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Illinois ag director touts farmer mental health resource at fair

By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – The state’s bi-centennial, sesquicentennial and centennial farm families had been acknowledged, the new Illinois State Fair (ISF) queen introduced and 2025-2026 FFA and 4-H state leaders recognized when the tone of Illinois Agriculture Director Jerry Costello’s 2025 ISF Ag Breakfast address abruptly took on a more serious tone. During his Aug. 8 speech on Agriculture Day at the fair, Costello used his podium to urge farmers who are dealing with depression or stress about current farm prices or other issues to take advantage of the free mental health resources offered through the state’s Farm Family Resource Initiative (FFRI).

“It’s a help line for people to call who

are having trouble or issues. From a physical standpoint, you can be 100 percent sound and healthy, but having mental issues. Unfortunately, in agriculture the amount of suicides we experience is multiples of normal occupations,” Costello said.

833-FARM-SOS is “100 percent confidential” to use, according to the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) director. “You can call, text or email FFRI and can get six free tele-health visits with a mental health professional that is completely confidential,” Costello said. “We all know that in small towns if your truck is parked at the doctor’s office, people at the coffee shop know it the next morning. I am telling you that this is completely confidential; call them from the tractor, from the side of the road, if you’re a spouse, a farm family member or a farm worker, please reach out.”

Farm bankruptcy filings are rising in 2025, a sign that agriculture is facing the same high financial pressures it saw prior to the COVID pandemic, according to Ryan Loy, Extension economist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

“We’ve had 259 filings in the United States between April 1 of 2024 and March 31 of this year,” Loy said in a recent article published by the Extension office. He added that the number of filings in the first quarter of 2025 outpaced those of the same period in 2024.

“We’ve already beat last year in terms of Q1 national filings. Once you see this on a national level, it’s a clear sign that financial pressures that we saw before in the 2018 and ‘19 are kind of re-emerging,” according to Loy.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago reported that district agricultural credit conditions weakened during the first quarter of 2025. Repayment rates for non-real-estate farm loans were much lower in the January through March period of 2025 compared with a year ago, and loan renewals and extensions were higher, according to the bank’s David Oppedahl and Elizabeth Kepner.

“In the first quarter of 2025, demand for non-real-estate farm loans relative to a year ago was up for the sixth consecutive quarter, while the availability of funds for agricultural lending relative to a year earlier was down for the eighth consecutive quarter,” University of Illinois Farm Policy News quoted Oppedahl and Kepner as



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4-H member’s goats named Grand, Reserve Grand Champion at the ISF

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
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INDIANAPOLIS – Before she competed with her goats during the recent Indiana State Fair 4-H Grand Drive, Caroline Sullivan was hoping one would be named Grand Champion meat goat wether. She accomplished that and more, as another of her goats was named Reserve Grand Champion in the same event.

“It is just an unbelievable feeling,” Sullivan said. “My goal was to win Grand Champion but I never thought I would be able to win both. It’s very rare to win both at a state fair market show.”

The competition was Aug. 3 in the Corteva Coliseum at the fairgrounds.

Sullivan, of Hancock County, isn’t

new to showing animals as she has competed at several national shows. This is her eighth year showing at the state and county fair.

She said she was nervous before the competition “because I knew all that could happen if everything went right. There were so many hours of work on the line and that made me very nervous. This year our goats were more chill about going to shows than ever for some reason. And, as long as they are together with another, they don’t freak out too much.”

Sullivan’s Grand Champion goat was named Valen, she said, because he had a perfect heart-shaped marking on the back of his neck. The Reserve Grand Champion was Panama.

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Above: Kevin Morris, Illinois FFA Section 25 president, is pictured serving up scrambled eggs during the Ag Breakfast at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.



Above: Caroline Sullivan, of Hancock County, with her Grand Champion meat goat weather (left) and the Reserve Grand Champion (right). (courtesy of Lindsey Hanewich Livestock Photography)

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saying, “At 61 (its lowest value since the first quarter of 2020), the index of repayment rates for non-real-estate farm loans was down from a year ago for the sixth consecutive quarter; 39 percent of responding bankers observed lower rates of repayment for the first quarter of 2025 relative to the first quarter of 2024, and no bankers observed higher rates.”

FFRI offers several tools to improve the health and wellbeing of Illinois farm owners and families, including a 24-7 helpline via phone, text or email, along with telehealth counseling, bereave-

ment and grief support groups, access to the “Wellness in the Fields” podcast and farm succession seminars. The initiative is made possible through the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine Center for Rural Health, along with rural and agricultural partners.

During his Ag Day address, Costello praised Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker and a bipartisan Illinois legislature for green-lighting \$85.5 million in fairgrounds improvements that are highlighted with new signage placed around the upgraded structures and areas. “With the \$55.3 million that was taken out of our IDOA budget (using) money from different places to put into these fairgrounds, over \$140 million has been invested into the Illinois State Fairgrounds over the last 5.5 to 6 years,”

Costello said.

He also acknowledged the heavy youth presence at the Ag Breakfast, where the Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award was given to the Wendel Rigins family, of McDonough County, while corduroy-clad FFA leaders served heaping plates of eggs, biscuits and gravy, ham and potatoes to guests on the fairgrounds’ Director’s Lawn.

“In order to have the next generation to keep agriculture growing, we have to harvest the number one commodity that we have in this state, and that’s our kids,” Costello said. “Let’s make sure we put just as much time and effort as we can into our kids.”



Above: Illinois Ag Director Jerry Costello is pictured addressing those who attended the Ag Breakfast on Agriculture Day at the Illinois State Fair on Aug. 8.



Above: Seating under the pavilion and on the Director’s Lawn was at a premium during the 2025 Ag Breakfast on Ag Day, Aug. 8, at the Illinois State Fair. T. Alexander photos



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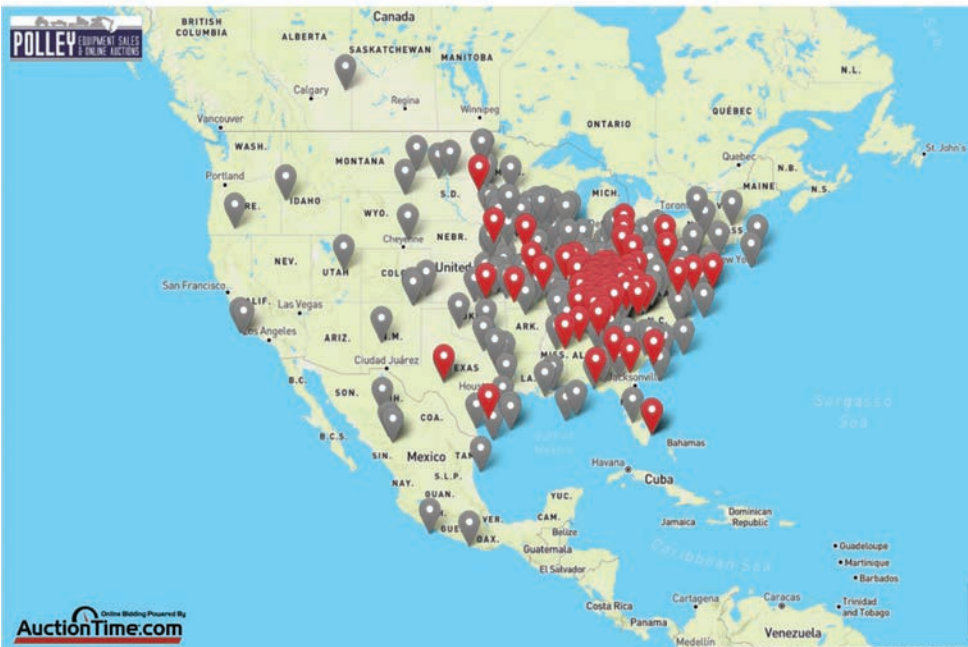
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USDA increases harvested acres for corn, lowers for soybeans

In a surprising move, the USDA raised the average U.S. corn yield to 188.8 bushels per acre in the August World Agricultural Supply and Demand report, a large 7.7 bpa increase from July. In addition, the USDA added 1.9 million harvested acres to the July forecast. This took total U.S. corn production for the 2025/26 marketing year to 16.74 billion bu, a 13 percent increase from last year and 1.03 bbu more than the July number. Several areas of demand were elevated, adding 545 million bu to corn consumption. The net result was a 457 mbu increase to the projected 25/26 carryout, taking it to 2.11 bbu. This is a 13.3 percent stocks to use and equates to an average cash value of \$3.90 per bushel. Old crop ending stocks were little changed at 1.3 bbu.

Soybean balance sheets were more friendly. The USDA cut harvested acres by 2.4 million which more than offset a 1.1 bpa increase to yield. The USDA is now using a 53.6 bpa soybean yield and a production figure of 4.29 bbu for the 25/26 marketing year. This was a 43 mbu decrease from July, and a 2 percent smaller crop than last year. The only significant change to soybean demand was a 40 mbu cut to exports, mainly from the smaller production figure. This dropped new crop carryout to 290 mbu, 20 mbu less than last month, and 60 mbu less than trade was expecting. This puts new crop stocks to use well into a rationing position at 6.7 percent and indicates an average cash value of \$10.10 per bushel. The USDA also trimmed old crop balance sheets by 20 mbu, putting them at



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

330 mbu. Very few changes took place to the domestic wheat balance sheets this month. The average yield was steady at 52.7 bpa and total wheat production was trimmed 2 mbu to total 1.927 bbu. Food use was lowered by 5 mbu and exports were raised 25 mbu, for a net 20 mbu reduction to ending stocks. This put the U.S. wheat carryout at 869 mbu, 15 mbu less than trade was forecasting. This is a 42.8 percent stocks to use ratio and points to an average cash value of \$5.30.

Global carryover numbers were little changed and mostly reflected the alterations to U.S. balance sheets. The world corn ending stocks for 2025/26 are now estimated at 282.54 million metric tons, 5.5 mmt more than the July estimate. Global soybean ending stocks were 3 mmt below the average trade guess at 124.9 mmt. This was also 1.1 mmt less than the July estimate. World wheat carryout was just below trade expectations and last month at 260.08 mmt.

Several changes were made to the red meat balance sheets this month as well. Next year's beef production is forecast at 25.47 billion pounds, down 350 million pounds from the July estimate. Beef exports for this year were lowered by a slim 47 million pounds, and 2026 exports were reduced by 20 million pounds. This put totals at 2.68 billion pounds and 2.54 billion pounds, respectively.

U.S. beef imports saw greater changes this month, mainly from uncertain U.S. trade relations. For 2025, beef imports were trimmed 102 million pounds to total 5.27 bil-

lion pounds. For 2026, the USDA is predicting beef imports of just 4.95 billion pounds, 400 million pounds fewer than this year.

Pork production was cut 290 million pounds for 2025 to a total of 27.75 billion. Next year's pork production is forecast at 28.38 billion pounds, 100 million fewer than the July forecast. Pork exports were bumped up by a slight 9 million pounds for this year at 6.98 billion pounds, and 2026 exports were held at an even 7 billion pounds.

The average steer value for 2025 is now \$227.06 per hundredweight, and \$243.50 per cwt for 2026. Cash hogs are forecast at \$69.32 per cwt for this year and \$65.50 for 2026.

Corn harvest has started to get underway in the Deep South. While yield data remains limited, reports indicate they are very good. The question now is what will happen with this inventory with most analysts expecting to see farmers store as much as possible given the current market structure. We are still likely to see heavier corn movement into the supply line as farmers see better opportunities for soybeans, and may hold that crop instead. Basis values have already started to soften with the arrival of new crop bushels.

Corn harvest is also advancing in Brazil, albeit at a slow pace. Safrinha production was much larger than expected this year, and this is making the handling of the crop more difficult, slowing harvest progress. The corn crop was also left in the field to dry naturally. Even with these added bushels we may not see elevated export demand from Brazil as domestic corn consumption is rapidly increasing. In fact, some analysts feel we could see a reduction to Brazil's

corn exports this year, even with a record crop.

Soybeans have found support from firming Brazilian values. Soybeans in Brazil are the highest for this date since 2018 as even with record production, farmers in the country are not making sales. Same as in the U.S., Brazilian farmers feel soybeans are undervalued and not willing to make sales. This same attitude is being shown with newly harvested safrinha bushels. This is the primary reason demand for U.S. corn has not taken a seasonal downturn this year.

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Goats

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“They were both so sweet and hairy,” Sullivan said. “I loved that they had so much hair! It was unbelievable.”

Her parents were both in 4-H – her dad had projects but her mom showed cattle.

“My family has never raised goats before,” Sullivan noted. “I got started when I joined mini 4-H. My mom knew someone in the county that had a goat I could practice with and I loved it ever since.”

“I also show sheep but this is only my third year showing sheep. My mom doesn’t love the sheep but I made a bet with her a few years ago and as long as I made it to the Coliseum with a goat that year, she told me I could get sheep. So, here we are.”

Sullivan’s family doesn’t have a farm, but they do have livestock at their house. She also has some cows but doesn’t show them. Sullivan is a junior at Fortune Academy and would like to attend Purdue University to become a veterinarian.

As for her Grand and Reserve Grand Champion wins, she offered a couple tips that led to her success:

“All I can say is that you have to be very consistent and make sure you watch all the details because everything matters from cleaning water buckets everyday to practicing walking and show-ring details.”

During the Grand Drive, 4-H members showed livestock of various species, weights and classes. The other Grand Champions were:

- meat goat wether dam: Spencer Goettemoeller, Randolph County
- market lamb: Gabrielle Route, Clinton County
- market barrow: Hadley Hendrick-



Above: Caroline Sullivan, of Hancock County, hugs her goat that won Reserve Grand Champion meat goat wether during the Indiana State Fair. (courtesy of Lindsey Hanewich Livestock Photography)

- son, Randolph County
- beef heifer: Kiptyn Felton, Huntington County
- beef steer: Redmin Brumbaugh, DeKalb County
- The other Reserve Grand Champions were:
- meat goat wether dam: Piper Unger, Sullivan County
- market lamb: Jack Huelsenbeck, Noble County
- market barrow: Ryder Lambright, LaGrange County
- beef heifer: Hogan Hendrickson, Randolph County
- beef steer: Piper Unger, Sullivan County



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National grain group to evaluate proposed Union Pacific-Norfolk Southern rail merger

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

ARLINGTON, Va. – Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern recently announced plans for a proposed \$85 billion merger that would connect over 50,000 route miles across 43 states, linking about 100 ports, and creating a combined enterprise valued at more than \$250 billion, according to officials.

The merger has prompted the National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA) to evaluate the potential impact on agricultural shipping.

“About 3.2 million rail cars of grains, oilseeds and other agricultural products move by rail on an annual basis, representing more than 10 percent of all rail shipments, and 26 percent of grain has at least one rail movement,” Mike Seyfert, NGFA president and CEO, told Farm World.

Mike Steenhoek, Soy Transportation Coalition executive director told Farm World, “Railroads – both the large Class I railroads and the regional and shortline railroads – are integral to the success of farmers and U.S. agriculture. Therefore, any major development within the railroad industry is of acute interest to those who supply nutrition and protein to domestic and international customers.”

Steenhoek said, “Many agricultural and other railroad shippers will be concerned that further consolidation in the industry will result in diminished competition among railroads. This could result in increased rates and diminished service.”

Railroad officials said in a July 29 media statement that the proposed merger would enhance the competitiveness of U.S. freight: “U.S. freight railroads move approximately 1.5 billion tons of material and goods every year, and would compete more effectively with Canadian railroads to win back U.S. freight volume and American jobs.”

Moreover, with access to 10 international interchanges and approximately 100 ports, the proposed merger would “unlock strong international trade routes and offer greater access to U.S.-made goods,” officials said.

“This dynamic occurred when Canadian Pacific originally offered to acquire Kansas City Southern a few years ago,” Steenhoek said. “This prompted Canadian Pacific’s main competitor – Canadian National – to submit their own offer to acquire Kansas City Southern. Ultimately the Canadian National offer was not allowed to proceed, and Canadian Pacific did acquire Kansas City Southern in 2023.

“It is a fundamental reality within supply chains that handoffs – whether between modes of transportation

or providers of transportation – frequently result in additional costs,” he added. “Those who have long promoted consolidation between the eastern and western railroads have argued that eliminating these handoffs between one railroad and another will reduce costs and enhance marketing options for shippers.

“Proponents will argue that eastern shippers will have augmented access to western markets and ports,” he said. “Similarly, western shippers will have increased access to eastern markets and ports.”

Officials said the proposed merger would “unlock rail options for shippers in regions where railroad connections are less efficient, such as the Ohio Valley and on both sides of the Mississippi River, creating a more accessible, sustainable, and lower-cost supply chain for manufacturers and consumers.”

In the interim, Seyfert said, “NGFA looks forward to hearing from the Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern railroads and learning how they believe the merger will create resilient and reliable efficiencies and incentives in timeliness of service and deliveries – along with fair and reasonable rates to better serve our members.”

He added, “NGFA will also undertake extensive analysis and discussions with our members to determine the impact on cost and competitiveness for American agriculture.”

Officials said if the proposed merger goes through, the combined company would be headquartered in Omaha, Neb., while Atlanta, Ga., would remain a core location for the combined organization over the long term, with a focus on technology, operations, and innovation, among other priorities.

Officials added the proposed merger is subject to Surface Transportation Board review and approval within its statutory timeline, customary closing conditions, and shareholder approval.

“Many of us in agriculture, including NGFA, will be evaluating the potential transaction to assess its impact on the industry,” Steenhoek said.

The two companies are targeting closing the transaction by early 2027, officials said.

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Above: When it’s Ohio State Fair time, the entire Elsass family from Wapakoneta, Ohio, willingly competes. Family members include: front row from left: Chris, Tana, Finley, Lilly and Jeremy; back row: Tatum, Jonathon, Braxton and Trapper. (Doug Graves photo)

Showing at state fair 50-plus years is never tiring for these families

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Just hours before the 12-day Ohio State Fair ended, Donna Greiwe, 67, of Sidney, Ohio, began the long task of disas-

sembling items in her stall at the cattle barn, loading several of her Ayrshire cattle into her long transporting van.

Greiwe was preparing for the 83-mile trip back to her farm in Shelby County. Attending and showing cattle at the Ohio State Fair is a routine Greiwe has done many times – 60 times to be exact.

“I began showing Jerseys at the Ohio State Fair in 1965. I was just an eighth grader at the time,” Greiwe said. “I met my husband at the Ohio State Fair when we both were in high school. I had Jerseys and he showed Ayrshires. Three years later we got married. He joined the U.S. Navy and I remained on the farm, raising the animals and tending to the farm until he returned home.”

Greiwe and her husband purchased Mill Valley Farms in 1972. Located just three miles east of Sidney, this 130-acre farm produces corn, soybeans, wheat and hay. And of course, the cattle.

“I actually started showing cattle at county fairs when I was just 4 years old,” Greiwe said. “That was 71 years ago.”

Greiwe has a passion for dairy cattle of all breeds, but now focuses on Ayrshires. In the past she served as president of the Ohio Jersey Board, something she’s proud to discuss.

The highlight of each year, she said, is showing her cattle at the state fair. She confessed she is as excited to show her cattle today as she did 60 years ago and hopes to pass

(Ohio fair continued on page 10)



Above: The thrill for showing cattle at the Ohio State Fair for Donna Greiwe is two-fold: raising championship-style cattle and winning a banner or two. The trophies, ribbons and banners she’s won over the years would fill two rooms in her home in Sidney, Ohio. (Doug Graves photo)



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MARKETS

Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 8/11/2025 - Final AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 8/4/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	534	637	651
Feeder Cattle:	427(80.0%)	532(83.5%)	513(78.8%)
Slaughter Cattle:	93(17.4%)	103(16.2%)	136(20.9%)
Replacement Cattle:	14(2.6%)	2(0.3%)	2(0.3%)

Compared to last Monday the feeder market was mostly steady with a good quality offering. Feeder steers 650 lbs and under were mostly steady to 4.00 higher in spots with a moderate supply and good demand. Feeder heifers 650 lbs and under were unevenly steady bouncing from 3.00 lower to 3.00 higher across the weight classes with good demand for weaned packages. No trends on yearling steers or heifers due to limited comparisons. Slaughter cows were 2.00 to 5.00 lower and slaughter bulls were 2.00 to 3.00 lower with a good supply and moderate demand. Supply included: 80% Feeder Cattle (26% Steers, 55% Heifers, 19% Bulls); 17% Slaughter Cattle (3% Steers, 83% Cows, 13% Bulls, 1% Dairy Cows); 3% Replacement Cattle (83% Bred Cows, 17% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 50%.

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HEIFERS
74 Hd 85% Black/XBRED 644 lbs 357.00

FEEDER CATTLE					
STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	225	225	420.00	420.00	
5	355-395	378	407.50-427.50	418.15	
2	430-440	435	390.00-400.00	395.06	
7	405-420	418	425.00-442.50	427.42 Value Added	
5	450-477	472	391.00-407.50	394.15	
3	500-535	512	372.50-385.00	380.06	
2	572	572	362.50	362.50	
6	556-585	561	385.00-402.00	399.04 Value Added	
4	635-642	639	339.00-354.00	349.77	
19	650-695	665	320.00-347.50	334.61	
18	658-678	674	367.00-380.00	377.18 Value Added	
7	705-725	709	312.00-335.00	327.67	
1	795	795	300.00	300.00	
3	815	815	291.00	291.00	
3	970-975	972	270.00-281.00	277.32	
1	955	955	200.00	200.00 Fleshy	
1	1090	1090	241.00	241.00	

STEERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	458-475	462	367.00-373.00	368.54	
2	592	592	338.00	338.00	
4	600-645	621	305.00-324.00	317.47	
1	750	750	282.50	282.50	
1	885	885	270.00	270.00	

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	495	495	340.00	340.00	
1	540	540	300.00	300.00	

STEERS - Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	445	445	375.00	375.00	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	155-165	160	505.00-540.00	521.95 Fancy	
2	200-215	208	397.50-410.00	403.52	
2	260	260	407.50	407.50	
1	305	305	402.50	402.50	
3	341	341	422.50	422.50 Thin Fleshed	
6	370-382	376	385.00-400.00	395.78	
5	370-395	381	405.00-410.00	407.97 Value Added	
11	400-445	423	372.50-392.50	381.10	
1	405	405	410.00	410.00 Fancy	
14	455-495	474	360.00-377.50	368.07	
2	450	450	385.00	385.00 Value Added	
4	500-530	523	323.00-340.00	335.17	
2	515	515	346.00	346.00 Guaranteed Open	
8	570-590	583	300.00-320.00	314.51	
1	570	570	287.50	287.50 Fleshy	
15	550-598	587	343.00-349.00	347.45 Value Added	
4	607-640	624	321.00-323.00	321.97	
1	610	610	347.50	347.50 Guaranteed Open	
74	644	644	357.00	357.00 Value Added	
1	695	695	202.50	202.50 Fleshy	
16	657-683	669	323.00-340.00	335.03 Guaranteed Open	
1	745	745	280.00	280.00	
1	730	730	241.00	241.00 Fleshy	
3	701	701	317.50	317.50 Guaranteed Open	
6	785-793	792	261.00-269.00	262.32	
2	840	840	255.00	255.00	
6	855	855	286.00	286.00 Guaranteed Open	
1	900	900	230.00	230.00	
3	1043	1043	225.00	225.00	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	195	195	385.00	385.00	
1	235	235	385.00	385.00	
2	350	350	362.50	362.50	
1	440	440	367.50	367.50	
3	475-490	480	330.00-352.50	342.53	
1	625	625	298.00	298.00	
2	675-685	680	260.00-265.00	262.52	
1	735	735	222.50	222.50	

2 790 790 235.00 235.00					
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	315-325	322	285.00-320.00	296.42	
2	385	385	321.00	321.00	
1	460	460	300.00	300.00	

HEIFERS - Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	305	305	310.00	310.00	

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	290	290	437.50	437.50	
1	315	315	407.50	407.50	
5	380-395	383	390.00-410.00	397.94	
10	405-437	416	387.50-415.00	400.92	
6	450-497	488	375.00-380.00	378.39	
6	515-530	525	362.50-365.00	364.16	
2	510	510	382.50	382.50 Fancy	
1	550	550	340.00	340.00	
10	558-570	562	367.50-380.00	377.06 Fancy	
2	610-630	620	307.50-310.00	308.77	
5	652-667	659	315.00-321.00	316.19	
2	735	735	267.00	267.00	
3	765-785	773	240.00-247.50	244.13	

BULLS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	340	340	385.00	385.00	
3	360-380	368	377.50-387.50	382.48	
4	435-446	443	355.00-380.00	373.87	
5	450-480	472	347.50-367.50	360.99	
2	520	520	330.00	330.00	
1	570	570	303.00	303.00	
1	625	625	287.50	287.50	

BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	365	365	301.00	301.00	
1	435	435	342.50	342.50	

BULLS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	650	650	277.50	277.50	

BULLS - Medium 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	310	310	207.50	207.50	

SLAUGHTER CATTLE					
STEERS - Select and Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
2	1100-1175	1138	240.00-251.00	245.32	Average
1	1285	1285	204.00	204.00	Low

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
18	1300-1905	1459	164.00-177.00	170.32	Average
4	1425-1620	1523	180.00-190.00	184.53	High
2	1420-2005	1713	154.00-161.00	156.90	Low

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
19	980-1500	1222	160.00-174.00	166.35	Average
5	1015-1490	1282	177.00-185.00	180.89	High
3	1190-1285	1232	153.00-156.00	154.96	Low

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
8	890-1175	1038	141.00-163.00	154.43	Average
3	915-1040	983	207.00-212.50	209.95	Average

DAIRY COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1220	1220	135.00	135.00	Average

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
8	1130-2050	1657	191.00-201.00	196.62	Average
2	1970-1975	1973	205.00-214.00	209.49	High
1	1230	1230	183.00	183.00	Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE					
BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)					
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range
2-4	T2	3	975-1125	1025	2700.00-3000.00
>5	T2	5	1170-1600	1397	2000.00-3175.00
>5	T3	2	1090-1305	1198	2350.00-3050.00
COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)					
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range
>5	O	1	1665	1665	4000.00
COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 2 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)					
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range
>5	O	1	1145	1145	2650.00

Please Note: The above USDA LPGMN price report is reflective of the majority of classes and grades of livestock offered for sale. There may be instances where some sales do not fit within reporting guidelines and therefore will not

MARKETS

Weekly Combined Regional Shell Egg Report

Report for: 08/03/2025 - 08/09/2025

National Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (8/1/2025)	
Extra Large	274.00 - 311.00	295.25	-72.00	367.25	
Large	273.00 - 300.00	286.69	-72.00	358.69	
Medium	136.00 - 161.00	149.00	-44.00	193.00	

Midwest Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (8/1/2025)	
Extra Large	274.00 - 283.00	278.50	-72.00	350.50	
Large	273.00 - 282.00	277.50	-72.00	349.50	
Medium	136.00 - 145.00	140.50	-44.00	184.50	

Delivered Store Door, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (8/1/2025)	
Extra Large	281.00 - 289.00	285.00	-72.00	357.00	
Large	279.00 - 287.00	283.00	-72.00	355.00	
Medium	142.00 - 150.00	146.00	-44.00	190.00	

Paid to Producers - FOB, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (8/1/2025)	
Large	255.00 - 265.00	260.00	-72.00	332.00	
Medium	118.00 - 122.00	120.00	-44.00	164.00	
Small	77.00 - 83.00	80.00	-15.00	95.00	

Northeast Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (8/1/2025)	
Extra Large	281.00 - 302.00	291.50	-72.00	363.50	
Large	275.00 - 289.00	282.00	-72.00	354.00	
Medium	138.00 - 151.00	144.50	-44.00	188.50	

South Central Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (8/1/2025)	
Extra Large	3302.50 - 311.00	306.75	-72.00	378.75	
Large	291.50 - 300.00	295.75	-72.00	367.75	
Medium	152.50 - 161.00	156.75	-44.00	200.75	

Southeast Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (8/1/2025)	
Extra Large	300.50 - 308.00	304.25	-72.00	376.25	
Large	288.00 - 295.00	291.50	-72.00	363.50	
Medium	150.50 - 158.00	154.25	-44.00	198.25	

Explanatory Notes: Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, white eggs in cartons.
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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Weekly National Sheep Summary For Week Ending Friday, August 8, 2025

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter Slaughter lambs steady to instances of 5.00 higher. Slaughter ewes sold with higher undertones compared to last week's light test. Good demand for slaughter lambs of all weights. Very good demand for ewes. All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.		130.00-140.00. Good 2-3 107.50-140.00.
Kalona:		
Sioux Falls:		
Good 2-3:		85.00-120.00; Good 4-5: 95.00-105.00;
Utility 1-2:		75.00-115.00.
Buffalo, MO:		No test.
Missouri:		Good 2-3 148.00.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-3:		
San Angelo:	50-60 lbs 240.00; 60-70 lbs 228.00.00; 70-80 lbs 233.00; 80-90 lbs 220.00.	
New Holland:	No test.	
Billings:	120-130 lbs 175.00; 130-140 lbs 175.00-178.00.	
Ft. Collins:	50-60 lbs 220.00-240.00; 60-70lbs 210.00-220.00; 80-90 lbs 210.00-230.00; 90-100 lbs 205.00-230.00; 110-120 lbs 200.00-205.00; 130-140 lbs 205.00-230.00.	
Kalona:	50-60 lbs 305.00; 60-70 lbs 260.00-270.00; 70-80 lbs 250.00-265.00; 80-90 lbs 220.00-250.00; 90-100 lbs 225.00.	
Equity Coop:	No test.	
Sioux Falls:	60-70 lbs 225.00-245.00; 70-80lbs 195.00-220.00; 80-90 lbs 220.00-225.00; 90-100 lbs 205.00-227.50; 100-110 lbs 205.00-227.50; 110-120 lbs 210.00-215.00 120-130lbs 210.00-230.00;130-140 lbs 217.50-231.00; 140-150 lbs 227.00-235.00; 150-160 lbs 220.00-222.50.	
Buffalo, MO:	No test.	
Missouri:	60-70 lbs 235.00; 70-80 lbs 222.50; 140 lbs 177.50; 190 lbs 157.50. 90-100 lbs 202.50; 130-140 lbs 147.500-170.00.	
Arkansas:	No test.	
Equity Coop:	No test.	

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:		
San Angelo:	No test.	
Ft. Collins:	No test.	
South Dakota:	No test.	
Kalona:	No test.	
Billings:	No test.	
Missouri:	No test.	
Arkansas:	No test.	
Buffalo, MO:	No test.	

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 32,000 compared to 32,000 last week and 34,517 last year.		
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Good 2-3 95.00-116.00.		
No test.		
Good 2-3 78.00-87.00; Good 3-4 79.00-82.00.		
Good 2-3 95.00-135.00; Good 4-5		

Daily Livestock and Poultry Slaughter

Report for Thursday, August 14, 2025 - Final

Current Day Slaughter									
Thurs., Aug. 14, 2025		Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week	Last Year	2025	2024	YTD
					WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD	% Change
Calves	1,000	1,000	529	4,000	4,000	3,094	81,776	133,430	-38.7%
Cattle	113,000	115,000	120,533	446,000	447,000	476,501	18,263,587	19,553,076	-6.6%
Hogs	473,000	457,000	479,577	1,913,000	1,829,000	1,928,286	77,910,088	79,716,138	-2.3%
Sheep	6,000	5,000	6,845	30,000	28,000	30,777	1,201,645	1,192,814	0.7%
Chicken (Young)	35,427,000	35,509,000	34,832,000	140,505,000	141,542,000	140,171,000	5,821,661,000	5,887,794,000	-1.1%

Previous Daily Slaughter									
Wed., Aug. 13, 2025		Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week	Last Year	2025	2024	YTD
					WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD	% Change
Calves	1,000	1,000	964	3,000	3,000	2,565	80,776	132,901	-39.2%
Cattle	116,000	116,000	121,970	333,000	332,000	355,968	18,150,587	19,432,543	-6.6%
Hogs	478,000	465,000	480,526	1,440,000	1,372,000	1,448,709	77,437,088	79,236,561	-2.3%
Sheep	7,000	6,000	5,685	24,000	23,000	23,932	1,195,645	1,185,969	0.8%
Chicken (Young)	34,744,000	35,189,000	34,911,000	105,078,000	106,033,000	105,339,000	5,786,234,000	5,852,962,000	-1.1%

Previous Day Breakdown									
Wed., Aug. 13, 2025									
Cattle		Steers/Heifers ...97,000		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 USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News Washington, DC (202) 720-1990 https://ams.usda.gov/lpgmn https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/ https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/3208									

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Small Animals		8/12/2025	Sheep		Cows	
Chickens		\$1-\$12	Ewes	\$0.90-\$1.50	Cull Cows	\$1-\$1.67
Bantys		\$3-\$10	40-60# Lambs	\$2.35-\$3	Bulls	\$1.75-\$1.87
Ducks		\$3-\$21	61-80# Lambs	\$1.95-\$2.85		16
Pigeons		\$1-\$4.75	81-100# Lambs	\$1.75-\$2.60	Fat Cattle	
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the fun of showing cattle to those in her family.

"I'm the fourth generation to show, and I have kids, grandkids and four great-grandkids helping, so there will be a seventh generation hopefully," Greiwe said.

Many her age give thoughts to retirement or at least slowing down. Not Greiwe. The smile on her face and the enthusiasm in her voice let you know there's no "quit" in this cattlewoman.

"I've never given thought to stop showing at the Shelby County Fair or the Ohio State Fair," she admitted. "Raising cattle isn't easy and the days are long, but I enjoy it. With dairy, you have to be dedicated 24/7."

"The toughest year has been this year after the passing of my husband this past May. We've always done this together. But the support of my family kicked in and my kids wanted me to continue. In addition, the people in these barns here at the fair are wonderful, so I can't see myself stopping any time soon."

Greiwe and her husband had as many as 55 head of Ayrshires in 2022. Nowadays, she tends to 20 to 25 at any given time.

She reflected on the differences she's seen at the fairgrounds since her first visit.

"The Ohio State Fair has changed quite a bit over all those years," Greiwe said. "There was the fire that destroyed the cattle barn in 1972, and I've witnessed the erection of several new buildings on the fairgrounds, but when you talk about the fair it's all about the people. It's like a great big family reunion. Everyone knows everybody else in these barns, and you get to know everyone's kids, and you see all of them grow up."

Sharing space just a few stalls down in the same barn this year was the Elsass family of Wapakoneta, Ohio. At their Quiet Cove Farms, one will find roughly 400 Jerseys and Brown Swiss. The Elsass family also grows corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa hay on their 900-acre farm. The Elsass clan has been a familiar face in the cattle barn for over five decades.

"We've been showing Holsteins at the Ohio State Fair since 1972, so that's a total of 53 years," Jeremy Elsass said. "My parents, Lauren and Tanna, started it all."

Despite the oftentimes hot, humid conditions and the task of transporting their animals to and from the fair, the fair is a "must-do" on their calendar each summer for this extended family.

"As you get older showing the animals gets a bit harder, but showing is still fun and being together here at the state fair is always fun," Jeremy said. "If you're successful at show-

ing it's fun and it's good for the farm family name and the marketing that comes with it."

Tana Elsass echoed that sentiment.

"We've shown our cattle for half a century now, but coming to the Ohio State Fair and showing never gets old," Tana said. "We're an established farm with several generations working it, trying to breed great cows."

Greiwe and the Elsass family are just two of many who have exhibited for decades at the Ohio State Fair. For example, Jerry Frame, of Blue Rock, Ohio, exhibited sheep for 60 years while Gerald Harkness, of Erie County, showed draft horses for 72 years. Ralph Doak, of Clinton County, showed his swine for 50 years and Charles Cox, of Washington Court House, was involved with the fair for more than 60 years as a concessionaire. His forte was ice cream.

Fred Wilkes, of Pataskala, Ohio, exhibited his horses and dairy goats for 66 years. Ted Barhorst and his brother, George, of Fort Loramie, Ohio, showed draft horses for 60 years, while Donald and Joanne Tracey, of Holland, Ohio, served the fair as vendors for 60 years. Glen Carr, of Pickerington, Ohio, served as a barn director for more than 50 years.



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Above: OSHI partners Rural Action hosted a rally in celebration of last year's Ohio Soil Health Week, this one taking place in Athens, Ohio. (photo submitted)

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Ohio legislature passes HB 65, recognizing Ohio Soil Health Week

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio - House Bill 65, the Agriculture Appreciation Act, passed the Ohio legislature and was signed into law on July 1 by Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine. The bill makes several specified day and week designations relating to agriculture, including recognizing the second full week of November as "Ohio Soil Health Week."

Ohio Sen. Tim Schaffer (R-20th district) spearheaded efforts for this bill, realizing the importance of health soils. Schaffer was good friends with Fairfield County farmer David Brandt, who was referred to as the "Godfather of soil health" in Ohio. Brandt, who passed away at the age of 76, was a global leader in no-till, cover crops, direct marketing and, most of all, soil health.

Agriculturalists from around the world visited Brandt's farm each year to see his soils first-hand and learn from his many years of experience. Brandt, a conservation mentor to many, traveled the world speaking about his farm. He preached that no-till and cover crops increased soil organic matter and decreased input

costs dramatically. Healthy soil was Brandt's main thrust.

"That week will bring awareness to the hard work and achievements of individuals around Ohio and their contributions to Ohio's soil health," Schaffer said. "Celebration of that work will be held every second full week in November in honor of David Brandt, the Godfather of soil health. David dedicated his time, talent and knowledge to soil health and encouraged many others to do the same."

The weeklong, statewide celebration (Nov. 9-15) will include outreach, education opportunities, and events to elevate this valuable natural resource.

This effort follows years of advocacy by members of Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA) and Ohio Soil Health Initiative (OSHI) to advance soil health legislation in the Ohio General Assembly, drawing inspiration from other states that have received support from their elected officials in commemorating soil's importance with officially designated celebrations.

The inaugural celebration of Ohio Soil Health Week took place in November 2024, preceding its official designation. That event involved 25 statewide partners, 19 events and 724 attendees.

During last year's celebration, attendees toured farms, heard from legislators, and learned about soil health practices directly from farmers.

"The official designation by the State of Ohio elevates the importance of soil health in the public imagination," said OEFFA Policy Director Milo Petruziello. "This allows us to grow the week and raise more awareness of soil's vital role in our health, environment and economy."

Agriculture is Ohio's top industry, and those involved in the sector are stewarding Ohio's lands. Like the late David Brandt, many Ohio producers are working to expand their soil health practices and share what they learn.

"The Brandt family celebrates the passage of House Bill 65," said David's son, Jay. "Our father was a strong advocate for Ohio agriculture, soil stewardship and education. We are pleased to see his legacy continue with the Agriculture Appreciation Act, especially with the focus on soil health and consumer education."

Last year alone, 28 states passed healthy soils legislation. By official-

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Above: David Brandt's efforts to improve soil health have made an impact nationwide and across the globe. For example, in 2022, No-till on the Plains, an educational and farming nonprofit based in Kansas, created the No-till David Brandt Soil Legacy Award, given to spotlight producers who committed their life work to improving soil health. (photo submitted)

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Above: During Ohio’s first-ever Soil Health Rally in Athens last year, Ohio Soil Health Initiative members gathered at the Athens County Municipal Courthouse to celebrate the vital role soil plays in food production, climate mitigation and watershed health. (Lilah Gagne photo)

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ly recognizing Ohio Soil Health Week, Ohio is harnessing this nationwide momentum to celebrate the importance of healthy soils.

“Soil health matters to all of us and impacts all aspects of our lives, including our food, environment, communities and health,” said OEFFA Grassroots Policy Organizer Lauren Hirtle. “Healthy soils are even more important during the hard times such as drought or very wet springs. Healthy soils are the key to resilience in the face of the many threats our farmers confront every day. Healthy soil is essential to our future. Soil is the foundation of our food and farm systems and when its health is prioritized, it holds more water, reduces runoff, and protects water quality.”

On Nov. 12, OEFFA will sponsor

a tour of the Brandt Family Farm in Fairfield County. The Brandt Family Farm grows corn, soybeans, wheat and a variety of other cereal grains. For more than 50 years, the family has been committed to soil conservation and building healthy soils. The guided tour will focus on soil health, cover crops, no-till practices and heritage grains.

A few of the OEFFA-sponsored Ohio Soil Health Week events scheduled include Soil Health Field Demo Day (Champaign County, Nov. 10); Martin Hollow Heritage Farm Tour (Brown County, Nov. 12); Determining Biological Nitrogen Fixation in Maize Varieties in Ohio (Franklin County, Nov. 13); Soil Health Rally (Athens County, Nov. 14); Soil Health Testing Livestream (Virtual, Nov. 14) and Healthy Soil Festival (Hamilton County, Nov. 16).

To learn more about the Ohio Soil Health Week events go to ohiosoil-healthweek.com.

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Ohio FFA chapters used grants to assist local communities



Above: Indian Lake High School and FFA seniors Meya Karbowiak and Justin Zimmerman led their chapter’s efforts of raising 52 turkeys in their campus FFA barn. (photo submitted)

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Each year, FFA chapters across Ohio submit project proposals to fund programs designed to build sustainable relationships and programs that will help their local communities. The grants are funded by Heritage Cooperative, the Ohio Department of Agriculture and Trillium Farms.

Each grant recipient works in collaboration with local organizations to complete these agriculture-focused projects varying from educational programs to food production and donations.

At the end of 2024, a total of 19 chapters received such grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000. All chapters completed their projects between fall of 2024 and summer of this year.

The 2024 grant recipients were Allen East FFA, Bloom-Carroll FFA, Circleville-PRCTC FFA, Eaton-MVCTC FFA, Evergreen FFA, Green-SCCTC FFA, Indiana Lake-OHP FFA, Marysville FFA, Mechanicsburg FFA, Miami Trace Great Oaks FFA, Mowrystown FFA, National

Trail-MVCTC FFA, Piketon FFA, Plymouth FFA, Ridgewood FFA, Southern Local FFA, Talawanda-Butler Tech FFA, Twin Valley South-MVCTC FFA and Zane Trace FFA.

The Circleville-based chapter in Pickaway County used the grant to construct a small barn to house chickens as part of a hands-on agricultural education project. The chapter partnered with third grade classes at Circleville Elementary to learn about chicken development and husbandry as they hatched chicks. The members conducted feed trials and donated the processed chickens to the local food pantry.

“Being able to raise these chickens has created a hands-on experience for all students to develop responsibility skills in and outside of the classroom,” chapter president Amelia Tarbill said.

The Evergreen FFA in Fulton County created a Thankful Thanksgiving event exemplifying the spirit of community and giving back. Their project goal was to provide meals for families facing economic challenges.

Members started by organizing a food drive that collected turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, beans, carrots, beets, stuffing, butter and milk. The group’s promotion strategy included colorful posters displayed throughout the Evergreen school district.

Evergreen FFA members then transformed their ag building into an assembly line where they packaged the meals for households, then delivered them to those families.

The Southern Local FFA in Columbiana County received \$3,500 in grant funds, using the money to build a hydroponics-based food production system. The system was used to grow fruits and vegetables in the classroom, with the remaining produce used in the school’s cafeteria.

“We worked in collaboration with the Columbiana County OSU Extension office to build this food production system,” said FFA Adviser Shelley Pirogowicz. “We’ve used it to learn about plant science and food preparation and preservation. It applied to our agronomics and food science classes, where 40 agriculture education students participated.”

The students grew a variety of lettuce,

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green beans, broccoli, green onions and cilantro.

“The project taught students about alternative plant cultivation methods and food preservation techniques that could be applied both at school and at home,” Pirogowicz said.

At Indian Lake High School FFA in Logan County, seniors Meya Karbowiak and Justin Zimmerman raised 52 turkeys in their FFA barn. The poults arrived last summer and Karbowiak, Zimmerman and other chapter members tended to the growth of the birds continuously.

“We learned right away that the turkeys were going to be more difficult than we thought, so we had to come up with strategies to keep them safe and healthy,” Zimmerman said.

“We learned that they like to attack each other. So that’s something that we had to work around a lot,” Karbowiak said.

In early November the turkeys were processed. Half the turkeys were sold ahead of Thanksgiving while the other half were donated to a local food bank to feed area families over the holidays.

National Trail FFA in Preble County with its “Bags of Hope” initiative, provided families in the county with 50 bags of non-perishable ingredients during the Thanksgiving holiday season. Each bag included ingredients and recipes for two casserole meals.

“Generally, we work through the National Trail district but this time they went to every school district in the county,” school agriculture educator Eric Kennel said. “We also work with different organizations, companies and foundations to generate the funds for this project. Our community liaisons in our school districts work with families so they can get those out.”

Allen East FFA in Allen County incubated chicken eggs with third and fourth grade classes. The chickens were processed and donated to a local food pantry.

Bloom-Carroll FFA in Fairfield Coun-

ty hosted a week-long day camp for students in kindergarten through fifth grade while those at the Mowrytown FFA in Highland County offered a three-day camp where kids learned about agriculture and FFA through hands-on activities.

Eaton-MVCTC FFA in Preble County hosted an Ag STEM Day for all Preble County third grade students, teaching students about the importance of agriculture.

Green-SCCTC FFA in Scioto County created an outdoor land lab with raised garden beds to learn how to plant, care for, and harvest produce.

Indian Lake-OHP FFA in Logan County raised market turkeys, donating them to local families in need, while Mechanicsburg FFA in Champaign County raised vegetable starter plants to give to community members in need.

Marysville FFA in Union County, Miami Trace Great Oaks FFA in Fayette County and Talawanda-Butler Tech FFA in Butler County targeted farmers with their efforts. Marysville members prepared farmer gift bags filled with supplies like sunscreen, hand wipes, lip balm and first aid kits, while Miami Trace students handed out gift bags and included a meal of appreciation. Talawanda-Butler Tech students provided farmers with fire safety supplies and materials pertaining to mental health.

Piketon FFA in Pike County created a one-acre pumpkin patch, then hosted a Pumpkin Education Community Day with lots of activities.

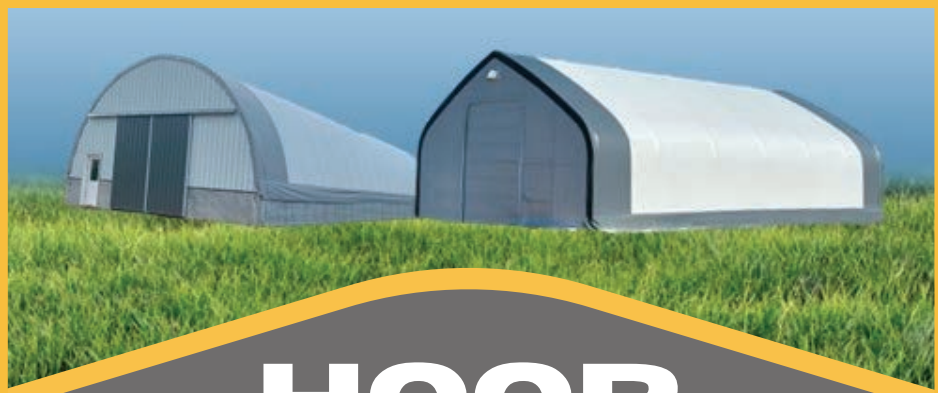
Plymouth FFA in Richland County taught students about being prepared for emergency situations, teaching first aid skills and creating their own emergency car kits.

Richwood FFA in Coshocton County purchased hogs from the country fair, processed the meat from the animals and donated the meat to local food banks.

Twin Valley South-MVCTC FFA in Preble County created the Panther Depot to supply in-need students with hygiene items, and Zane Trace FFA in Ross County raised broilers and laying hens as well as vegetables and herbs. Their meat and vegetables were donated to the local food pantry.



Above: National Trail FFA in Preble County collected 50 bags of food items, enough to feed 500 families over the Thanksgiving holiday. (photo submitted)



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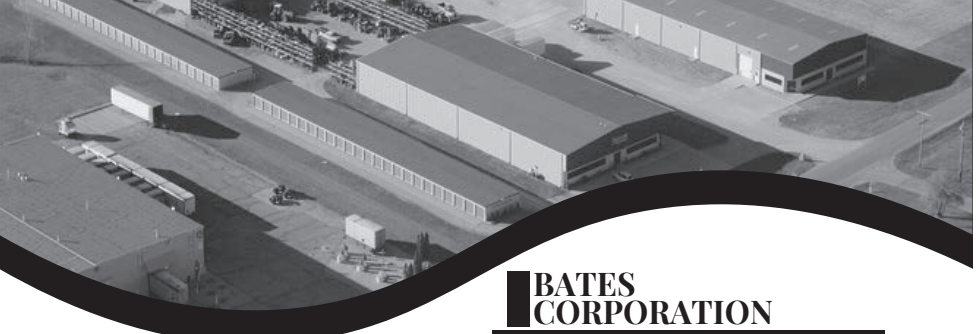
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Man's best friend possibly lanternfly's worst enemy

By DOUG GRAVES
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. – From sniffing out rare species to tracking down poachers, dogs aid conservation efforts in a variety of ways. And a growing list of successes shows how the nose of “man’s best friend” can be an especially powerful weapon in the battle against invasive organisms.

Lately, dogs have proved to be particularly useful allies against one infamously unwelcome guest: spotted lanternflies.

Winnie and Marcel are two specifically trained detection dogs that have joined the Tennessee Department of Agriculture’s Plant Certification Section to inspect areas where the invasive spotted lanternfly has been reported, but not visually confirmed.

“These dogs are an efficient new tool to fight the spread of the spotted lanternfly,” Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M. said. “Our trained inspectors who work with the dogs report that the dogs’ ability to detect the pest in all stages gives us an advantage in safeguarding Tennessee’s fruit and forest industries.”

Winnie and Marcel graduated from the USDA’s National Detector Dog

Above: Spotted lanternflies have a strong preference for grapevines, maples, black walnut, birch and willow. (photo submitted)

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Dogs

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Training Center in Georgia, operated by the agency's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Plant Protection and Quarantine Program. The program started in 1984 with just one dog and one trainer. Today, the 17-acre compound includes eight buildings and 100 kennels. The center is in Newnan, Ga.

The center's dog teams carry out a range of activities, from inspecting passenger baggage, cargo and parcels at ports of entry to detecting certain invasive species in the environment, such as the spotted lanternfly.

Requirements for the dogs are that they are 1-3 years in age, healthy, friendly and highly food driven. The dogs are recruited from animal shelters, rescue groups and even private owners.

Derrick Tillman, supervisory training specialist at the center, said each dog is given a physical exam and tested in real inspection environments to expose them to the sights, sounds, smells and surfaces and equipment.



Above: The hunted. The dreaded lanternfly is the target of the detection dogs. However, it is the lanternfly eggs that the dogs key in on. (photo submitted)

If the dogs pass the screening process, they begin the 13-week training. Tillman said 75 percent of the dogs in training finish the program successfully.

Breeds used to sniff out spotted lanternflies include Labrador Retrievers, Belgian Malinois and Cardigan Welsh Corgis. Tillman said the training process involves exposing dogs to the scent of the lanternfly eggs, allowing them to identify and locate them.

Winnie and Marcel are actively working alongside plant inspectors Mary Glover and Kyle Webb. Glover and Winnie are stationed in Knoxville, while Webb and Marcel operate out of Mt. Juliet near the state's largest known spotted lanternfly area.

The insect-sniffing duos will be used to help clear plant shipments from nursery-producing areas if any spotted lanternflies are found nearby. Currently, they inspect retail plant dealers because the movement of infested material posts a greater risk for lanternfly spread. Already, they've successfully detected spotted lanternflies in Sumner County in Tennessee.

Populations of the invasive insect are currently found in 18 states: Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Michigan, Maryland, Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Spotted lanternflies excrete a sugary waste called honeydew. This leads to the proliferation of sooty mold and black-colored fungi. The public has been recruited to try to stop the spread and is encouraged to kill the insect. But before they can be killed, they must first be found. Finding them is like searching for a



Above: Search dog Winnie buries his head in some plants at a nursery in Tennessee, hoping to find traces of the spotted lanternfly. (photo submitted)

needle in a haystack. That's where the dog's nose comes in.

Tennesseans have been asked to report any sightings of the spotted lanternfly, then destroy the egg

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Maple is busy as a bee sniffing out threats to MSU bee colonies

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) – Researchers at a Michigan State University facility dedicated to protecting honeybees are enlisting a four-legged ally to sniff out danger to the prized pollinators.

The Pollinator Performance Center’s wide range of projects includes developing a training program for dogs to use their sensitive noses to uncover a bacterial disease called American foulbrood that threatens honeybee larvae.

Bees and other pollinators have been declining for years because of disease, insecticides, climate change and lack of a diverse food supply. A considerable portion of the human diet comes from plants pollinated by bees.

Maple, who once served as a human remains detection dog for the St. Joseph County sheriff’s office, has created quite the buzz.

The panting 9-year-old English springer spaniel stood patiently on a recent weekday as Sue Stejskal, her longtime owner, trainer and handler, slowly placed the retired K-9 in a yellow protective suit. The garment includes a veil for her head and four booties worn on her paws in case Maple steps on a bee.

“Much like with humans, we recog-

nize that if a dog is going to be in an active bee yard, they need to wear the same personal protective equipment as people do,” said Stejskal, a Michigan State graduate who has been training dogs over a quarter-century for law enforcement and other uses. “You can’t buy them on Amazon for dogs. So, there’s been some altering and testing.”

Maple suffered an injury while on a case in Ontario, forcing her to retire as a detection K-9 in 2024. But fate intervened.

Meghan Milbrath, an MSU professor whose lab studies risk factors that affect honeybees’ health, was working to establish diagnostic and screening tools for honeybee diseases. A veterinarian who participated in training about honeybees put Milbrath in touch with Stejskal.

They met, and the dog detection plan was born.

Stejskal then set about teaching an old dog a new trick. New to Maple, anyway. Maryland’s agriculture department has also used canine detection methods in beehives.

Michigan State’s objective is to train many more dogs to join the ranks. Milbrath said she is documenting Maple’s training and plans to write a book with Stejskal to educate other teams about their strategy.

Maple, clad in her yellow suit, raced between hive boxes during a recent demonstration. When she found the scent clue left for her, Maple stopped at the box and coolly looked up at Stejskal.

“Good girl. Yes,” Stejskal enthusiastically said, before removing Maple’s veil and tossing a green, Michigan State-branded toy her way.

Stejskal recognizes the work they’re doing is important.

“It’s a cool project,” Stejskal said. “But I was over-the-moon excited, because my dog would still have joy in her life and would still be able to work.”

Fire departments are getting safety training thanks to corn checkoff

INDIANAPOLIS – When a farmer is trapped in a grain bin, every second counts. That’s why the Indiana Corn Marketing Council (ICMC) has stepped up again this summer, funding life-saving rescue equipment and training for six more rural fire departments across the state. Now in its fourth year, the program has helped 29 Indiana departments prepare for grain bin emergencies with specialized tools and hands-on training.

ICMC collaborates with insurance provider Nationwide and the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) to provide rescue tubes and training to rural fire departments. As of now, this program has trained 1,025 Hoosier firefighters.

ICMC and NECAS recently supplied training and equipment to volunteer firefighters in Gibson County (White River Hazleton VFD), Jefferson County (Kent Fire Department), Madison County (Edgewood VFD), Morgan County (Morgantown Rural Fire Department) and Shelby County (Fairland VFD). Equipment and a training session with the Cen-

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ter Township Fire Department in LaPorte County will take place later this summer.

ICMC President Tim Gauck, a farmer from Greensburg, Ind., said, “As the state’s corn checkoff, representing thousands of Indiana farmers, we believe it is a wise investment to provide equipment and training to rural fire departments so they can help rescue farmers from a grain bin entrapment. We know there are many potential dangers when working on a farm. A simple mistake can become a crisis in a hurry. Grain bin entrapments are among those dangers.”

According to a study published by Purdue University in May, there were 51 reported cases of serious injuries while working on U.S. farms in 2024 – 34 of those were grain entrapments. The 34 grain-related entrapments are a 25 percent increase from 2023. Indiana reported the most grain entrapment cases in 2024 with five. Other states with grain entrapments were Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska. The number of farm fatalities dropped from 26 to 22 last year. Historically, 58 percent of farm accidents resulted in a death, but in 2024 that number fell to 43 percent. The Purdue researchers said better preparedness and quicker responses by rural emergency services could be the reason.

Many rural fire departments lack the budget for grain bin safety equipment and training. The six departments that received the equipment



Above: Firefighters from the Kent Fire Department in Jefferson County, Ind., practice a grain bin rescue in a simulator during training provided by the Indiana Corn Marketing Council, the state’s corn checkoff program, in mid-July.

and training this year applied to ICMC for a grant.

“We’re incredibly honored to be chosen for this opportunity,” said Evan Hulett, of the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department. “Having this equipment and the skills to use it can make all the difference when seconds count in a grain bin emergency.”

For details on how to apply for a grant to receive grain bin rescue equipment or training, visit incornandsoy.org/grain-bin-safety/ or contact ICMC Marketing Manager Melanie Batalis at mbatalis@incorn.org.



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Milk will be plentiful for the next two years according to WASDE

The USDA Department sees plenty of milk ahead. It raised its 2025 and 2026 milk production forecasts in the latest World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report, based on the most recent data in the Milk Production report. Growth in output per cow was also increased for both years.

2025 production and marketings were projected at 229.2 and 228.2 billion pounds respectively, up 900 million on both from a month ago. If realized, both would be up 3.3 billion pounds or 1.5 percent from 2024.

2026 production and marketings were projected at 230.4 and 229.4 billion pounds respectively, up 1.3 billion pounds from a month ago. If realized, both would be up 1.2 billion pounds or 0.5 percent from 2025.

The price forecast for 2025 butter was lowered from last month's estimate, based on recent price weakness, and is now projected at a \$2.52 per pound average, down 4 cents, and compares to \$2.8870 in 2024 and \$2.6170 in 2023. The 2026 average was projected at \$2.55, up 1.50 cents from a month ago.

Cheese is expected to average \$1.84 per pound, unchanged from a month ago, and compares to \$1.8634 in 2024 and \$1.7593 in 2023. The 2026 average was projected to slip to \$1.81, unchanged from last month's estimate.

Nonfat dry milk will average \$1.2750 per pound in 2025, up 1.5 cents from a month ago, and compares to \$1.2420 in 2024 and

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By Lee Mielke

\$1.1856 in 2023. The 2026 average is expected to climb to \$1.2550, up 2 cents from last month's estimate.

Dry whey was projected to average 57.50 cents per pound in 2025, unchanged from last month's estimate, and compares to 49.13 cents in 2024 and 36.18 cents per pound in 2023. The 2026 average will fall to 51.50 cents per pound, says USDA, unchanged from last month's projection.

The 2025 Class III milk price was projected to average \$18.50 per hundredweight, unchanged from last month's estimate, and compares to \$18.89 in 2024 and \$17.02 in 2023. The 2026 average was projected at \$17.85, also unchanged from a month ago.

The Class 2025 IV price was lowered to \$18.95, down a dime from last month's estimate, and compares to \$20.75 in 2024 and \$19.12 in 2023. The 2026 average was estimated at \$18.85, up 25 cents from a month ago.

Fluid milk sales saw more improvement in June, perhaps driven by school pipeline filling. The USDA's latest data showed packaged sales at 3.2 billion pounds, up 0.5 percent from June 2024, which follows a 0.9 percent slippage in May.

Conventional product sales totaled just under 3.0 billion pounds, up 0.6 percent from a year ago. Organic sales, at 231 million pounds, were down 1.1 percent from a year ago, and represented a typical 7.2 percent

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Above: Baby animals, like these llamas, were eye-catching many fair visitors who have no connection to farming. (Doug Graves photo)



Above: Ohio State Fair officials offered young visitors the chance to participate in a station-to-station learning experience about farming with its Little Farmers Exhibit. (Doug Graves photo)

170th Ohio State Fair Stresses importance of farming, agriculture

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Franklin County is home to the Ohio State Fair and is the largest county in Ohio by population with 1.3 million people. But in a county with 789,000 people in the workforce, only 679 of them work in agriculture, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).
From 1950 to 2000, Ohio lost more than 6.9 million acres of farmland, moving counties like Franklin away from agricultural roots. Today just 14.5 million acres of land is being used for agricultural purposes.
Agriculture is Ohio's number one industry so this year – more than in years past – officials at the Ohio State Fair

made it a point to educate visitors both young and old about the role that agriculture plays in their lives.
For example, this year Ohio State Fair officials targeted a younger audience with its new Little Farmers Exhibit. The outside display is designed to help teach children (particularly those ages 3-10) about various sectors of agriculture. Through hands-on and engaging activities, kids learned about both animal and crop agriculture as they traveled from station to station. Along the way, they collected items to "sell" at the farmers market station, which is the final stop where they received a prize.
Through a fun and engaging learning experience, young fairgoers were able to learn more about animal agriculture
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Two Chevrolet Silverados take top honors at Ollis auction

By William Flood
Ohio Correspondent

OLMSTED, Ill. – On July 17, Joe Ollis Auction Service hosted an on-line-only auction packed with “heavy duty deals,” featuring trucks, trailers, heavy equipment, auto shop tools and more. A total of 107 items hit the block on Bid.com.

The sale’s highest bid was \$11,050, offered for a 2018 Chevrolet Z71 Silverado with 128,000 miles. This 4-door, half-ton short bed came equipped with a 5.3-liter V8, automatic transmission, and 4WD. While it wasn’t perfect, it was running and carried a Kentucky rebuilt title.

Close behind was a 2012 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD, which drew for \$11,000. This 4-door short bed with 180,000 miles also had 4WD and was powered by a Duramax engine and an Allison automatic transmission. It was equipped with a 5th-wheel hitch and Kendra Klever 33 x 12.50R20 LD tires. The pickup was in fair shape and had a clear title.

Two other trucks were also offered. A 1986 GMC 7000 dump truck with 69,647 miles hit \$4,360. It featured a 366 V8 engine, a 5-plus-2 manual transmission, and good-condition 10.00-20 12-ply tires. Though it showed typical cosmetic wear for a used dump truck, it was running and operating well, and had a clear title. Meanwhile, a 2005 Chevrolet Z71 off-road 4-door short bed with 230,000 miles got a bid of \$3,610. That one had a 5.3-liter V8, automatic transmission, 4WD, and a new set of Falken 35 x 12.50 R20 LT tires. It showed some rust and needed repairs, but it carried a clear title.

Three trailers were available for in-

terested bidders. Leading the group at \$7,475 was a 2021, 32-foot Elite gooseneck trailer. The titled rig had a wood deck, fold-down ramps, side rails, and newer 235/85R16 tires. Coming in much lower at \$520 was a 6x10-foot utility trailer with a steel deck, 2-inch hitch, new taillights, but no title, and needing new tires. It took just \$290 to take home another untitled piece, a 4x8-foot utility trailer with a metal mesh deck, 1 1⁄2-inch hitch, fair tires, but needing new taillights and lacking a jack.

A few pieces of heavy equipment were also up for bid. A John Deere JD 480-B forklift with 6,990 hours and in operating condition fetched \$5,600. Three other forklifts, included a running Yale gasoline model with 2,887 hours and a single-stage mast, won for \$2,130; a Lull Telehandler, working before its one-cylinder engine was removed, that hit \$1,510; and a gasoline-powered Clark forklift with a single-stage mast in running condition, that rolled off for \$1,440.

Adding to the equipment lineup were two commercial mowers. A John Deere 1600 wide-area mower of unknown hours bid to \$5,925. The running machine featured a 60-hp turbocharged, liquid-cooled diesel engine, hydrostatic transmission, an 11-foot 6-inch cut, and rear discharge. In contrast, a working Exmark 60-inch zero-turn mower powered by a Kohler Command Pro 25 engine and 3,325 hours managed just \$950.

Completing the lineup of heavy equipment were over half a dozen lots of accessories and parts. Those were led by a 70-by-75-inch Dangler rotary brush cutter with standard flow and a

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Above: Trailers included this 32-foot Elite gooseneck with a wood bed, side rails, and fold-down ramps, selling for \$7,475.



Above: The auction’s high of \$11,050 won a 2018 4-door Chevrolet Silverado 4WD with 128,000 miles. A 2012 Silverado came in right behind at \$11,000.

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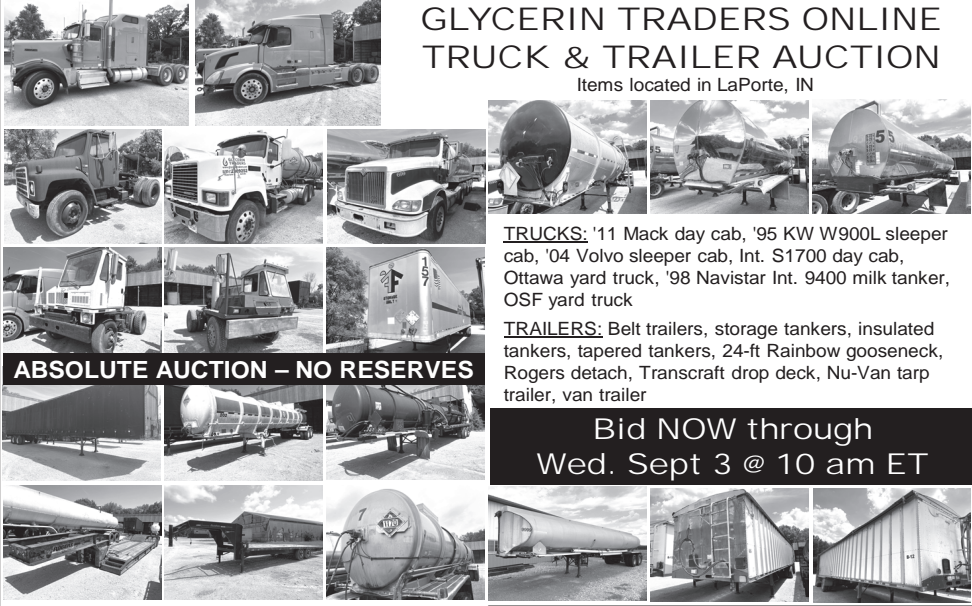
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Hard to tell the difference between animals that are dead or alive

On a wall in my office is a sign that reads: “Employees dying on the job are failing to fall down. This practice must stop, as it becomes impossible to distinguish between death and the natural movement of the staff. Any employee in the future found dead in the upright position will be dropped from the payroll.”

I mention this because I have the same problem with animals – I can’t tell the live ones from the dead ones. Just last week my wife and I were driving on the road that adjoins the horse pasture, and I noticed the buzzards circling over Gentleman’s body. “Oh, no! He’s dead,” I screamed hysterically as I wheeled into the horse pasture.

“No, he’s just sleeping,” said my wife calmly.

“Then why are the buzzards circling?”

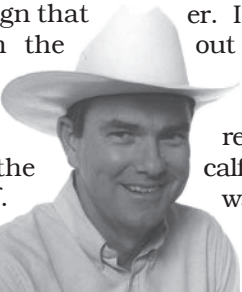
“Gentleman never has had the best horse hygiene if you know what I mean,” said the wife sarcastically.

“He’s dead I tell you. He’s saddled a cloud and rode to the great beyond.” Despite my serenading him with my best rendition of “Wake up, wake up, you sleepy head, come on, come on, get out of bed,” Gentleman didn’t twitch a muscle. So, I got the chain out of the truck to drag my departed steed to the bone pile. About the time I made my second half hitch around Gentleman’s hind leg my good horse miraculously came back to life.

“How did you know he wasn’t dead?” I asked my wife.

“Horses generally don’t die standing up,” she replied accurately. Now all I ever hear when we see Gentleman is the sarcastic comment, “Looks pretty good for a dead horse doesn’t he?”

It’s the same with cows. Whenever we are out checking for newborn calves, I always get a glimpse of the grim reap-



It’s THE PITTS
By Lee Pitts

er. I remember the time we were out riding and we spotted a cow through the binoculars with a calf hanging halfway out her rear end. Neither the cow or the calf were moving. The grass was waving over the pair and I just knew they were in the clutches of St. Peter, not the Sandman.

“She’s just resting between contractions,” suggested my wife, looking through the binoculars.

“No, trust me. I’m sure on this one.” So, we headed back to the house to call the tallow man. Funny thing is that when he arrived and we went out to get that cow and her dead calf we couldn’t find their bodies. Bears must have carried them away, I suppose.

And then there was the time I was driving into town and I saw a dead bull in my neighbor’s front field. Being the good neighbor that I am I called my neighbor to inform him of the passing of his expensive registered Angus herd bull. But when I dialed my neighbor’s number his recorded message indicated that he was trying to enjoy a much-deserved vacation on the islands. So, I naturally just left a message on his recorder that the bull he had just paid \$15,000 for had passed on to the great never-never land.

How was I supposed to know the bull slept with all four legs in the air? I sure hope it didn’t ruin his vacation coming home four days early.

This habit of mine of thinking everything is dead when in fact the animals in question merely have a sleep disorder is causing my wife to stay awake nights. “Why can’t you ever go to sleep before me?” I asked her last night as she lay tossing and turning.

“Because I’m afraid if you look over and see me with my eyes closed you’ll have me buried in the bone pile before I even wake up.”

25x10.00-12 NHS tires. Other notable items included a 67-72 Chevy C-10 radiator and cooling fan that brought \$200, a pair of GM 4L60 transmission cores that hit \$108, and a new-in-box Rough Country Jeep JK 2.5-inch lift kit that fetched \$49.

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skid steer connector that hit \$1,990. Two Cat 73x29 skid steer buckets each sold for \$354. Later, came two augers: a 10-inch-by4-foot model picked up for \$76, and a 20-inch-by-8-foot version getting \$46.

Switching focus to shop tools, 15 lots of auto shop machinery attracted solid interest. Taking the lead was a Tool Mart auto body paint booth that commanded \$4,510. Measuring 32-by-14-by-12-feet, it offered dual entrances, an end draft filtration system, and an attached 6-by-8-foot mixing room. Bidding went to \$1,860 for a working, 2001 World Rack frame machine, while an auto rotisserie was picked up for \$232 and a Snap-On BC4200 fast charger for \$206.

Classic shop tools included a working Knuth Basic-150 Super Lathe with moving dollies, which scored \$2,530. A like-new 40-by-20-by-46-inch six-drawer Snap-On rolling tool chest, complete with keys made it to \$895, while a bid of \$565 won a Miller Econotig CC AC/DC tig welder.

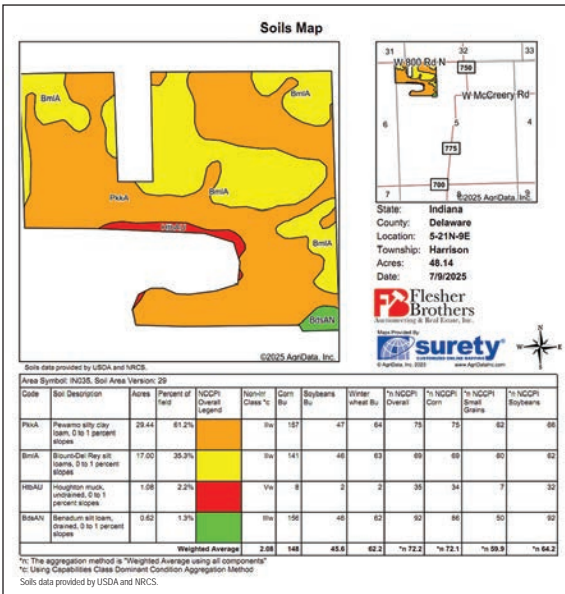
The auction also contained plenty of hand and small power tools that attracted consistent bidding. Examples included a Porter-Cable cutoff saw that got \$78, a box lot of a dozen ratchets and breaker bars bringing \$49, and a Chicago Electric chop saw that went for \$23.

Rounding out the event was a nice lineup of more than a dozen lots of auto parts. Highlights included eight tire sets, grabbing winning bids spanning \$83 for a set of four good-condition 6-lug 15-inch Chevy wheels with Optimo H724 P235/75R15 tires, to \$310 for four Carlisle AT-489 Polaris Ranger wheels with two 25x11-12 NHS and two

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Regenerative Ag Field Day planned for Aug. 26 in southwestern Ohio

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

TRENTON, Ohio – You feed your dog or cat every day, not six months out of the year. In the same way, the microbes in the soil need to be fed 365 days a year. Kent Sonneberg and his son, Ted, operate Sun Mountain Dairy in Henry County, Ohio. They maintain year-round cover on their nearly 2,000 acres of cropland while limiting phosphorus losses on the landscape.

Kent Sonneberg will be the keynote speaker at the Regenerative Ag Field Day sponsored by the Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren soil and water conservation districts on Aug. 26 in Trenton. Sonneberg will describe how they keep every acre of soil covered on their 3,000-cow dairy, where crop rotation is a thing of the past.

Sonneberg is a lifelong dairy farmer. He farmed with his father, Reinhold, for 30 years. They had 25 cows and expanded to 50. Ted, graduated from Cornell University and then worked at a big dairy farm in California. Fifteen years ago, he came back to Ohio.

They bought a larger dairy farm a few miles down the road and expanded to 700 cows, then 2,000. They're currently at 3,100. Kent mostly takes care of the grain end of the farm while Ted takes care of the dairy.



Above: The Sonneberg family with some of their holsteins. Daughter-in-law Kari (Ted's wife) with two of their kids, Emmitt and Lois; Kent; his son Ted; Ted and Kari's son, Erik; and Kent's wife, Jan, holding the cow.

"We're in the Black Swamp area," Sonneberg said. "It reverts back to a swamp every spring and fall. It is totally flat. I do 100 percent green; I plant a cover crop on everything. We try to have something growing 365 days a year. We try to work with the biological aspect of it. You need fewer inputs that way."

Dairy farming, manure and cover crops work together to retain some of the nutrients on the farm, Sonneberg said. They also have over 40 subsurface water control structures. During the winter, those control structures limit flow to minimize runoff and store water for midsummer crops. In early spring and fall, they can

allow groundwater to flow freely. "We plant wheatlage in the fall on 900 acres and then we come back and plant a cover crop, whatever that cover crop can be within the H2Ohio guidelines," Sonneberg explained. "You can obtain funding through that."

Wheat is a grain crop, but they harvest it at the end of May and chop it as silage. Before the ground gets too hard, within 24 to 36 hours, they will plant corn. On another 850 acres, they kill the cover crop planted the previous fall and ideally plant corn two weeks later. In their monoculture system, that seems to work better than planting the corn into the cover crop.

"We are double-cropping on the wheatlage ground, on the other ground we're doing a single crop," he said. "We're growing a monoculture because we need the corn for that many cows. Actually, we need more corn silage than we can raise, so we buy corn silage from other farmers."

They usually put manure on the wheatlage ground in the spring. It has all the phosphorus, potash and nitrogen that they need, Sonneberg explained. Most people will use urea on wheat to get a bigger crop, but they don't need that because the manure has the necessary nutrients.

"The manure is a good source of carbon," Sonneberg said. "We drag-hose most of the manure in a liquid form, we drag-hose or we do a frac tank. You take it to the field in big trucks, and the hose goes out into the field and so it is easy to put that manure through a hose at 12,000 gallons of manure to the acre. That's what we're allowed."

Every other year, half of the farm is soil tested. So, half the farm gets tested this year, and the other half of the farm gets tested next year. Then they review the test. They might go up or down. The main thing is to get the organic matter in the soil up because organic matter is the key to holding water in the soil.

In summary, he said: "I'm not saying our way is the best way to do things, but you have to adjust the situation to what works for you."

Sonneberg was a 2024 Ohio Master Farmer. He is a farmer advocate for The Nature Conservancy and has served on the Henry County SWCD for many years.

The Regenerative Ag Field Day will be 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at 4445 Oxford-Middletown Rd., Trenton. For information, visit butlerswcd.org.



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Above: Kent Sonneberg, a lifelong dairy farmer, plants a cover crop on everything. He tries to have something growing 365 days a year. You feed your dog or cat every day, and you should do the same for the microbes in the soil, he said.



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of total milk sales in the month. Whole milk sales totaled 1.2 billion pounds, up 1.3 percent from a year ago, and up 0.7 percent year to date. Whole milk represented 37.8 percent of total sales for the month.

Skim milk sales totaled 159 million pounds, up 12.7 percent from a year ago, but down 2.9 percent YTD.

Packaged fluid sales in the first six months of 2025 totaled 21.1 billion pounds, down 1.1 percent from 2024. Conventional product sales totaled 19.6 billion, down 1.3 percent from a year ago. Organic products, at 1.5 billion pounds, were up 0.7 percent, and represented 7.2 percent of total milk sales in the six months.

Checking the demand side of things, the June Dairy Supply and Utilization report showed that cheese usage was up slightly, according to HighGround Dairy’s Curtis Bosma in the Aug. 18 Dairy Radio Now broadcast. This was good news, considering the new processing capacity that has recently come on line. Exports have picked up the slack of domestic demand, he said, and were up almost 12 percent year to date. Domestic cheese use was only up slightly from a year ago, so the exports have helped keep that market in balance.

Butter supply is also up, due to farm milk components being “through the roof,” according to Bosma. Domestic butter demand is carrying the weight, he said, up almost 5 percent year to date, and up 7 percent in the

month of June. Nonfat dry milk and dry whey demand however continues to struggle, down 5-8 percent. He cited lower sales to our top customer for powder, Mexico, and yet Mexico was our top importer of cheese.

Block Cheddar climbed to \$1.88 per pound Tuesday, highest CME price since June 10, only to plunge 10.25 cents Thursday to \$1.7775. A year ago it was trading at \$2.10 per pound. It closed this past Friday at \$1.85.

The barrels made it to \$1.86 Tuesday, also the highest since June 10, but fell back to \$1.8250 Thursday. Last year they were at \$2.2550 per pound. They finished Friday at \$1.7975.

Milk output continues to decline in the Central region, according to Dairy Market News. Cheesemakers say there are few loads available on the spot market, but downtime at some cheese plants is keeping some available to nearby plants. Contacts report lower Class III prices at the bottom of the range this week, due to this downtime, and ranged \$3-under to \$2-over at mid-week. Cheese production is steady to lighter. Domestic cheese sales to retail and food service markets are light and down from a year ago while export cheese demand remains strong.

Cheese manufacturers across the West report milk remains mostly robust. Milk demand is holding steady, with availability seasonally tighter as temperatures rise again, yet generally balanced across the region. Production is running efficiently. Domestic demand is steady to light, while international buying holds firm,

in some cases strengthening. U.S. cheese continues to offer attractive value on the global stage, says DMN, maintaining a competitive edge.

Butter continued its freefall that started last week. It closed Thursday at \$2.28 per pound, lowest CME price since April 29, 2025, and compares to a year ago when it had peaked for the year at \$3.18 per pound. It closed Friday at \$2.3550.

With Central region milk output and components declining, components do remain above a year ago. Cream production is down week-to-week but up from last year. Contacts say softening demand for cream from ice cream makers is leaving plenty available for churning. Butter makers are running busy schedules. Domestic butter interest is lackluster, but has held steady in recent weeks. Spot inventories of 82 percent butterfat butter are tight, amid strong demand from international purchasers, according to DMN.

Butter manufacturers in the West continue to meet contractual needs,

even as seasonal declines in milk components persist. Cream demand from ice cream production remains somewhat strong, and spot cream for butter is generally available. Churning activity is mixed, with some plants running steady schedules while others experience downtime for equipment upgrades or maintenance. Spot cream prices and availability show typical seasonal variability. Salted butter is widely available, while unsalted product is somewhat tighter. Domestic demand is steady to stronger, though some sellers note softer food service orders compared to last year. Export demand remains mostly steady.

Grade A nonfat dry milk was trading Thursday at \$1.26 per pound, after closing Friday at \$1.2650.



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Above: Many state fairs display a “Butter Cow” exhibit. This year, artists at the Ohio State Fair created sculptures announcing the construction of a new, separate building that will house many butter sculptures at future Ohio State Fairs. (Doug Graves photo)

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170th Fair

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with mock animals including sheep, chickens, swine, dairy cattle and beef cattle. At each station, children learned about the array of products these animals produce and how farmers care for their livestock.

Youngsters were able to visit a station modeled after a grain bin to learn about growing some of Ohio’s top commodities, such as grains, as well as a garden where they had the opportunity to plant a seed. The goal of Little Farmers was to show children where their food and fiber comes from.

Just a short walk away from this exhibit was the Animal Care Center,



Above: Officials at this year’s Ohio State Fair used their Animal Care Center as a way of introducing young visitors to animals found on the farm. (Doug Graves photo)

which offered fairgoers an up-close look at the wonders of animal care and birth, featuring live hatching chicks, expectant pigs, playful goats, lambs, calves and a duck slide.

Emma Irvin, a pre-vet student at Ohio State University, worked at the Animal Care Center during this year’s Ohio State Fair, helping to show a variety of animal breeds to young children.

“We get to show young kids a lot of different animals, from dairy cattle to llamas to baby sheep. For many children it’s the first time to see a farm animal up close,” Irvin said. “Visitors of all ages can experience the magic of farm life in action.”

For the older crowd who might be just as naïve about farming in the Buckeye State, the Land and Living Building at this year’s fair was home to several interactive exhibits, such as a tractor simulator for planting crops. Visitors were able to see drone technology at work, and go through an interactive grocery store, allowing fairgoers to engage with agriculture without visiting a farm.

Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) volunteers staffed the Land and Living Building exhibits. OFBF member Mark Garland was surprised at the number of guests who knew little about agriculture in general.

“Ohio has 14.5 million acres of land being used for agricultural purposes, more than half the land area in the state,” Garland said. “Agriculture is Ohio’s number one industry and we need to tell the public about it. And no better place to educate the public than the county and state fairs.”

Also onsite at this year’s fair was the Ohio Proud General Store, which offered a variety of Ohio-grown and made products. Visitors could shop daily for Ohio-produced products like honey, salsa and dip mixes from Ohio Proud vendors. This year, fair officials encouraged vendors to tout their products and go into detail how those products go from

the farm to the table.

Abby Bates, first vice president of the Franklin County Agricultural Society, wants the people of Columbus and the entire state to know where the food on their table comes from.

“Most of our attendees don’t come from the ag side of things,” Bates said. “Our goal is to have them remember and educate them on the ag roots we came from.”

Like those at the fair, Bates and her county fair staff made it their goal to shine a light on the importance of knowing where food comes from. During this year’s Franklin County Fair, Bates encouraged urbanites to ask questions of presenters at this year’s Junior Fair shows so they could learn what goes on at the farm in preparation for their event.

“I don’t want to say it’s a dying field, but I don’t think people really realize what goes into farming and agriculture,” Bates said. “I think our biggest goal is to educate, especially the kids, because we need people to grow up and keep wanting to do things in this field.”

Shari Anderson has worked in agricultural education for 20 years. The Marysville High School agriculture teacher just finished her first term as president of the Ohio Association of Agricultural Educators. In her classrooms, Anderson sees first-hand the lack of understanding about how food gets from the farm to the table. Children lack knowledge often because their parents were not educated about agriculture.

“I think, as a society, under no fault of our own, we’ve become more removed from direct interaction with agriculture,” Anderson said. “Without this hands-on knowledge of the way farming and cattle raising works, it can be hard to access the information. Those of us in agriculture have traditionally not done a great job of telling our story because we have been so busy doing it.”

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CUSTOM HOT RODS: ‘37 Chevy Master Deluxe Custom, SHARP; ‘56 Chevy Bel Air Custom, SHARP; ‘47 Dodge custom pickup truck; ‘50 Ford F-1 truck

LATE-MODEL COLLECTOR/SPORT VEHICLES: ‘15 Ford Mustang GT “50th Ann” SE coupe, miles: 1132 (actual); ‘07 Ford Mustang GT Premium Roush 427 Stage 3, miles: 21K; ‘11 Dodge Challenger SE, miles: 32K; ‘05 Mazda Miata MX-5 convertible, miles: 5058 (actual), immaculate

LATE-MODEL PICK-UP TRUCKS: ‘22 GMC Hummer EV Ed 1 truck, miles: 3820, immaculate; ‘22 Ford F350 4x4 King Ranch PU truck, miles 49K, loaded; ‘22 Ford F150 XLT Sport 4x4 PU truck, miles 93K, estate owned

MODERN/VINTAGE PICK-UP TRUCKS: ‘97 Chevy Silverado 1500, lowered & sharp; ‘92 Ford F250 XLT 4x4 PU truck, miles: 76K, 7.3D, original; ‘90 Dodge Ram LE250 4x4 PU truck, Cummins, original; ‘85 Ford Bronco II XLT 4x4, miles: 26K; ‘85 Chevy Scottsdale C-10, lowered & sharp; ‘75 Ford F150 Ranger truck, original; ‘65 Ford F350 flatbed; ‘27 Chevy Capitol Texaco delivery truck, restored



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SEMI TRUCKS: ‘20 Volvo VNL 860 semi, miles: 495K, one owner-estate owned; ‘18 Peterbilt 389, miles: 308K, engine: Cummins X15, day cab (SHARP); ‘18 Kenworth T680, miles: 574K, engine: Paccar MX14, day cab; ‘16 Peterbilt 579, miles: 379K, trans: auto, day cab (NICE); ‘13 Peterbilt 389, engine: CAT; ‘01 Kenworth T2000 semi, engine: Cummins N14 (records available); ‘99 Int 9100, engine: Cummins M11, wet kit, day cab (NICE); ‘98 Mack CH613, engine: Mack E7; ‘18 Mack Granite tri-axle, miles: 304K, engine: Mack MP7, bed: Rowe 16’ (SHARP) **DUMP TRUCK:** ‘18 Mack Granite tri-axle, miles: 304K, engine: Mack MP7, bed: Rowe 16’ (SHARP) **HOOK-LIFT TRUCKS:** ‘19 Peterbilt 337, miles: 187K, engine: Paccar PX7, Steller Slider 20 lift unit; (2) ‘16 Freightliner 106, miles: 141K-161K, engine: Cummins, Steller 12-108 Flex lift unit; ‘14 Peterbilt 388 **ROLLBACK/ FLATBED TRUCKS:** ‘19 Freightliner stake side 26’ flatbed, miles: 191K; ‘18 Int Durastar 4300 rollback, miles: 260K, engine: Cummins, bed: 22’; ‘06 Int 4300 flatbed, miles: 89K (actual), quad cab; ‘94 Int 9400 flatbed, bed: 22+5 **FLATBED/GRAIN/LIVESTOCK/LOG SEMI TRAILERS:** ‘22 Timpit 34’ hopper bottom grain trailer (NICE); (2) ‘15 Trailking TK80SA hyd slide axle trailers, 48’, 40-ton, winch, air ride; ‘11 Doonan 53’ step deck flat; ‘02 Wilson 53’ livestock, tires: 24.5”; ‘01 Wabash 53’ enclosed van trailer; ‘05 Prentice 384 log loader/trailer **SPECIALITY TRUCK:** ‘01 Int 2674 form handling truck, engine: Cummins ISM370, Fessi F410 knuckle boom crane **GRAIN TRUCKS:** ‘96 Int 4700 LPX, miles: 133K, grain box w/hoist; ‘78 Chevy C-65 tandem axle grain truck, miles: 57K, engine: 427, Knapheide 18’ bed w/tarp (SHARP); ‘72 Ford S880 tandem axle grain truck **LIGHT-DUTY TRUCKS/TRAILERS:** ‘01 Ford F550 XL w/ NEW CM alum 11’ bed, miles: 109K, Alcoa alum (SHARP); ‘96 Ford F250 service body, miles: 82K (actual); ‘94 Ford F250 ext cab; ‘87 Ford F350 flatbed; bumper hitch utility trailers; ‘96 CornPro GN 20’ livestock; ‘99 GN 14’ livestock; ‘72 Chevy C60 dump; ‘64 Chevy C50 dump **CONSTRUCTION/MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIP:** CAT 977H crawler/loader; Ford/NH 575D 4x4 backhoe/loader; Case 580 backhoe/loader; Case 480F backhoe/loader; hyd breaker attachments; buckets; generators **KID STEER ATTACHMENTS:** ‘18 Paladin Harley rake; radco 46S backhoe attachment; Tiger 84” HD brush grapple; RK 60” grapple; Allied 20 74” sweeper (NEW); CAT sweeper; Kubota 72” land leveler; Land Pride 78” grapple; ‘23 AGT 66” mower; buckets **LATE MODEL ZERO TURN MOWERS (30+):** Hustler, John Deere, Bobcat, BigDog, Cub Cadet **TRACTORS:** ‘13 JD 5083E 4x4, hrs: 665 (one-owner), CHA, HP: 83, weights; ‘05 JD 6120L 4x4, open station; Rural King RK37 4x4, hrs: 134, CHA, HP: 37, loader; ‘11 Kubota L3800 HST, hrs: 371, estate owned, loader, HP: 38; New Holland TS115A 4x4, CHA, loader; IH 674 with IH loader; ‘53 JD 40, restored; MM Jet Star 3; Case 1390 **HAY/ LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT:** Lakeland Deluxe livestock chute (LIKE NEW); JD 458 round baler, one-owner, tandem wheel attachment, net wrap; (2) JD baler tandem wheel attachments; Case IH 8460 round baler; NE 1411 10’ disc mo/co; H&S 8-wheel rake; AG-MAXX 10-wheel rake; BEFCO 10-wheel rake; Hesston 3830 rake; NH 55/56 rakes; Frontier RR1012E rotary rake; Galfree 4-basket tedder; NH 1048 Stackcruiser self-prop bale wagon, cap: 120; shop-built round bale mover; hay wagons; 3-pt equipment (mowers, blades, plows, landscape rakes, discs, sprayers, harrows) **FARM/TILLAGE EQUIP:** Unverferth 7250 grain cart, scales, all options (SHARP); ‘12 Kuhn/Knight 1219 manure spreader (one-owner); JD 7000 8x30 planter; Valmar 2455 3-pt cover crop seeder; Tar River 3-pt 55” no-till drill (NEW); Woods 3-pt 72” seeder; Land Pride 3-pt 72” disc (NEW); ‘22 300 gal boomless sprayer; IH 490 22” disc; Kilbros header cart; pull-type 10’ box blade; Land Pride 3-pt 5’ mower; JD MX6 3-pt 6’ mower; NI 215 manure spreader; JD 920F head w/cart **LATE MODEL ZERO TURN MOWERS (30+):** Hustler, John Deere, Bobcat, BigDog, Cub Cadet

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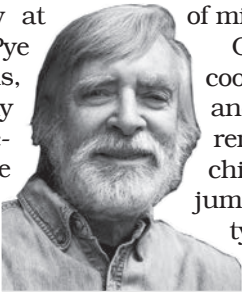
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Peach Pie Moon new on Saturday as the moon enters its second quarter

But the flowers were now at their peak of blossom - Joe-Pye weed, last buttonball blooms, loosestrife, false boneset, many varieties of sunflowers, bouncing Bet – around which the sphinx moths foraged, wild balsam apples, milkweed, butterfly weed, bindweed, wild wisteria, self-heal, wood sage, hooded skullcap, wild bergamotte, monkey flowers, Beaumont's root, basilweed, and others. – August Derleth



POOR WILL'S ALMANACK
By Bill Felker

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

The Weather Outlook

This is the week that frost becomes possible in the northern states; snow even occurs at the upper elevations in the Rocky Mountains and in Canada. Here in the Midwest, the third major high-pressure system of the month brings chances of highs in the 70s a full 40 percent of the time on Aug. 24, the first time since July 6 that odds have been so good for milder weather. As that cool front moves east, the period from Aug. 25-27 usually brings a return of warmer temperatures in the 80s or 90s. The 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th each carry a 30 percent chance of highs in the 90s, and the 25th and 26th are the last days of the year on which there is only a 10 to 15 percent chance

of mild weather in the 70s. On the 28th, however, the final cool wave of August approaches, and even though chances of 90s remain strong, the likelihood for chilly highs only the 60s or 70s jumps to 30 percent. Aug. 30 is typically the coldest day of the month, and it brings a 50 percent chance of a high just in the 70s, the first time chances of that have been so good since the last day of June. Nights in the 40s or 50s continue to occur an average of 40 percent of the time, and the morning of the 29th brings the slight possibility (a 5 percent chance) of light frost, for first time since the beginning of June. Chances of rain are typically 35 percent per day now, with the exception of Aug. 28, on which date thunderstorms cross the region 65 percent of the years in my record. The 25th and 26th are usually the sunniest days this week.

Phenology

When all the summer apples have been picked, then the first puffball mushroom of the year swells in cool, damp nights, and the wood thrush moves south across the Ohio River. When there is more than one Judas maple tree in the woodlot, then hickory nutting season gets underway. When red leaves appear on the Virginia creeper in Kentucky, then snow threatens gardens in central Canada. When the last of the garden phlox die back, then ragweed time winds down and the year's final tier of wildflowers is budding: beggarticks, bur marigolds, asters, zigzag goldenrod. When dogbane pods turn reddish

brown in the fields, then wood nettle has gone to seed under the high canopy. When elm trees start to turn, then mallards are flying south. Whip-poor-wills, cedar waxwings and catbirds follow. When greenbrier berries are black, then prickly mallow blooms along the fencerows and almost all the oats crop is cut. When arrowhead blooms in the waterways, then pale Asian lady beetles have begun their late-summer migration.

The Natural Calendar

Judas trees betray the Christ of summer, patches of gold showing on the Osage and cottonwoods and poplars and maples, kisses of scarlet on creeper and poison ivy. Panicked dogwood has its first white berries. Dogbane pods have grown to 10 inches now and a few are turning red. Wood nettle, tall nettle and small-flowered agrimony have gone to black seeds. Buckeye leaves are browning, walnut trees weathering and shedding. Redbuds and burning bush are blushing. Mint has reached the close of its cycle, teasel is complete, and cone-flowers are fading. The house-shaped star group, Cepheus, has moved into the middle of the sky by midnight, marking the start of Early Fall. To the east of Cepheus, find the zigzag formation of Cassiopeia, followed by Perseus (looking vaguely like a horse) rising in the northeast. The Big Dipper continues to hug the northern horizon throughout the night.

Almanack Literature

A Terrible Outhouse Afternoon
By Willy O'Holleran, Cincinnati, Ohio
Here was the situation. My wife and I had just bought this gentleman's farm in rural southern Indiana. Actually, it

was not such a gentlemanly farm; in fact, it was all run down, and parts of it were falling apart. Now there was an outhouse, a big four-holer, kind of close to the main house, and it needed so much repair that I decided it would have to come down. "It's really kind of cute," my wife said, but I said that it wasn't cute enough to fix up. So, one afternoon when she and her sister went shopping at the mall in Cincinnati, I decided to tear down the four holer and save some of the lumber for repairs to the chicken coop. So, I got my new crowbar and hammer, pulled open the outhouse door, walked in and fell right through the rotten floor. On the way down, I knew I was in trouble. Deep trouble. That is because I was going down headfirst. I put out my hands to break the fall. That worked a little, and I managed to spin around just a bit so that I landed all twisted up instead of on my head, on a whole bunch of trash that people had tossed down the holes through the years. Things could have been worse, I thought to myself. But then I realized they were getting worse by the second. My right leg and left arm were beginning to hurt, and I couldn't move my fingers on my left hand, and I was wedged in a strange kind of way so that when I tried to sit upright my leg went into all kinds of pain. Well, there it was. How long did my wife shop? Forever. How long did it take her to find me? Even longer. How long was it before the rescue squad could lift me out? Even longer. How long did it take for my broken bones to heal? Even longer still. How long did we farm in the gentleman's fashion? Not very long.

5 simple tips to memorize Scripture and grow spiritually

Psalm 119:11 "I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You."

Memorization may be a dying art – at least for me. I've never had the sharpest memory, but when I was younger, I regularly exercised my recall skills because of school and other responsibilities. Over the years, it's become so easy to find information online that we rarely rely on our own minds anymore. If we forget something, we just Google it. But memorization remains incredibly important and helpful at any age – especially when it comes to God's Word.



VERSES FROM MAMA
By Sandra Sheridan

Similarly, I've had Bible verses come to me in the middle of the night. When I wake up afraid from a bad dream or lingering fear, God calms me with His Word that I've memorized. I've also found that Bible verses come to mind when I'm tempted to sin. More than once, God has reminded me that "human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires" (James 1:20) just when I'm about to lose my temper. So, since memorization is becoming a lost art, here are some simple ways to revive this powerful practice:

- Repetition: Read and reread the

verses.

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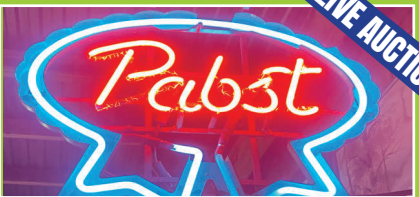
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