listening to gospel music and following the Cincinnati Reds and anything involving Purdue University. He

was known for his love of nature and animals, his laugh, sense of humor, and friendly smile. He never met a stranger and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Zelma (Wilson) Williamson, two brothers, Stanley and Maurice Williamson, brother-in-law Charles Wright, and sister-in-law, June Williamson. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Ruth (Wright) Williamson, two sons and daughter, Doug and Brad Williamson, and Sarah Parrish (Mike); two grandchildren, Nathan Williamson (Emily) and Thomas Parrish; two great grandchildren Maggie and Silas Williamson, sister-in-law Janice Williamson, and numerous nieces and neph-

Visitation was July 27 at Christ Presbyterian Church, 350 Henley Rd S, Richmond. A service to celebrate his life followed at the church. Interment was in Economy Cemetery in Economy.

The family would like to thank the staff at Forest Park for their kindness and care. Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Presbyterian Church or Economy United Methodist Church to honor him.





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Reminiscing about the good old days of squirrel hunting season

Back many years ago when I was a boy, the face of hunting was a lot different than today. Sixty years later, we have a proliferation of whitetail deer seasons, a dove season and a wild turkey season. The choice adds a lot to the selection of game by hunters today.

However back then, small game was king, and squirrel season was the topper. On the Saturday of opening week of squirrel season in August, cars would be parked along county roads bordering woodlots, and the number of hunters was astonishing. The sound of shotguns rang out, and the woods sounded like a combat zone.

All of the boys in town looked forward to the opening of squirrel season. We had sharpened our stalking and shooting skills all summer long on the endless number of groundhogs, and we were ready to see who could be the first to get a limit of squirrels (or just get a squirrel.)

School was still a couple of weeks away, and it was almost mandatory a proper squirrel camp be put into use. The camp site could be about any flat piece of ground in the woods capable of accommodating several sleeping bags with enough area for a huge bonfire. By the time we drug all of our equipment into camp and lit a bonfire you could see for several miles, I'm sure all the squirrels in the woods knew they were being invaded.

Once in a while, we would have our camp set up next to some young field corn. We'd snag six or eight ears for the cooking pot. When boiled for an extended amount of time, the corn was usually still tough, chewy, strong flavored and a far cry from good old sweet corn. However, with enough butter and salt, you might convince yourself it was fit forage. We always

had about 20 pounds of canned goods, a half a side of bacon and a couple dozen eggs to fall back on should the hunting be lean. The selection ranged from Spam to meat ball stew, hominy and Delmonte Fruit Cocktail. I'm sure our parents were painfully aware we had raided the refrigerators and the pantries to accumulate our camp SPAULDING OUTDOORS victuals. (Sometimes when By Jack Spaulding we returned home, we inturn became painfully aware

of the fact.) Of course there was always a lot of bragging on our individual hunting and shooting skills. Stories of fantastic shots and silent stalking of warv game were freely exchanged around the campfire.

My good friend Jim Robbins brought an aluminum skillet to camp. Admiring the light weight, I gave it a try. I loaded it with bacon and promptly burned the bacon beyond consumption. I was used to the slow heat of a cast iron skillet, not the instantaneous heat transmission and incineration capabilities of an aluminum skillet.

Jim had brought a new single shot J.C. Higgins 12 gauge to camp. He asked if I would like to shoot it. I said sure... I need a target... throw your worthless skillet up and I'll fold it like a bed sheet.

My shotgun was an 1897 Winchester 12 gauge which had an extended recoil pad on the original stock. In order to mount the gun to my shoulder, I had to extend my arms and throw the stock forward. Jim's gun had a short standard stock with no recoil pad. There was a big difference in stock length!

When I hollered "pull," Jim pitched the aluminum skillet as high as he could throw it! I swung the Higgins loaded with a high brass #6 to my shoulder to take the shot. Throwing the gun forward like I was mounting my '97 I didn't take into consideration the difference in stock length. Unfortunately for me, when I pulled the trigger, the gun was about 3 inches off of my shoulder!

> The hit was dead on and the aluminum skillet did fold almost in half. It would

never again burn bacon. But, my situation was also much worse for wear.

With the stock not touching my shoulder, the light weight, hard-kicking Higgins swung up and hit me across the face, blacking my left eye and bloodying my nose.

As the laughter subsided and I got my nose to stop bleeding, Jim asked if I would be able to hunt in the morning. I said sure, it's my left eye that's blacked and swollen... my right eye is my shooting eye. I'll be fine.

It was a different world back then. I can't imagine what would be the reaction of people today on seeing a half dozen teenagers riding bicycles, carrying camping gear and their shotguns. I imagine someone would call the SWAT Team.

The Indiana squirrel season this year runs from August 15 until January 31, 2026 with a limit of five squirrels per day. You can shoot as many aluminum skillets as you want.

High School Students Fundraise For McCormick's Creek State Park

Owen Valley High School students recently presented the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (INRF) with a check for nearly \$45,000 to support trail restoration efforts in the park.

Members of the school's Students for the Planet group, who grew up making memories hiking Trail 5 through Wolf Cave Nature Preserve, were determined to restore full use of the trail by raising funds to replace a damaged bridge after the March 2023 tornado.

With their fundraising efforts, along with contributions from the Indiana Parks Alliance, the Friends of McCormick's Creek, and the Owen County Community Foundation, the park will be able to move forward with replacing damaged trail structures.

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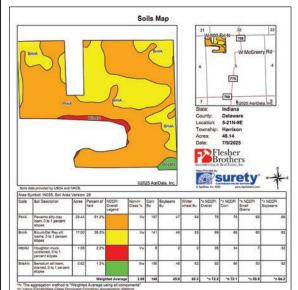
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Ag research foundation funding multi-state crop sustainability study

By DOUG SCHMITZ **lowa Correspondent**

MANHATTAN, Kan. - The Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) is funding a multi-state study. focusing on increasing water productivity, soil carbon, and sustainability in integrated multi-crop systems. The study will be conducted across the U.S. Corn Belt and the Great Plains.

Over an initial five-year period, the project will investigate how combinations of cover crops, nitrogen, crop rotation and tillage, and water management under variable soil water conditions influence soil microbial communities that drive nutrient availability and loss, researchers said.

The research team includes experts from Iowa State University, Kansas State University, Mississippi State University, The Ohio State University, the University of Kansas, the University of Minnesota, as well as major industry collaborators, Bayer Crop Science in Creve Coeur, Mo., and LI-COR Environmental in Lincoln, Neb.

The University of Minnesota will be part of a broader initiative, aiming to contribute to developing sustainable solutions for agriculture in the Corn Belt and Great Plains, researchers said.

FFAR awarded a \$7,657,633 grant to Kansas State, which is leading the study. Bayer Crop Science provided \$4,601,244 in matching funds, and

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Iowa State, Kansas State, LandScan, LCC, in Davis, Calif., LI-COR Environmental, Mississippi State, Ohio State and the University of Kansas, also provided funds for a total investment of \$16,362,948, researchers said.

Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, Kansas State professor of soil fertility and nutrient management, and project lead, told Farm World, "The university collaborators were selected for their expertise in key disciplines and to ensure representation of major production systems across the Corn Belt and Great Plains regions, with particular emphasis on water use and its interactions with productivity and sustainability.

"Our industry partners are deeply committed to advancing understanding of the complex relationships among water, soil, and crop management and production," he said. "Farmers and the broader agricultural sector face the challenge of increasing yields, while improving land sustainability and profitability, pressures that are further complicated by variable climatic conditions across gradients (a measure of a change that occurs between different quantities of something such as temperature or pressure over a particular distance)."

He said researchers in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Ohio will focus on the rain-fed systems within the project; and Kansas (including cotton in rotation), Mississippi (including cotton in rotation), and Nebraska will focus on irrigated systems; Kansas researchers will also focus on dry land systems.

"The scale and complexity of these studies can only be achieved through strong partnerships with industry and a highly collaborative research team," Ruiz Diaz said.

Ohio State researchers will also examine the productivity effects of crop management practices on corn, soybeans and wheat.

"We're collecting field-scale data on multiple management factors like cover cropping, tillage, nitrogen application, and crop rotation," said Osler Ortez, Ohio State assistant professor of corn and emerging crops at the university's Wooster campus. "This will help us determine the long-term impacts on productivity, soil health, and greenhouse gas emissions."

Sumita Sen, an Ohio State doctoral student who is contributing fieldwork and analysis from the Ohio site in Perrysburg, added, "This project will help us understand the agronomic

complexity of current cropping systems and guide sustainable choices."

Sotirios Archontoulis, an Iowa State professor of integrated cropping systems and a researcher, told Farm World: "The ISU team is working on modeling of the cropping systems using the APSIM (Agricultural Production Systems Simulator) model, as well as monitoring one of the field experiments. The APSIM modular modeling framework will be used to simulate the biophysical processes in cropping systems, with a focus on understanding the impacts of management practices, climate and soil conditions on crop production and environmental outcomes.

"Particular focus is on water table depth, and interaction of multiple factors such as crop rotation, nitrogen fertilizer rate, and tillage on productivity," he added.

Ortez said, "This public-private and multi-state partnership will provide vital insights for farmers and policymakers alike."

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ANTIQUE TRACTORS ... mostly running & restored, but some not: **OLIVER** incl 60, 66, 70, 77, 88 plus a Cockshutt 60 on steel; nice **FARMALL** "H" and "M"; **AC's** incl WC's and WD45's; others incl M.M. "RTN", Case "VAC". $BARN\,FIND\,1985\,Chevy\,Custom\,Deluxe\,10, L.B., 2WD\,pickup\,(1-family\,owned,\,not\,running).$

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Oliver, JD & others; orig. Cockshutt "Hiller"; potato plows; planters & drills incl Oliver; & more! ANTIQUE and HORSE DRAWN EQUIP.: 1 to 5-bott plows incl JD, Oliver & more; RARE JD 3-pt, 3-blade disk plow; Purina livestock scales; sm. Oliver manure spreader (all steel); Oliver grain drills; Western 6' Wheeled Scraper; Oliver 2R, p.t. planter; hay rakes; tedder; and more.

PRIMITIVES & ANTIQUE MISC.: unusual Belknap fodder cutter; dozens of asst'd size steel impl. wheels; early zinc lined milk cooler; coffee mill; corn shellers; nice, Oliver 70 hood "bar" w/glass top; seed cleaners; antique & vintage ADVERTISING; springboard buggy seats; and SO MUCH MORE!

BARN FIND GRAIN TRUCKS: 1985 Chevy 70, S.A. w/ 14' bed & hoist; 1967 Chevy 50, S.A. w/ 16' bed & hoist; 1966 GMC 4000, 10-wh w/ 18' bed & hoist ... (NOTE: ran out of time to get these items running).

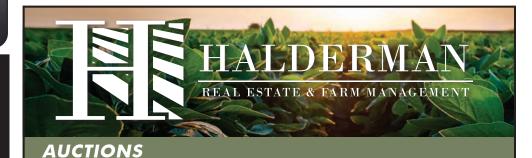
Farm Tools & MISC; Scrap & Salvage; and more.

TERMS: NO Buyer's Premium. All items sold AS-IS. Sales Tax collected where applicable. If you are farm or dealer exempt, please bring your exempt form.

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NEW! JEFFERSON COUNTY, IN: SEPTEMBER 8 (ONLINE) 160+/- Acres • 3 Tracts • Contiguous Productive Cropland Building Site • Farmhouse • Outbuildings • Pond

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DIRECTIONS: South of Ioina, MI on m66 6 miles to W. Peck Lake Rd, West 2 miles to auction.

Articles from a Centenial Farm and remaining parts from the former Max Mason Farm Supply Deutz Dealer. Many primitives, collectibles, farm related items, old parts to tractors and implements PLUS 2 Tractors, Equipment and MORE! Two Auctioneers will be

1961 John Deere 4010 Row Crop Tractor, 4612 hrs; 1974 Deutz D7206 Tractor, 8393 hrs.; Melroe 902 3 Bottom Plow; 10 ft Scraper/Plow; Pittsburg 20 ft Cart Drag; Kverneland 5 bottom Plow; Kverneland 3 bottom plow; J.D. 32 ft Elevator w/ Honda 5 hp; New Idea 40 ft 5 in Auger; Brillion 12 ft Cultipaacker; Gravity Box on JD Running Gear; (2) Hay Wagons; Fimco 3 pt/Mounted Sprayer; Land Pride FS1000 Spreader; 3 pt Post Hole Dig-

ger; New Idea 402 Rake; JD 14T Baler; JD 1209 Haybine; Sitrex Hay Tetter; JD MX8 Rotary cutter; 4 wagons full & several pallets full of tractor and equipment parts; Many Antiques & Farm Primitives; Advertising; Generators; Gas Engines; Shelving; Tools & Much More!



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PUBLIC AUCTION

Saturday, August 23rd @ 10:00 am

5678 N. Jeffersonville Road Jamestown, OH 45335

A Nice 2007 Chevy Silverado Z71 Off Road ½ Ton Pickup Truck 4 Wheel Drive 98,900 Miles - 1 Owner 4 Door - Leather Seats

> 1950 Chevrolet Panel Truck Model 310 75.059 Miles Vin #5HPF20828

John Deere 750 Diesel Tractor with Loader + Roll Cage - Front Wheel Assist **Tecumseh - Gas Powered Post Hole Digger with 6" Auger**

Trailers - 23' Tandem Flat Bed Trailer with 16' Bed, A Nice 23' Pace American Box

Trailer - Single Axle with 12' Box. Shop & Garage Items - 2 Kennedy Machinist Toolbox with Some Tools, 3 Craftsman Stand-up Toolboxes, Central Machinery Floor Model Drill Press - 16 Speeds, Bench Grinder on Stand, 4 Electric Air Compressors - 2 Portable, Walker H.D. Floor Jack, 2 Arbor Presses, Assortment of Bench Vises - 4'6", Heavy Duty Work Benches -Metal & Wood Tops, Floor Creeper, Large Assortment of Fasteners, Auto Manuals, Chicago Jumpstart Booster, 30,000 BTU Kerosene Heater, Haul Master 12 Volt Electric Winch 3000ib cap, 2 Ton Motor Hoist, Small Block Chevy Motor, Coleman Powermate 5000 Watt Generator, 6' Fiberglass Stepladder, 16' Aluminum Extension Ladder, 24' Extension Aluminum Ladder, 8' Fiberglass Stepladder, New Attic Ladder, Werner Little Giant Ladder, 2 Nice Metal Shop Fans, Inside Shop Scaffolding, Grizzly Jointer with Stand Model G1182, South Bend Metal Lathe Model 844, Small Router Table, Craftsman Jointer Table, Heavy Duty Metal Stands, Craftsman Socket Sets + Wrench Sets - Too Many to Mention, Large Assortment of Metal & Wood Drill Bits, Barclamps - C Clamps, Milwaukee Power-tools, Milwaukee Power Band Saw, DeWALT Power Tools, Ryobi Power Tools, Roll Around Plastic Tool Caddies, 71/2" Power Band Saw B+D Bench Model, Delta Power Belt Sander Table Model, Handsaws, Coleman Camp Stove, Metal Car Ramps, New Plastic Utility Sink, Delta 10" Table Saw, Roller Stands, Commercial 10" Radial Arm Saw Battery Chargers, Some Old & Antique Tools, Large Selection of Power Tools - Electrical & Battery Powered, Large Selection of Battery Powered Hand Tools, Lombard Chain Saw, 2 Electric Chain Saw Chain Sharpeners, 10" Craftmsn Miter Saw Like New, Klein Industrial Toolbox, Large Selection of Tool Cabinets, Large Selection of Nice Work Benches, Drywall Lift, Misc.

Shop Lights, Large Selection of Misc. As-

sortment Bins, 2 B+D Work Mates, Delta

12" Portable Wood Planer, Misc. Metal

Work Benches, Bostitch Nail & Staple Gun

with Nails & Staples, Craftsman 10" Bandsaw, Yard Machine Gas Powered Show Blower, Nylon Cargo Straps, Tow Straps, 2 Moving Dollies.

Yard Items - Metal Pull Type Garden Trailer, 5' Woods 3 Point Finish Mower, 3 Point Post Hole Digger with 8" & 10" Augers, 6' Ford H.D. Grader Blade, Assortment Steel Fence Post, Large Metal Wheelbarrows, Firewood Rackstand, Yardman 6 H.P. Push Mower, Yardman 6.5 H.P. Push Mower, 4' John Deere Seeder, Walk Behind Yard Fertilizer, Backpack Yard Sprayer, Old Reel Mower, 2 Troy-Bilt Gas Powered Weed Eaters, 2 Nice 4' Yard Rollers, Large Selection Hand Yard Tools Shovels - Rakes + Misc., Gas Powered Wood Chipper 2-Ms250 Stihl Chain Saw.

Household - New Bathroom Vanity Cabinets with Overhead Shelf 24"x18" Still in Box, New Interior Doors, Nice Miscellaneous Cabinets, Cast Iron Bathroom Sink, Englander Wood Heating Stove.

Welding Supplies - Hobart Gas Powered Welder, Lincoln SP 140T Wire Feed Welder on Cart, Heavy Duty Welding Table, Some Welding Supplies, Oxy-Acetylene Torch

Lumber - Very Large Section of Misc. Lumber 2"x4"s, 2"x6"s, 2"x8"s, 4"x6"s, 1"x6"s, 5 quarter P.T. - Approx. 1,000 pcs. total, 16 pcs. 1/2" Plyboard, Miscellaneous Bundles of Insulation R-13, 2'x6" Boards 12' Long, Approx. 60 pcs. 2"x4"s 12' long, 1"x6" Rough Cut Boards 10' Long, Approx. 50 pcs. of Lattice Boards.

Miscellaneous - Nice Huffy Boy's Bicycle, Workout Bench, Set of Cornhole Boards. Coleman Portable Table, Electric Bug Zappers, Old Coal Bucket, 9 Bags Quickrete, 2 Metal Chain Link Gates, 3 Drawer Filing Cabinet, Miscellaneous Folding Tables, Plastic Saw Horses, Heavy Duty Comealongs, Aluminum Walk Boards, Metal & Plastic Shelving, Large Selection of Plastic Gas Containers - Some Metal, GeoTop - GTH Survey Transits with Tripod, Aluminum Roof Vents, Aluminum GM Truck Rims 6 Lug, Selection of Old Hub Caps.

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Wrenching

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loess, windblown soil was perfect for growing fruits and vegetables. Orchards sprang up and once the railroad came through and with Park Earle's invention of the refrigerated box, farmers started sending their crops to urban markets in St. Louis and Chicago.

In Cobden, Ill., the Union County Museum offers insight into the history of the fruit and orchard days that



Above: Part of the downstairs original mill still intact.



Above: Peaches from Mileur Orchard

were at their peak in the early 1900s. Open weekends, the Union County Museum is in a former box and barrel factory. The museum also has some amazing examples of Kirkpatrick pottery that was made in nearby Anna, Ill. While there are not as many orchards as in the past, these days tourists can enjoy the Shawnee Wine Trail and the fruit wines made from the produce. Farm orchards, farmers markets and farms all make for fun agritourism stops.

Carl Hoffman, of Southernmost Illinois tourism, added that visitors seeking farm fun will also enjoy touring the alpaca and bison farm. She added that the local farm bureau also offers an ag tour once a year, and that in September there is a neighborhood farm crawl. This year this will take place Sept. 13-14. The Farm Crawl is an annual event, with all events proceeding going to benefit Food Works, a local non-profit organization facilitating the development of a regional food economy in southern Illinois. It is an event where local farmers open their farms to share a bit of their lives with the community. It is a great way to connect with the local growers that sustainably supply the region and work hard to make it an amazing place to live. For details on the crawl, log onto the Farm Crawl Neighborhood Coop website.



Above: Lisa Mileur of Mileur Orchards.

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TRACT #1: 12.4 +/- acres with 1660' +/- road frontage on N Lick Skillet Rd. Ideal building sites, 1.5 +/- tillable ground, wooded land with marketable timber & estimated delivered log price of \$40,932. Adjoins and Tract #2.

TRACT #2: 31.5 +/- acres with 640' +/- road frontage on N Lick Skillet Rd. Ideal building sites, 3 +/- acres tillable ground, wooded acreage with marketable timber & estimated delivered log price of \$66,390. Adjoins Tract #1 & Tract #3. TRACT #3: 63 +/- acres with 650' +/- road frontage on N Lick Skillet Rd.

Completely wooded acreage with marketable timber & estimated delivered log price of \$263,600. Adjoins Tract #2.

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Farmers east and west of the Mississippi need different tractors

west of the Missis-**ALL ABOUT** sippi River, you see a gradual change **TRACTORS** in the type and use of tractors. Fewer cropland areas and more pasture appear. Flat coun-

try turns into rolling hills. Large poultry and hog operations disappear, and more cattle are on grass.

Moving west, those changes reflect the need for different tractors. No longer are they needed to pull tillage tools, planters, push dairy feed, fertilize, or cultivate. Instead, they are needed to rake and bale hay, power irrigation pumps, grade lanes and roads, and do the dry land jobs that are so different from cropland.

Working horses are now very rare east of the Mississippi. Cow horses are still required further west, where ravines and rough ground prevent wheeled vehicles.

I had the privilege of spending four days each summer for 17 years on a close friend's ranch in Northeast Wyoming. He made good use of three tractors on 33,000 acres, but cow horses were used far more, year-round. There were too many acres that were not accessible by wheeled vehicles.

There was something very special about the quiet movement of the cattle herd as we moved them to different pastures. There was always the amazing instinct that directed a cow horse to block a runaway calf. No ATV and certainly no tractor could match that.

Yesterday I talked to this close friend, now 95, and yet he still rakes hay. (On a tractor). He's quite pleased with current cattle prices, and a spring with good rain. The dry years of 2023 and 2024 brought the need to buy hay. This year to date, they have baled 500 round bales, and will not buy any.

Ranching and farming are surely different. Neither is easy; every year is different, but they are not just a business, but a way of life.

More memories - response from a reader

"I was driving the tractor on our IH baler at age 5 - originally a 45T baler, then a 55W baler. My dad custom baled, and a normal full load was 60 bales. He wired a 2x4 block on the clutch. We would take either one or two wagons, depending on where we were baling. I remember when U.S. 40 was three lanes, and when I was 7, I drove the baler down the roads. We used either an H or an M. Both balers had their motor. I think it was a Cub motor, but not positive."

Precision farming did not happen overnight

That path began in the 1970s, over 50 years ago. The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a satellite-based navigation system owned and operated by the U.S. Space Force. Public use of GPS began in 1994.

A significant step forward occurred in 2008 when Leica Geosystems debuted its CORS (Continuously Operating Reference System) Network software. It allows auto-steer systems. Users rely on signals from tower networks across the U.S. Many of the networks provide free RTK signal access through their state's department of transportation.

Also in 2008, John Deere introduced the ITEC Pro (Intelligent Total Equipment Control) system that automates the tractor driving function, giving lessskilled operators the precision needed to be more efficient and accurate. Other suppliers have introduced similar systems.

> Shave Burma sign for this week Brother Speed-Let's Rehearse......All

Together, Good Morning Nurse

BY PAUL WALLEM

Paul Wallem was raised on an Illinois dairy farm. He spent 13 years with corporate IH in domestic and foreign assignments. He resigned to own and operate two IH dealerships. He is the author of THE BREAKUP of IH & SUCCESSES & INDUSTRY FIRSTS of IH. See all his books on PaulWallem.com. Send comments to pwallem@aol.com.



Above: The U.S. Space Force's Global Positioning System was the first Global Satellite navigation system and the first to be provided as a free global service.

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FARM & CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT CONSIGNMENT AUCTION SATURDAY * AUGUST 23rd, 2025 * 9:00 A.M. Sharp!

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Owner: Owner: J & J ROSS FARMS ~ Grover Hill, OH

FARMER RETIREMENT #2: 2009 JD 7430 MFWD Tractor, PQ Trans, 3 Remotes, Q.H., 18.4-R42 Tires/ Duals, Loader Ready, ONLY 1,900 Hrs.; 1982 JD 4240 2WD Tractor, Cab, Air Not Working), Quad Trans, 2 SCV's, 18.4-38 Tires/ Duals, Q.H., 5,830 Hrs.; 1995 JD 9400 Combine 3,070 Eng./ 2148 Sep. Hrs.; JD 918 Full Finger Flex Grain Head: JD 643 6x30 LT Corn Head; Head Carrier Wagon; JD 750' NT 15' Drill w/ Fill Auger, Markers, M3 Monitor; JD 7200 6x30 Vac Planter w/ Cult-Planter, Liq. Fert., 150 Monitor; Great Plains AS-500 45' Boom Sprayer w/ EZ Guide 250 Light Bar; Hiniker 1224 Flat Fold 24' FC; UM 225 26' Rolling Harrow; JD #400 15' Rotary Hoe; 8x Cultivator Converted to 6x; Krause 5 Shank Disc Chisel y/ Leveling Bar: KB 385 Gravity Wagon w/ Taro on 13T Gear: J&M 350 Gravity Wagon w/ Taro on 13T Gear: (2) UM 325 Gravity Wagons w/ Taros on 13T Gears: 16' Flatbed on JD Gear Hutchinson 61'x8" Transport Auger, Hutchinson 32'x6" w/ 3HP Elec Transport Auger; Cardinal 56'x8" Transport Auger; (6) JD 30 Series Suit Case Wts.; (2) JD Round Wts;

Owner: KENNETH POPE ~ Pandora, OH

2014 IH ProStar, Day Cab, Semi Tractor w/ ISX Cummins, 10 Sp., 24.5 Tires, 347K Miles; 2014 IH ProStar, Day Cab, Semi Tractor w/ ISX Cummins, 10 Sp., 24.5 Tires, 350K Miles; 2016 Timpte 40' Alum Hopper Grain Trailer, Alum Wheels, New Power Tarp; 2013 Timpte 40' Alum Hopper Grain Trailer w/ Power Tarp; REM 2100 Grain Vac w/ 1000 PTO, (Needs Work); KB 385 Gravity Wagon on 13 Ton Gear w/ 22.5 Tires; Grain Air Ducts;

Owner: NORTHWESTERN OHIO GRAIN CO., INC. ~ Ottawa, OH

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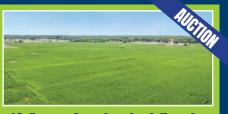
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