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AgTech Connect visits Beck's El Paso, Ill., plant

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
 Illinois Correspondent

EL PASO, Ill. – El Paso Mayor Thad Mool joined about two dozen members of the Greater Peoria AgTech Connect group for a tour of Beck's Hybrids, which has been at 90 N. Fayette Street since the company breathed new life into the historic Pfister Seed location by purchasing and renovating the property in August 2011.

Buoyed by the hiring of 40 to 45 employees, many of them local residents, the site is once again serving as a vital Midwest hub for crop marketing, research and development. On Aug. 18, members of AgTech Connect – which identifies as a “regional collaboration to advance the AgTech Ecosys-



Above: A group from Greater Peoria AgTech Connect listens as Beck's employee David Ringger explains the processing and shipping of seed corn from their El Paso, Ill., facility on Aug. 18, 2025. (T. Alexander photos)

tem” – learned how the Indiana-based company has used innovation and technology to continue growing their operations.

“AgTech Connect is a quarterly event where we bring together farmers, researchers, students, employers, researchers and innovators to talk about agriculture. We look at central Illinois as a worldwide hub for agriculture, with a very long history and a lot of opportunity going forward,” said Chris Youngmark, Peoria NEXT Innovation Center director and an AgTech Connect leader. “Getting together in the same room gives us an opportunity to share, to network and to advance agriculture and innovation in the region, specifically.”

Youngmark explained that AgTech Connect sprung out of the Morton, Ill., Economic Development Council as an effort to boost post-COVID industrial growth in the Greater Peoria ag tech corridor. “It has expanded to where we have regional events, and visits to multiple facilities to expose different areas and companies in central Illinois that are expanding our ag tech footprint,” he said. “We look at the incredible potential of business collaboration in this area, for sharing assets and resources to grow regionally and in our hometowns. Building on that by expanding geographically is something we are here to do today.”

The room AgTech Connect members gathered in for this quarterly meeting was located within a renovated office building that was home to Pfister Hybrids until its purchase by Dow Agro-Sciences in 2009. The facility was purchased two years later by Beck's, a family-owned company that has grown from one 80-acre farm in Atlanta, Ind., to the third-largest seed brand in the U.S. According to Mool, the company's decision to purchase the property has been a blessing to the small farming community.

“Ag innovation has been one of the foundations of El Paso, starting back in the 1936 with (corn hybrid pioneer) Lester Pfister. It's interesting to hear the story of Francis Beck, who started in 1938, just 3.5 hours from here. Of course, they didn't network together but they were doing the exact same things: innovating ag production far ahead of their times,” Mool said. “The fact that Beck's came to El Paso and picked up where Pfisters left off is a true blessing to our community, not

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Above: Phil Swackhamer of Cicero, Ind., was very popular with his goats as he hauled a load of newly purchased hay across the pasture to a storage area. Photo by Brittany Swackhamer.

Red crown rot confirmed in Ohio soybeans for first time

By **DOUG GRAVES**
 Ohio Correspondent

DELAWARE, Ohio – Since 2018, red crown rot (RCR), caused by the fungus *Calonectria ilicicola*, has been spotted in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri. Now, add Ohio to that list.

RCR was confirmed in Ohio soybeans for the first time in Delaware County earlier this summer. RCR presents a significant threat to Ohio's soybean crop, with potential yield losses exceeding half.

“This confirmation is a critical first detection,” said Dr. Horacio Lopez-Nicora, Ohio State University Extension soybean pathologist and nematologist. “Once established, this pathogen is nearly impossible to eradicate, so integrated management is the only sustainable path forward to reduce its impact on Ohio's soybean crop.”

The issue is significant, considering that soybeans are Ohio's top crop by acreage and value.

In states where red crown rot is established, yield losses have reached as high as 80 percent in severely affected fields, Lopez-Nicora said. Even under moderate disease pressure, farmers often see losses from 15-70 percent.

“For Ohio, if the disease spreads unchecked, growers could face persistent yield reduction and higher production costs year after year, threatening the profitability of the state's most widely planted crop,” he added.

Red crown rot can be mistaken for sudden death syndrome or other common soybean diseases because all

cause yellowing and browning between the veins of leaves during pod fill. But the two can be distinguished by careful inspection.

“With red crown rot, we see red to orange discoloration at the crown of the stem and the presence of perithecia (small, red fungal fruiting bodies) on the lower stem or crown,” Lopez-Nicora said. “Plants often die quickly, and dead plants usually retain their leaves attached to stems.”


Lopez-Nicora urges farmers to dig up plants, not pull them, and submit samples for confirmation to the OSU College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) Soybean Pathology and Nematology Laboratory, 110 Kottman Hall, 2021 Coffey Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43210.

Red crown rot has been in the United States since the 1960s, first affecting peanuts. The exact path red crown rot took into the north-central United States remains unclear. However, the exchange of used equipment is thought to play a major role, as soil clinging to machinery from infected fields can easily introduce the fungus to clean fields.

“From an epidemiological perspective, red crown rot's emergence highlights the challenges affecting Ohio agriculture,” said Pierce Paul, professor and chair of the CFAES Department of Plant Pathology. Paul is also an epidemiologist and OSU Extension specialist.


“It's soilborne nature, long-term persistence and ability to mimic other

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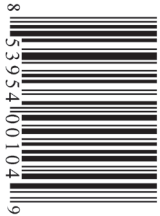


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just financially but with jobs. They've been a part of huge job growth in El Paso, and are a huge economic driver."

A tour of the company's warehouse, seed towers, bagging assembly line and offices was led by David Ringger, a local resident and training innovation manager for Beck's, whose territory extends into several states. Ringger noted that if networking platforms such as AgTech Connect had existed 90 years ago, Pfister and Beck might have collaborated to advance the corn hybrid market.

"We are now the largest family-owned seed company in the United States," said Ringger, who grew up raising livestock in the area be-



Above: The seed bagging line is pictured adjacent to the corn processing tower inside Beck's Hybrids in El Paso, Ill.

fore going to work for Beck's 10 years ago. "We are the fastest growing seed brand in the world. It's been crazy, our growth curve, and it's been a lot of fun to be a part of."

Ringger told the AgTech group that when he began work for Beck's in 2015, its sales territory covered just eight states; it now encompasses 22 states with over 1,200 total company employees and sales representatives. "We try to bring (local perspective) to all of our locations," Ringger said. "Our operation in Colfax (Illinois) is different from our facility in El Paso, due to locality. You're going to need a different hybrid in central Iowa than you need in central Illinois, even though the soil types may be similar, due to the lay of the land and farming practices. That's why we have to test locally, to get the right crop in the right place at the right time."

Beck's also strives to hire as many farmer-seed retailers as geographically possible. "We want to make sure the local farmer is represented by a local dealer," Ringger said.

For more information about Beck's history, products and services, visit www.beckshybrids.com.



Above: David Ringger, training innovation manager for Beck's Hybrids, leads a tour of the company's El Paso, Ill., facility.



Above: Pictured is Beck's Hybrids El Paso, Illinois location. A group from Greater Peoria AgTech Connect recently toured the facility and learned about the history and growth of the company.



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Crown Rot

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soybean diseases make it difficult to detect and manage," Paul said. "The emergence and spread of a new disease like RCR are the result of three major factors: weather conditions favorable for its development, the presence of the pathogen in our fields and our cultivars being susceptible or only partially resistant."

Lopez-Nicora and Paul both urge farmers and consultants to take immediate action to limit the spread of RCR. They advise to scout systematically, dig up whole plants, sanitize equipment and submit samples to the CFAES laboratory.

"Farmers should check low-lying or compacted areas where symptoms often appear first," Paul said. "Prevent soil movement from infested to clean fields and harvest suspect fields last. Integrated management will be critical. Practices such as crop rotation with nonhost crops, improving drainage, using seed-applied fungicides and managing soybean cyst nematode populations will be important to protect yields in affected areas."

Paul said that RCR develops most se-



Above: Some Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois farmers have already seen red crown rot (RCR) in their fields. Now, RCR has been spotted in Ohio, first appearing in Delaware County. (photo submitted)

verely in warm, wet soils, particularly when soil temperatures are from 77 to 86 degrees Fahrenheit, adding that the planting date and associated soil temperatures can influence disease severity.

"RCR is especially challenging because it can survive in soil for many years, even without soybeans, allowing it to persist and infect future crops," Paul said. "Fields with a history of soy-

beans or other susceptible legumes, such as clovers, vetch, or lupine, are at higher risk."

Lopez-Nicora advises farmers to avoid planting soybean or other legume hosts for at least two years in infested fields. He adds that rotation to non-host crops such as corn or small grains can reduce inoculum but may not eliminate it.

Massachusetts is returning some cranberry bogs back to wetlands

CARVER, Mass. (AP) — This time of year, cranberry farmers across the country are getting ready to harvest the berries so they can be on Thanksgiving dinner plates.

The king of cranberry states is Wisconsin, which long ago surpassed Massachusetts as the top producer, and bills itself as world's top producer of the berries that end up in sauce and juices. Most berries will be harvested between September and November.

Massachusetts remains the second-biggest producer but has seen a growing number of farmers retiring their cranberry bogs — marshes that allow the fruit to grow on low-lying vines in beds layered with sand, peat, gravel and clay.

When the cranberries are ready to be harvested, farmers flood their bogs with water and send out a picking machine to shake the berries from the vines. Then more water is added to the bog, and the freed cranberries float to the surface.

Some Massachusetts farmers are choosing to restore bogs back to their native wetlands as the industry is being hit by lower prices for the pinkish crimson berries and the effects of climate change, which is bringing unpredictable weather like droughts and warmer fall conditions that delay the harvest.

The state dominated the industry for decades until Wisconsin became the leader the past 31 years.

The projections from the federal Department of Agriculture for 2025 estimates total cranberry production at 8.13 million barrels, down 9% from last year's crop. Wisconsin was on pace to harvest 5.3 million barrels of cranberries, down 3% from last year. That far outpaces Massachusetts, which is projected to produce 1.75 million barrels, down 22% from last year. That was followed by Oregon at 560,000 barrels and New Jersey at 520,000 barrels. One barrel amounts to 100 pounds.

In Massachusetts, there are about 300 farmers managing more than 13,000 acres, said Brian Wick, the executive director of Massachusetts Cranberries.

The strong numbers from Wisconsin, Wick said, coincide with almost all of its farmers planting higher yielding berries, compared with Massachusetts where traditional heirloom varieties are still harvested from about 40 percent of bogs. The higher yielding berries are bigger and thus more profitable.

The industry is being hit by lower prices for the berries with the rising cost of producing larger, hybrid varieties.

As a result, more and more farmers are looking for options beyond maintaining their bogs for cranberries. Some are considering putting solar farms on their bogs, selling to housing developers and, more recently, preserving the sites and restoring the wetlands that once were there.

A growing number of Massachusetts farmers have turned to conservation because they want to keep the land relatively wild but also because there is more federal, state and local funding for those efforts. That money covers the cost of conserving the land and pays for restoration efforts.

Massachusetts is among the leaders in restoration efforts because bogs are built on the wetlands that the state wants to restore. Its first restoration was completed in 2010, and state officials have marveled at how the newly created wetlands have proven a magnet to native plants like marsh seedbox and wool grass as well as wildlife like beavers, raccoons and river otters.

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Concern brewing that USDA is overestimating this year's crops

The most disputed number in the market right now is corn production. Between additional acres and higher yields, the USDA added 1 billion bu of corn to the U.S. supply in the August WASDE report. The push back is coming from how this yield was reached. The USDA has stated that satellite imagery is being used more heavily in determining production. While these images do point to a favorable corn crop, actual field collected data points to a different story.

More cases of pollination issues are surfacing, along with reports the crop is maturing too early. This generates concerns over test weight, especially on later maturing fields. It is going to take a perfect finish to the growing season to come close to the national average for many areas of the Corn Belt from this point. The greatest concern with the crop right now is fungus development, especially in regions where excessive rainfall has removed the residual benefit of crop protection products.

There is more interest in soybean balance sheets. New crop ending stocks are now forecast at 290 million bu, a stocks to use of just 6.7 percent, and a level that needs rationing. The concern on soybeans is the same with corn in that a perfect finish to the crop is needed to reach the USDA's production estimate for 4.29 billion bu. At this point just a 1 bushel per acre decline in yield would have a significant impact on ending stocks.

The Pro Farmer crop tour only added to the U.S.'s production uncertainty. Pro Farmer put the U.S. corn yield at 182.7 bushels per acre and a crop of 16.2 bbu following its recent tour of Midwest fields. These are well below the current USDA estimates for a 188.8 bpa yield and a 16.74 bbu crop. If correct, this could lead to a decline in carryout this year, not the projected increase. The group's soybean yield came in at 53 bpa versus the USDA's 53.6 bpa. Pro Farmer data suggests a

soybean crop of 4.246 bbu, slightly less than the USDA's 4.292 bbu, but enough to drop the U.S. further into a rationing position.

Trade is showing more interest in new crop corn commitments that are already over twice the level of last year. Typically, this demand would be bullish, but much of its support is being negated by the large U.S. corn production numbers we continue to see from private analysts. There are also thoughts that corn demand is front loaded and sales will trail off as the marketing year progresses. While this may be true, the longer we see sales continue, the more likely we will see upward adjustments to demand forecasts.

A source of support for the U.S. cattle market remains uncertain beef imports from Brazil. It is still uncertain if the U.S. will see an impact on Brazil beef imports from proposed tariffs. The U.S. has suffered a short cattle supply in recent years and leaned on Brazilian imports to meet demand. This is especially the case on trimmings that are used for ground beef. U.S. imports of Brazilian beef in 2024 were up 61 percent from 2023, and imports for the first six months of 2025 are up 107 percent from the start of 2024. The U.S. is on track to import 700 million tons of Brazil beef this calendar year.

Data from the United Nations shows world food costs are on the rise. The global food cost index hit 130.1 in July, up 1.6 percent from June. This was the highest reading on the index since February 2023 and is at its highest level in two years. Red meats and vegetable oils were behind the elevated food costs. While up, global food costs are still 18.8 percent below their peak in 2022.

We are starting to see concerns once again directed toward the global economy on a whole. China has stated its July retail sales were up 3.7 percent year over year, 1 percent less

than expected. Industrial output was also lower than expected in July. The greatest concern came from China's property investment that was down 12 percent from July 2024. This came after a U.S. producer price index reading that came in hotter than expected, signaling inflation may rise in upcoming months.

The Brazilian analytical firm CONAB has updated their updated 2024/25 balance sheets. CONAB put the Brazilian soybean crop at 169.65 million metric tons, up slightly from their last estimate. The country's exports were also bumped up a minimal amount to 106.25 mmt, as were ending stocks to 3.95 mmt. The Brazil corn crop is now estimated at 137 mmt versus 131.9 mmt in its last estimate. This was the result of a larger safrinha crop. CONAB raised Brazil's corn exports to 40 mmt, up 4 mmt from July, and ending stocks at 10.26 mmt, up 750,000 mt. CONAB left Brazil's wheat production steady this month at 7.81 mmt.

The Brazilian crush firm ABIOVE also released revised soybean balance sheets for the country. ABIOVE put the Brazilian soybean crop at 170.3 mmt, up 600,000 mt from its previous estimate. Crush is estimated at 58.1 mmt and exports at 109.5 mmt, up 500,000 mt from last month. The group's meal

and exports held steady this month. We have also received estimates from Argentina on the country's next corn crop. The Rosario exchange claims Argentine farmers will seed 15-20 percent more corn acres this coming year. This would put the country's corn acres between 23.5 and 24.5 million acres compared to this year's 20.5 million. This is a different story than we are receiving from most other corn production areas of the globe, including Brazil, who believe depressed market values and elevated input costs will limit acreage expansion. Argentine farmers will begin seeding their next crop in September.

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Farmland values dipped slightly in Illinois due to commodity prices

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Illinois Correspondent

DECATUR, Ill. — Farmland values in Illinois dipped slightly in the months of January-June, responding to lower commodity price trends. This is reflective of a year-over-year trend in declining Illinois farmland values that has seen values fall by as much as 10 percent, according to Luke Worrell of the Illinois Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ISFMRA), who summarized data from their Mid-Year Snapshot Survey of farmland prices at the Farm Progress Show media tent on Wednesday, August 27.

“What we did see is probably not that surprising to those who follow the industry; we saw a modest decrease in land values,” said Worrell, of Worrell Land Services in Jacksonville, Ill.

Of the respondents, 31 percent indicated no changes in prices being paid, while the balance reported the following declines: minus 2.2 percent for excellent quality farmland, minus 3.5 percent for both good and average quality land, and 3 percent for fair quality land.

“If you put that on top of what our 2024 research showed, land values are down between 7 and 10 percent from the beginning of 2024 as an average,” Worrell said. “Farmers are still the predominant owners-operators, with 61 percent; 17 percent were local investors, 10 percent non-local investors, 10 percent institutional investors and 2 percent other. What I found interesting is this is almost verbatim identical to the demographics we recorded last summer.”

As for land sales, estate sales, at 61 percent, comprised the bulk of transactions, while 11 percent of sales were to local investors. Ten percent of sales went to farmers, while the balance was made of non-local investors, institutional investors and others.

“Around 4 percent of sales were to institutional investors,” according to

the ISFMRA spokesman. “We asked who had worked with an institutional investor, and this year 32 percent (of farm managers and appraisers) said they had. When we asked this question last year it was 24 percent. Interestingly, two years ago it was 37 percent.”

Fifteen percent of non-local investor sales involved foreign buyers, the survey revealed. Virtually none of these sales involved Chinese investors or the Chinese government, according to Worrell.

“The question of foreign ownership is kind of a hot topic. We don’t dive into specifics, but the amount of acres is quite small,” Worrell said, in response to a question from a Farm World correspondent about how much farmland in Illinois is Chinese-owned. “Personally, I have been doing this for a very long time and have not been involved in a single (sale of farmland to a Chinese buyer). I can say that typically if we do hear from foreign investors, we almost always hear from buyers from Canada or South America.”

The Mid-Year Snapshot Survey asked for the first time whether practitioners had handled sales involving farmers facing financial difficulties during the first half of 2025, to which 11 percent responded in the affirmative. “We thought this question would be interesting given the agricultural economy right now,” said Worrell. “In retrospect, we wish we would have asked that question last year, so stay tuned as we will likely make that a data point for the next couple of years.”

Most respondents indicated they expect farmland values to remain the same or decrease over the rest of the year, with 49 percent expecting a decline of less than 3 percent, 33 percent expecting prices to hold steady, and 18 percent anticipating a 3-plus percent decline. “I think a good indicator here is that virtually no one expects a rise in values in the second

half of 2025,” commented Worrell. Drivers behind land sales in the first half of 2025 included lower farm income related to lower commodity prices, placing the potential for a financial return under duress, he added. Other drivers include competition for investment dollars and returns now that farmland is decreasing in value.

Average farmland cash rents, after increasing from 2020-2023, have fallen two consecutive years, the survey revealed. Survey respondents indicated they expect farmland lease values to continue to erode by as much as \$15-\$20 per acre in 2026. “This is around a 4 to 7 percent decline, which is a little bit wider than what the survey expectations were last year,” said Worrell. “We asked what people believe commodities will be marketed for in the second half, and that came in at \$3.95 for corn and \$9.95 for beans. That is almost exactly like what last year’s expectations were.”

Thirty-four percent of lease agreements are now variable, or flex, cash rental arrangements, a trend that is also expected to continue. “Twenty-five percent are cash rents, 21 percent are shared rents, 14 percent are modified shared rents and 6 percent are custom.”

Digging deeper into variable cash rent arrangements, 25 percent indicated that negotiations were much easier than with fixed or other types of lease agreements. Fifty-eight percent indicated that negotiations were somewhat easier, while 12 percent said they were about the same. Only 3 percent said negotiations were more difficult.

A majority, 76 percent, of farm managers and appraisers expect low-



Above: Luke Worrell, co-owner of Worrell Land Services, came to the 2025 Farm Progress Show on August 27 to announce the results of the ISFMRA Mid-Year Snapshot Survey of Illinois land and cash rent values. For the second year, Illinois farmland values have shown slight decreases. (T. Alexander photo)

er interest rates in the second half of 2025. The survey, conducted by Gary W. Schnitkey from the University of Illinois, served as a follow-up to ISFMRA’s larger Farmland Values and Lease Trends project issued earlier in 2025. Over 70 practitioners throughout Illinois responded to the Mid-Year Snapshot Survey, according to Worrell.

You can download the entire ISFMRA 2025 Mid-Year Snapshot Survey at <https://ispfmra.org/>.

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MARKETS

Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 8/25/2025 - Final AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 8/18/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	896	632	805
Feeder Cattle:	773(86.3%)	574(90.8%)	663(82.4%)
Slaughter Cattle:	116(12.9%)	48(7.6%)	141(17.5%)
Replacement Cattle:	7(0.8%)	10(1.6%)	1(0.1%)

Compared to last Monday the feeder market was stronger with a good quality offering. Good quality feeder steers and heifers were 6.00 to 10.00 higher or greater in several spots with a good supply and strong demand. Yearling steers and heifers appeared sharply stronger as well, but with limited head to head comparisons. Double digit gains in the future market over the past week and cooler weather conditions have increased the premiums paid and demand for all classes of feeder cattle. Slaughter cows were steady to 2.00 higher with a good supply and slaughter bulls were steady with good demand. Supply included: 86% Feeder Cattle (46% Steers, 35% Heifers, 18% Bulls); 13% Slaughter Cattle (1% Steers, 77% Cows, 22% Bulls); 1% Replacement Cattle (13% Stock Cows, 63% Bred Cows, 13% Bred Heifers, 13% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 51%.

Groups of 20 Head or More

STEERS		
78 Hd Black/BWF	639 lbs	425.00
61 Hd Black/BWF	949 lbs	335.50
56 Hd 70% Black	1022 lbs	313.75

FEEDER CATTLE				
STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	242	242	432.50	432.50
2	320-325	323	447.50-462.50	454.94
3	325-342	336	500.00-510.00	506.78 Fancy
4	363-380	367	495.00-497.50	495.65
2	350	350	540.00	540.00 Fancy
2	400-445	423	450.00-475.00	463.17
5	400-420	414	485.00-501.00	496.69 Fancy
7	470-497	484	415.00-440.00	426.28
11	452-480	464	455.00-482.50	471.61 Fancy
4	510-545	528	375.00-397.50	383.86
8	505-548	534	415.00-440.00	424.04 Value Added
5	580-596	592	381.00-397.00	385.04
6	557-572	565	410.00-422.50	414.11 Value Added
10	600-613	609	347.50-375.00	367.13
78	639	639	425.00	425.00 Value Added
4	687-695	690	330.00-339.00	332.75
3	655-680	663	362.50-382.50	375.67 Value Added
14	715-731	723	325.00-342.50	331.19
5	711	711	355.00	355.00 Thin Fleshy
3	756	756	331.00	331.00
4	880-885	884	315.00-323.00	321.01
2	905-910	908	317.00-321.00	318.99
61	949	949	335.50	335.50 Value Added
1	1000	1000	265.00	265.00
56	1022	1022	313.75	313.75 Value Added
3	1058	1058	283.00	283.00

STEERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	255	255	410.00	410.00
1	365	365	417.50	417.50
2	565-580	573	331.00-332.00	331.51
1	955	955	251.00	251.00

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	370	370	335.00	335.00

STEERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	686	686	355.00	355.00

STEERS - Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	655	655	287.50	287.50

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	215-230	220	395.00-410.00	404.77
2	277	277	400.00	400.00
1	325	325	432.50	432.50 Fancy
12	350-395	382	400.00-425.00	411.64
9	350-395	373	431.00-451.00	436.35 Fancy
18	400-441	426	385.00-407.50	397.93
9	400-423	413	427.50-455.00	443.22 Fancy
11	455-490	473	360.00-377.00	369.60
6	455-482	473	385.00-390.00	387.56 Fancy
21	510-542	529	345.00-367.50	360.30
9	500-535	515	370.00-393.00	378.91 Value Added
13	552-597	579	332.00-354.00	339.32
4	583	583	385.00	385.00 Replacement
22	552-596	569	357.00-371.00	363.87 Value Added
17	603-640	618	334.00-349.00	342.24
10	668-696	687	305.00-327.50	324.22
1	665	665	275.00	275.00 Full
19	655-692	682	335.00-343.00	339.25 Guaranteed

Open				
5	705-745	720	278.00-289.00	281.38
4	715	715	337.00	337.00 Value Added
1	750	750	280.00	280.00
7	774	774	319.00	319.00 Value Added
3	850-870	857	260.00-280.00	273.23
1	1035	1035	238.00	238.00

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	165-190	178	410.00-415.00	412.68
3	325-340	335	362.50-382.50	373.20
1	375	375	365.00	365.00
1	435	435	370.00	370.00
6	465-492	478	340.00-357.50	349.13
1	515	515	332.50	332.50
2	560-575	568	321.00-325.00	322.97
4	610-637	627	297.50-302.50	299.99

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	250-295	277	315.00-337.50	327.52
3	331	331	347.50	347.50
2	370	370	332.50	332.50

HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	445	445	355.00	355.00
2	555	555	332.50	332.50
1	600	600	307.50	307.50

HEIFERS - Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	285	285	285.00	285.00
1	410	410	320.00	320.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	165	165	580.00	580.00
4	280	280	491.00	491.00
2	335	335	495.00	495.00
1	310	310	517.00	517.00 Fancy
6	370-390	378	490.00-507.50	499.98
3	367-375	370	527.50-532.50	529.19 Fancy
3	415-435	427	457.50-480.00	470.19
2	415-425	420	490.00-510.00	500.12 Fancy
13	455-490	473	430.00-457.50	441.23
3	452-485	463	462.50-481.00	468.96 Fancy
11	510-545	526	385.00-401.00	393.01
5	502-545	518	412.50-435.00	423.84 Fancy
8	555-587	573	360.00-381.00	374.66
7	550-558	555	392.50-410.00	402.35 Fancy
7	605-620	614	327.00-345.00	338.52
1	620	620	289.00	289.00 Fleshy
2	655-690	673	297.50-307.50	302.63
8	743-746	744	297.00-297.50	297.31
1	760	760	295.00	295.00
1	800	800	267.50	267.50
1	925	925	250.00	250.00
1	985	985	240.00	240.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	190	190	447.50	447.50
2	230-240	235	430.00-432.50	431.22
2	260-270	265	442.50-452.50	447.41
1	300	300	427.50	427.50
8	465-495	478	397.50-427.50	413.90
3	505-530	513	342.50-362.50	353.48
2	585-595	590	332.50-341.00	336.79
2	600-625	613	300.00-315.00	307.35
1	765	765	271.00	271.00
1	865	865	227.50	227.50

BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	240	240	395.00	395.00
1	400	400	387.50	387.50
3	465-470	468	345.00-361.00	350.30
1	515	515	286.00	286.00
BULLS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	340	340	441.00	441.00
2	485	485	417.50	417.50
1	505	505	407.50	407.50
1	645	645	281.00	281.00
1	710	710	280.00	280.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

STEERS - Select and Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1195	1195	191.00	191.00	Average

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
12	1155-1710	1452	166.00-174.00	170.87	Average
6	1290-1675	1441	176.00-183.00	178.32	High

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
29	835-1345	1188	158.00-174.00	169.04	Average
12	1140-1585	1311	176.00-196.00	181.17	High

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
7	905-1165	1031	147.00-157.00	151.95	Average
3	980-1235	1130	166.00-174.00	169.61	High
12	680-1390	860	120.00-139.00	131.76	Low
2	590-665	628	100.00-117.50	109.27	Very Low

BULLS - 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
3	1755-2040	1935	219.00-226.00	221.81	Average

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
8	1240-1950	1606	187.00-198.00	193.40	Average
9	1540-2035	1815	200.00-214.00	208.10	High
4	1050-1890	1369	166.00-176.00	172.20	Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
<2	O	1	1175	1175	190.00	190.00

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
>5	T1	5	785-960	873	1500.00-1950.00	1836.34

BRED HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
<2	T1	1	780	780	2350.00	2350.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Age	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	1	1130	1130	233.00	233.00
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 be included in the report. Prices are reported on an FOB basis, unless otherwise noted.					

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

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MARKETS

Weekly National Sheep Summary For Week Ending Friday, August 22, 2025

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs steady to instances of 5.00 higher. Slaughter ewes sold unevenly steady. All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.

Slaughter Lambs:	Choice and Prime 1-3
San Angelo:	Woolled and shorn 50-60 lbs 220.00-275.00; 60-70 lbs 230.00-250.00; 70-80 lbs 226.00-257.00; 80-90 lbs 236.00; 100 lbs 220.00.
New Holland:	Woolled and shorn 80-90 lbs 280.00; 90-100 lbs 275.00-295.00; 100-110 lbs 280.00-290.00; 110-120 lbs 255.00-275.00
Billings:	No test.
Ft. Collins:	50-60 lbs 220.00-235.00; 60-70 lbs 215.00-220.00; 70-80 lbs 215.00-232.50; 90-100 lbs 200.00-217.50; 110-120 lbs 190.00-215.00; 120-130 lbs 190.00-200.00; 130-140 lbs 182.00-191.00; 140-150 lbs 185.00-187.50.
Kalona:	40-50 lbs 325.00; 50-60 lbs 275.00-280.00; 60-70 lbs 225.00-250.00; 70-80 lbs 227.50-255.00; 80-90 lbs 225.00-245.00.
Equity Coop:	No test.
Sioux Falls:	50-60 lbs 280.00; 60-70 lbs 225.00-247.50; 70-80 lbs 210.00-260.00; 80-90 lbs 210.00-245.00; 90-100 lbs 210.00-245.00; 100-110 lbs 200.00-230.00; 110-120 lbs 120-130 lbs 215.00-248.00; 130-140 lbs 225.00-247.50; 140-150 lbs 222.50-251.00; 150-160 lbs 239.00.
Buffalo, MO:	No test.
Missouri:	Woolled and shorn 90-120 bs 200.00-210.00; 140-150 lbs 195.00.
Arkansas:	No test.
Equity Coop:	No test.
Slaughter Ewes:	
San Angelo:	Good 2-3 84.00-142.00.
New Holland:	Good 2-3 100.00-145.00; Utility 1-2 70.00-85.00
Billings:	No test.
Ft. Collins:	Good 2-3 80.00-125.00; Good 4-5 80.00-125.00.
Kalona:	Good 2-3 90.00-137.50.
Sioux Falls:	Good 2-3: 95.00-125.00; Good 4-5: 95.00-105.00; Utility 1-2: 115.00.
Buffalo, MO:	No test.
Missouri:	Utility and Good 1-2 125.00-135.00; Utility 1-2 115.00; Good 1-3 155.00.
Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1:	
San Angelo:	No test.
Billings:	No test.
Sioux Falls:	40-50 lbs 230.00-250.00; 50-60 lbs 255.00-290.00.
Buffalo, MO:	No test.
Equity Coop:	90-100 lbs 223.50.
Missouri:	40-50 lbs 205.00-235.00.
Ft. Collins:	30-40 lbs 270.00; 40-50 lbs 240.00-250.00; 100-110 lbs 180.00-185.00.
Kalona:	30-40 lbs 305.00; 40-50 lbs 280.00.
Equity Coop:	90 lbs 200.00-200.50.
Arkansas:	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:	Young and exposed 225.00-230.00 per cwt.
Arkansas:	No test.
Sioux Falls:	Young & open 130-200 lbs 100.00-115.00 per cwt.
Buffalo, MO:	No test.

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 32,000 compared to 35,000 last week and 34,403 last year.
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Weekly Combined Regional Shell Egg Report

Report for: 08/17/2025 - 08/23/2025					
National Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (8/15/2025)	
Extra Large	246.00 - 284.00	267.88	-4.87	272.75	
Large	245.00 - 272.00	258.69	-3.00	261.69	
Medium	154.00 - 179.00	167.00	18.00	149.00	
Midwest Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (8/15/2025)	
Extra Large	246.00 - 255.00	250.50	-3.00	253.50	
Large	245.00 - 254.00	249.50	-3.00	252.50	
Medium	154.00 - 163.00	158.50	18.00	140.50	
Delivered Store Door, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (8/15/2025)	
Extra Large	253.00 - 261.00	257.00	-3.00	260.00	
Large	251.00 - 259.00	255.00	-3.00	258.00	
Medium	160.00 - 168.00	164.00	18.00	146.00	
Paid to Producers - FOB, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (8/15/2025)	
Large	227.00 - 237.00	232.00	-3.00	235.00	
Medium	136.00 - 140.00	138.00	18.00	120.00	
Small	75.00 - 81.00	78.00	-2.00	80.00	
Northeast Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (8/15/2025)	
Extra Large	253.00 - 275.00	264.00	-4.50	268.50	
Large	247.00 - 261.00	254.00	-3.00	257.00	
Medium	156.00 - 169.00	162.50	18.00	144.50	
South Central Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (8/15/2025)	
Extra Large	275.50 - 284.00	279.75	-6.00	285.75	
Large	263.50 - 272.00	267.75	-3.00	270.75	
Medium	170.50 - 179.00	174.75	18.00	156.75	
Southeast Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (8/15/2025)	
Extra Large	273.50 - 281.00	277.25	-6.00	283.25	
Large	260.00 - 267.00	263.50	-3.00	266.50	
Medium	168.50 - 176.00	172.25	18.00	154.25	

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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Exchange		Commodity		FUTURE SETTLEMENTS					
				Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 8/28/2025					
CBOT	Corn	385.50 (Sep 25)	410.00 (Dec 25)	427.50 (Mar 26)	437.75 (May 26)	445.00 (Jul 26)	444.75 (Sep 26)	453.75 (Dec 26)	
CBOT	Soybeans	1028.25 (Sep 25)	1048.00 (Nov 25)	1066.75 (Jan 26)	1082.00 (Mar 26)	1094.50 (May 26)	1103.75 (Jul 26)	1098.50 (Aug 26)	
CBOT	Wheat	510.25 (Sep 25)	529.00 (Dec 25)	546.00 (Mar 26)	557.00 (May 26)	565.75 (Jul 26)	578.75 (Sep 26)	596.50 (Dec 26)	
CBOT	White Oats	301.25 (Sep 25)	331.25 (Dec 25)	342.75 (Mar 26)	349.50 (May 26)	337.75 (Jul 26)	353.50 (Sep 26)	354.00 (Dec 26)	
KCBT	Wheat	486.75 (Sep 25)	515.75 (Dec 25)	536.00 (Mar 26)	549.50 (May 26)	561.75 (Jul 26)	576.00 (Sep 26)	594.25 (Dec 26)	
MGE	Wheat	555.25 (Sep 25)	577.25 (Dec 25)	598.75 (Mar 26)	612.50 (May 26)	624.25 (Jul 26)	631.75 (Sep 26)	647.25 (Dec 26)	

US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	50.00Z to 90.00Z	DN 40.00-UNCH	4.6000-3.0000	DN 0.3600-UP 0.0400	4.8000
Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	100.00Z	UNCH	5.1000	UP 0.0400	5.1000
Purchase	100.00Z	5.1000	UP 0.2750	5.1000	
Purchase	100.00Z	UNCH	5.1000	UP 0.0400	5.1000

US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	-25.00Z	UNCH	3.8500	UP 0.0400	3.8500
Purchase	-20.00Z	UP 5.00	3.9000	UP 0.0900	3.9000
Green River	25.00U	UNCH	4.1050	UP 0.0300	4.1050
Green River	-10.00Z	UNCH	4.0000	UP 0.0400	4.0000
Pennyrile	-20.00Z to -5.00Z	3.9000-4.0500	UP 0.0400-UP 0.0250	3.9592	
Pennyrile	-50.00Z to -15.00Z	UNCH	3.6000-3.9500	UP 0.0400	3.7333
Louisville	-6.00U to -4.00U	UNCH	3.7950-3.8150	UP 0.0300	3.8050
Louisville	-33.00Z	UNCH	3.7700	UP 0.0400	3.7700
Bluegrass	0.00U	UNCH	3.8550	UP 0.0300	3.8550
Bluegrass	-40.00Z	UNCH	3.7000	UP 0.0400	3.7000

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-10.00U to 0.00U	UNCH	3.7550-3.8550	UP 0.0300	3.8050
Ohio River - Upper KY	-35.00Z to -34.00Z	UNCH-DN 2.00	3.7500-3.7600	UP 0.0400-UP 0.0200	3.7550
Ohio River - Lower KY	-3.00U to -13.00Z	DN 3.00	3.8250-3.9700	UNCH-UP 0.0100	3.9133
Ohio River - Lower KY	-30.00Z to 0.00Z	UNCH-UP 12.00	3.8000-4.1000	UP 0.0400-UP 0.1600	3.9250
Purchase	-3.00U to -12.00Z	3.8250-3.9800	UP 0.0300-UP 0.0850	3.8933	
Purchase	-24.00Z to -12.00Z	DN 6.00-UNCH	3.8600-3.9800	DN 0.0200-UP 0.0400	3.9300

US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	-40.00X	UNCH	10.0800	UP 0.0050	10.0800
Purchase	-30.00X	UNCH	10.1800	UP 0.0050	10.1800
Green River	-50.00X	UNCH	9.9800	UP 0.0050	9.9800
Green River	-50.00X	UNCH	9.9800	UP 0.0050	9.9800
Pennyrile	-70.00X to -29.00X	UNCH-DN 1.00	9.7800-10.1900	UP 0.0050-DN 0.0050	9.9171
Pennyrile	-75.00X to -45.00X	UNCH-UP 1.00	9.7300-10.0300	UP 0.0050-UP 0.0150	9.8300
Louisville	-123.00X	UNCH	9.2500	UP 0.0050	9.2500
Bluegrass	-50.00U	UNCH	9.7825	UP 0.0100	9.7825
Bluegrass	-100.00X	UNCH	9.4800	UP 0.0050	9.4800

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-42.00X	DN 3.00	10.0600	DN 0.0250	10.0600
Ohio River - Upper KY	-64.00X	UNCH-DN 3.00	9.8400	UP 0.0050-DN 0.0250	9.8400
Ohio River - Lower KY	-35.00X to -13.00X	UNCH	10.1300-10.3500	UP 0.0050	10.1840
Ohio River - Lower KY	-53.00X to 0.00X	DN 1.00-UNCH	9.9500-10.4800	DN 0.0050-UP 0.0050	10.0933
Purchase	-50.00X	DN 3.00	9.9800	DN 0.0250	9.9800
Purchase	-50.00X to -35.00X	UNCH	9.9800-10.1300	UP 0.0050	10.0375

US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	-25.00U	UNCH	4.8525	UP 0.0800	4.8525
Pennyrile	10.00N	UNCH	5.7575	UP 0.0275	5.7575

US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Green River	-75.00N	UNCH	4.9075	UP 0.0275	4.9075
Pennyrile	-30.00U	UNCH	4.8025	UP 0.0800	4.8025
Pennyrile	-60.00N to -55.00N	UNCH	5.0575-5.1075	UP 0.0275	5.0950
Louisville	-103.00U to -40.00U	UNCH	4.0725-4.7025	UP 0.0800	4.3875

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-25.00U	UNCH	4.8525	UP 0.0800	4.8525
Ohio River - Lower KY	-70.00Z	DN 20.00	4.5900	DN 0.1525	4.5900
Ohio River - Lower KY	-35.00N to -15.00N	UNCH	5.3075-5.5075	UP 0.0275	5.4408
Purchase	-36.00U	DN 3.00	4.7425	UP 0.0500	4.7425

Explanatory Notes: Price & Basis Values quoted are for Current Delivery, unless otherwise noted.
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Indiana farmland hits record highs; southern part of state sees drop

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – The average values of Hoosier farmland hit record highs in 2025, though the southern part of the state saw price drops of more than 11 percent in some land categories, according to the latest Purdue University Farmland Value and Cash Rent Survey.

Farmland values in the three categories of land surveyed – top, average and poor – set record highs. The average price per acre for top quality land was \$14,826, up 3 percent from a year ago. Average quality land, at \$12,254, was up 5.4 percent. Poor quality land was up 7.6 percent to \$9,761.

Cash rents for the three land categories were up less than 2 percent.

The northeast part of the state had the highest average value per acre for top quality land at \$15,909, up 10.6 percent. The northeast also had the highest values for average (\$13,791) and poor (\$11,032) land.

The southeast saw the lowest values in each category: \$10,417 (down 5.3 percent) for top quality land, \$8,167 (down 11.7 percent) for average and \$,6,083 (down 6.4 percent) for poor. Top quality land in the southwest was \$14,233 (down 11.5 percent), average was \$10,825 (down 6.5 percent) and poor was \$7,488 (down 2.1 percent).

The survey found statewide farmland values increased 4-8.2 percent during the first six months of the survey (June-December 2024). They were up 1 percent or less from December-June 2025.

Respondents were asked to evaluate the importance of 10 market factors that could influence the farmland market. Todd Kuethe, Schrader Chair in Farmland Economics and Purdue professor of agricultural economics, said in the report.

Those factors included exports, inflation and agricultural policy.

“Similar to 2024, current farm incomes are putting downward pressure on farmland values, but the downward pressure appears greater in 2025,” Kuethe wrote. “Crop prices continue to put downward pressure on farmland values, but the positive influence of livestock prices increased relative to the two prior

years. As one respondent suggests, 'the livestock market is helping hold up farmland values.'

“While interest rates continue to put downward pressure on farmland values, the pressure seems to be lower than it was in the recent years. One respondent also highlights the differences in adjustable and fixed mortgage rates this year.”

He said the strongest positive force for farmland prices remains the conversion to residential, commercial or industrial uses, a category added to the survey in 2024.

Transitional land (defined as land moving out of production agriculture and into other uses) averaged \$29,043 per acre, down from \$30,666 last year.

The survey was done in June for the prior 12 months. Respondents included farm managers, rural appraisers and agricultural loan officers. The survey categorizes farmland based on productivity. The values are for tillable, bare land. The results were released in August.

Respondents were asked where they see values heading for the remainder of 2025. Statewide, they see values increasing 2.8 percent by the end of the year for top quality land, 4 percent for average quality and 6.3

percent for poor.

The July Purdue University-CME Group Ag Economy Barometer also showed some optimism when it comes to farmland values, as the Farmland Expectations Index remained above 100. The July index was 115, a drop of five points from June.

"The fact that this is over a hundred is huge for the agriculture sector because if this materialized and land values are relatively stable or even slightly higher in the next year, that's really going to ensure that our balance sheets, particularly the long side of the balance sheet, remain relatively strong," explained Michael Langemeier, director of Purdue's Center for Commercial Agriculture and a professor of agricultural economics.

"And that's what you need when you have low net returns like that. If you have a strong balance sheet, you can weather the storm a lot better than if you start seeing a drop

in land values. And so, this is good news, not only for bankers, but also for the production agriculture sector."

Langemeier spoke during the Aug. 5 edition of the Purdue Commercial AgCast.

Average cash rents in Indiana rose to \$318 per acre for top quality land, up 1.74 percent from a year ago, according to the survey. Rent values for average land were up 1.61 percent to \$264. Poor quality land rents rose 1.53 percent to \$207.

"It typically takes several years in a row of low net returns compared to cash rent to drive down those cash rents," Langemeier pointed out. "People don't make adjustments based on one year or even two years. If you go back to the 2014 to 2019 period, it took about three years of low net return before we saw that dip in cash rents in Indiana and across the Corn Belt. So that's part of what I think is going on."

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ASA urges Congress to reauthorize U.S. Grain Standards Act

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. – An American Soybean Association (ASA) director recently testified before the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee during a hearing on the reauthorization of the U.S. Grain Standards (USGSA) Act, emphasizing what he called the critical role the law has in supporting U.S. agricultural exports, and protecting America’s reputation as a reliable supplier.

“Our grain standards, backed by the force and weight of the U.S. government, are one of the strongest reputational enhancements available to U.S. soybean farmers,” Brandon Wipf, a fourth-generation Huron, S.D., soybean farmer, told the committee July 29 concerning the act, set to expire Sept. 30.

“The U.S. soybean industry has a profound, positive impact on the U.S. economy,” he said. “We have long been U.S. agriculture’s number one export crop, and a by-the-numbers look demonstrates the value of the soybean industry to our domestic economic health.”

He added, “The USDA reported 86 million acres of soy were harvested in 2024, with production of 4.4 bil-

lion bushels. Soybean production accounts for more than \$4 billion in wages and over \$80 billion in economic impacts, according to a study by the United Soybean Board/Soy Checkoff, and the National Oilseed Processors Association.”

He said, “This economic impact does not include secondary soy markets and supporting industries like biofuels, grain elevators, feed mills, ports, rail, refining, barges, etc., which bring the national total economic impact of the soybean value chain to a significant \$124 billion.

“Market access and relationship maintenance would not be possible if it were not for trusted and reliable grain inspection and marketing efforts undertaken by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service’s Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) as authorized by the U.S. Grain Standards Act of 1916, since amended,” he said.

“The act authorized FGIS to establish official marketing standards for certain grains and oilseeds, including soybeans, corn, oats, wheat and sorghum, among others,” he added. “Prior to export, inspections are carried out by FGIS or by state agencies that have delegated inspection authority by FGIS.”

He said, “For most U.S. soybean farmers, our sole interaction with FGIS, designated or delegated agencies and the U.S. grain standards, are at our local grain elevator.

“When I deliver my soybeans to the elevator, they are then tested, sorted and consolidated into larger lots for eventual shipment,” he said. “The grain standards determine the price a farmer receives for their soybeans at the elevator, and I know the official grain grades provide our international customers with the knowledge that the commodity they receive has been assessed for quality, purity, moisture and soundness. Should those standards no longer be in place, it would cause chaos in the markets.”

Wipf told Farm World, “Most of the U.S. Grain Standards Act is permanently authorized, including mandatory inspection and weighing of exported grain, as well as authority to amend grain standards of quality. However, several provisions are set to expire on Sept. 30, 2025, including the authority to collect user fees to fund official inspections and weighing services.”

Other provisions of the act set to expire Sept. 30 include: annual appropriations such as the authority for Congress to approve annual funding for the development and maintenance of grain standards and other related activities; an administrative cost cap, which is the spending limit on administrative and supervisory costs related to grain inspection; and the authorization for the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee to provide industry input on grain standards and inspection procedures.

Wipf said, “Reauthorization of USGSA is historically a non-controversial, bipartisan effort, and we ap-

preciate both the Senate and House Agriculture Committees’ attention to this matter during ongoing farm bill negotiations,” he said.

He called on Congress to act quickly to reauthorize the law before the key provisions expire Sept. 30, noting that trusted inspection and grading systems are essential for maintaining access to global markets, especially as U.S. soybean farmers go into the 2025 harvest season.

“The official U.S. grain standards help soybean farmers market their beans to international customers,” he added. “Soybeans are the largest exported commodity in the U.S., and our international customers know that with the U.S. Grain Standards – despite other changes in U.S. policy – U.S. soybeans will be the uniform high-quality, high-value product they know to expect when they enter into a contract.

“This creates consistency and further enhances trust in U.S. soybean exports, and ASA looks forward to continuing to work with Congress for an on-time reauthorization of the USGSA,” he added.

While Congress has yet to reauthorize the USGSA before the Sept. 30 deadline, a bill to do so – the United States Grain Standards Reauthorization Act of 2025 – was approved by the U.S. House Agriculture Committee July 22 and has moved to the full U.S. House for consideration.

Mike Seyfert, National Grain and Feed Association president and CEO, commended the committee for moving the legislation forward.

“This is a must-pass bill for the entire grain value chain,” he said. “It plays a vital role in facilitating the movement of U.S. grain to domestic and global markets.”

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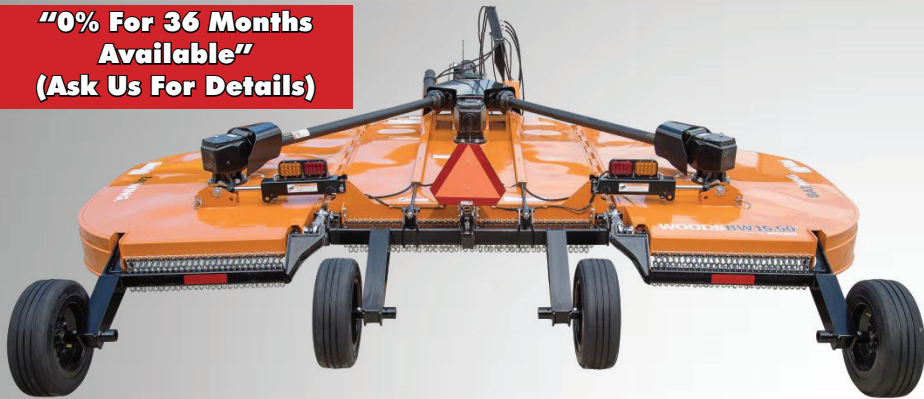
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Illinois lawmaker's bill would strengthen National Weather Service

By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. - U.S. Rep. Eric Sorensen (D-Ill. 17th district) says that public trust in the National Weather Service (NWS) is at risk under President Donald Trump's administration, as is the public's trust in the government's ability to reliably assess and dispense the data NWS provides. Trust has eroded in the administration, he said, due to its failure to utilize NWS data to help prevent the drownings of more than 135 people in a flash flood in central Texas on July 4, 2025. This came on the heels of Trump's earlier decision to lay off 550 NWS employees in a budget-cutting move.

In early August, Trump reversed course and rehired some 450 NWS meteorologists, hydrologists and radar technicians, but not before the administration's actions may have contributed to the loss of dozens of lives, according to Sorensen, who is a certified meteorologist in addition to a lawmaker.

"(Living) in the heart of agriculture, we need to especially be standing up for the NWS," said Sorensen, speaking to reporters on Agriculture Day, Aug. 8, at the Illinois State Fair. "As the only meteorologist (in Congress) I've been able to say why all these people at the NWS are so important. I take it personally when I think about how back on the 4th of July when the catastrophe happened in Texas, the NWS were heroes but the first ones to be blamed."

"The NWS was putting out these warnings to help save people's lives. I want to see a program that is similar to the National Transportation Safety Board. Just as every time there is a plane crash or a catastrophic event there is an investigation to make sure that catastrophe doesn't happen again, we need to do that with weather disasters."

Sorensen said he is committed to seeing policy change in Washington that will result in an advisory board for weather policy. "This board will go back and see what happened in these big weather events, whether they are wildfires or hurricanes or flash floods. My team is working all hands on deck on this legislation right now, and I'm so optimistic to get this out the door. We're going to find bipartisanship and we're going to find co-leads on the other side. I believe when we talk about weather disasters and our resilience we have to keep the politics out," he said.

Along with Texas Rep. Nathaniel Moran (R-1st district), Sorensen recently introduced the bipartisan Rural Weather Monitoring Systems Act (HR 4239), which would help strengthen weather forecasting systems in rural America by identifying gaps in coverage and recommending action.

The legislation will require a new study of the nation's weather monitoring systems to give lawmakers a better picture of the state of current weather forecasting abilities across the country, according to Sorensen. The bill is urgently needed amid warnings that weather forecasting at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and NWS have been degraded by understaffing, layoffs and cuts at the agencies, Sorenson said in introducing the bill.

"Having access to accurate and reliable weather forecasting is critically important for everyone, whether you're a farmer trying to plant your harvest or a family determining if you need to shelter in place for a tornado," Sorensen said. "During

severe weather season, it is critical that we get an accurate picture of the state of our weather monitoring systems across the country. This bipartisan bill will help us ensure that we're meeting the needs of my neighbors in rural communities who rely on NOAA and the NWS to get their weather forecasts."

Added Moran in a news release, "In rural communities like ours, a few minutes' warning can mean the difference between life and death. But too often, our families are left without the tools to see danger coming. Every community - no matter how small - deserves the same protection as anywhere else in America. This bill is about closing the radar gap, so no one in East Texas, or rural America, is left in the dark when it matters most."

Sorensen has warned about what he describes as the impact of Project 2025's plans to dismantle and privatize NOAA and the NWS and has called on the administration to bring a stop to the cuts.



Above: U.S. Rep. Eric Sorensen (D-Ill. 17th district), the only certified meteorologist elected to the U.S. Congress, is co-sponsoring legislation that would strengthen the National Weather Service and establish a board of review for catastrophic weather events. (T. Alexander photo)

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Drivers urged to be patient with farm machinery as harvest season approaches

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent



Above: Farm vehicles hitting the roads is a safety concern going into harvest season.

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - There's been a rise in the number of farm-related deaths on highways and more drivers passing heavy machinery and equipment heading to and from fields, according to a veteran farm safety expert at Purdue University.

Bill Field, also a farmer with heavy machinery on the roads during harvest, urged drivers to be patient and share the road with farm machinery.

"It just seems like there's so much more aggression. It just ends up in problems," he said.

Field said he's most concerned about the risk from having large farm vehicles and other equipment traveling on roads during harvest and spring planting.

The number of fatalities on the farm in Indiana has risen from 15 last year to 28, so far, this year, he said. Field said many of the deaths occurred in Amish communities where older, less safe equipment and age-old farming practices are still used.

Field cautioned about the use of corn pickers, which have been largely replaced over the years by combines but are still used especially on small farms due to their much cheaper purchase price.

Field said corn pickers have rolls moving with enough power to remove ears from the stalks and husks from the ears.

He said injuries often happen, though, when drivers fail to shut off corn pickers to remove stalks stuck in the rolls that prevent them from turning properly.

That's when an arm by the hand or a leg by a foot can be pulled into the machine.

"That's part of the problem with pickers. They try to fix things with it running," he said.

Typically, Field said accidents involving corn pickers aren't fatal but result in amputations.

Fortunately, Field said skid steers are starting to be made with video cameras and monitors for drivers to see what's behind them while backing up.

Without the cameras, drivers looking back can't see much, if anything, because of how skid steers are designed.

The National Grain and Feed Foundation (NGFF) recently offered safety tips designed to prevent death and injury on farms during the upcoming harvest season.

The organization's advice focuses heavily on safety around moving vehicles like tractors, semi-trucks, pay loaders, skid steers, forklifts and yard carts to prevent hitting or running over someone working or helping on the farm.

The NGFF suggests having a spotter to help avoid striking an individual that might be near or underneath a machine while it's parked or in the path of a driver operating the vehicle. Spotters can also help notify the driver to stop if a person happens to be in the blind spot of the driver.

"These are generally caused by the driver not being able to see a worker in their blind spot," NGFF officials said.

Other causes of people being struck include workers not hearing back-up alarms on farm machines and employees retrieving equipment or tools underneath vehicles.

Farmers should also give undivided attention to the area they're driving in or working around and make sure trucks and trailers are on level ground when parking to prevent shifting and rolling, according to the NGFF.

Other advice includes hands-on training and discussing potential hazards with all operators, not allowing drivers to use cellphones, and wearing high visibility clothing to improve the odds of being seen by a machine operator or spotter.

According to the NGFF, there should also be a traffic control plan containing things like clearly marked designated areas of travel for all equipment, vehicles and people on foot.

Easily visible signage should also be posted to mark places like entry and exit points, along with unloading areas.

The NGFF also suggests keeping people not involved in the receiving process out of the area and making sure nobody smokes in dusty environments to prevent a flash fire.

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Ohio Farm Bureau offered ag programming for teachers during state fair

By Mike Tanchevski
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Twenty-four Ohio teachers benefited from summer school this year, thanks to the Ohio Farm Bureau. Ohio County Farm Bureaus provides ag programming for students throughout the year, but this program was specifically designed for teachers.

Food Roots: Where Your Lunch Begins was a one-day professional development event focused on connecting educators to the roots of the foods their students eat. The event took place in Kasich Hall during the Ohio State Fair.

Presenters, visits to the animal barns, and Q&A sessions with farmers provided teachers with new ways to incorporate agriculture instruction into their classrooms.

Mary Klopfenstein, ExploreAg and ag literacy program specialist for Ohio Farm Bureau, was happy with the level of participation at the inaugural event. “This is the first educator professional development that we have hosted,” she said, “We ended up with 24 kindergarten through 2nd grade educators from across the state.”

Klopfenstein explained why the professional development was specifically geared to early grade levels.

“We used K through 2nd grade because the lessons we found were tailored for those grades,” she said. “Instead of having K through 6th grade all in the same room, where we would have needed a wider range of resources to be really relevant, we want to make sure

we could be as relevant as possible for the group that we bought in.”

After hearing a presentation about how to incorporate agriculture into the classroom, Vinton County Schools’ second-grade teacher Robyn Hambrick, who teaches in a small southeast Ohio school district, came away from the professional development with a new perspective.

“I thought it would be good, especially in rural southern Ohio, where there’s farming, but it’s taken for granted,” Hambrick said. “My kids don’t realize where their food really comes from, because they know it comes from Walmart.”

After introductions, teachers heard a presentation on Connecting Ohio Food and Farms to the Classroom. The discussion focused on what Ohio agriculture looks like, who the Ohio Farm Bureau is, and why the Ohio Farm Bureau and Ohio agriculture care so much about educators and youth.

“We made the connection that why we care about strengthening our communities and helping connect young people to their food system allows them to make more healthy and informed choices moving forward,” Klopfenstein said.

This was followed by an overview and hands-on demonstration of two curriculum kits designed specifically for K-2 students. One of the kits was called “Plant or Animal,” and the other, “What is a Farm?”

“They’re very basic, because kindergarten through 2nd grade, they’re still learning pretty basic concepts,” Klop-

fenstein said.

The demonstration was orchestrated by a teacher who is also an Ohio Farm Bureau member.

After the morning session, the group took a short walk for lunch at the Taste of Ohio pavilion, before heading to the livestock barns for five show-and-tell gatherings.

“We did a round of barn tours that we called Meet the Farmer,” Klopfenstein said. The group stopped at the swine, cattle, sheep and hog barns. “We had a family lined up at each spot to talk to the teachers in small groups. It was a unique opportunity for them to meet the animals and talk to the farmers.”

Hambrick thought the presentation schedule was very effective. “It connected all the pieces from what we had listened to in the morning and about the different things Farm Bureau does – where things come from – then to go visit those barns and to see those products actually on the fairgrounds,” she said. “I just don’t think it would have been nearly as meaningful if we had done the barn stuff in the morning.”

Teachers also got to talk with some 4-H youth, “which I think impressed several of them about how much those 4-H kiddos do with their animals, and know about caring for their animals,” Klopfenstein said.

Hambrick valued the subject matter experts and how excited they were to share what they get to do every day. “Several of the teachers appreciated getting to connect directly with the farmers to hear why they do what they do,” she said.

Teachers were selected on a first-come, first-serve basis, representing a variety of the state. “We were surprised by how far people came,” Klopfenstein said. “We thought we were going to have a, a high concentration from the Columbus metropolitan area, but teachers came from all over.”

Hambrick, who traveled nearly 70 miles to attend, learned about the program through her relationship with a local county farm bureau.

“Our district participates in the Ag Day experience through the Jackson County Farm Bureau,” she said. “They sent an email after the Ag Day experience and let me know about the opportunity. I reached out to them and told them I’d be interested if they had seats open – and I was selected.”

Hambrick believed it was important for her and her students to learn more about the various aspects of Ohio agriculture and its impact on farmers and consumers. “I guess the real wake-up call to me was for every \$1 spent, .15 cents of it goes back to the farmer – the other .85 cents is lost with production cost,” Hambrick said. “Those things make you appreciate when you go buy something and you complain about the price of it.”

Participant responses from a follow-up survey were very positive. “It looks like we got five-star reviews from all the teachers through that survey,” Klopfenstein said. “Since this was the first teacher training event, I wanted to make sure it was worth their time being at the training, traveling in.”

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CountryMark to begin producing diesel fuel with soybeans

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

MT. VERNON, Ind. – A long-established farmer-owned cooperative will begin using soybeans for the first time to make a renewable blend of higher performing diesel fuel at its Indiana refinery.

CountryMark spent \$100 million on what's possibly the most extensive upgrade in the history of its refinery in Mt. Vernon, which was established after crude oil was discovered in the community west of Evansville in 1938.

The completion of the project was marked by a ribbon cutting in July but the processing of soybeans into oil for use in the fuel blend isn't expected to begin until sometime in September, according to company officials.

The improvements will give the refinery the ability to use up to 20 million gallons of refined, bleached and deodorized soybean oil in its diesel blend-fuel annually.

The upgrades included the addition of catalysts to help with an ISO dewaxing process that allows more of the heavier molecules in soybean oil to be used for diesel production.

"Using these heavier molecules

gives the fuel exceptional power and high octane without sacrificing winter performance capabilities of the fuel," said CountryMark President and CEO Matt Smorch.

Other key improvements include a new reactor and a soybean oil offloading rack and storage.

Smorch said the fuel, which will contain up to 10 percent soybean oil, is different in several ways from biodiesel, which can be made with soybean oil, animal fat and used cooking oil.

"Renewal diesel meets ASTM D975 diesel specifications, is stable in long-term storage and has a low cloud point while biodiesel does not have those characteristics," he said.

Other fuel already produced by the refinery includes biodiesel, gasoline along with lubricants such as diesel and gasoline engine oils, tractor exhaust fluid, hydraulic oil, grease, transmission fluid and gear oil.

The refinery has grown from processing 2,000 to 35,000 barrels of local crude oil daily. Currently, the refinery churns out more than 525 million gallons of finished fuel products per year.

The fuel is delivered to co-ops for distribution to farmers and to more than 100 CountryMark-owned gas stations

for use by the traveling public.

The gas stations are primarily located throughout much of Indiana with some locations in western Kentucky and southern parts of Illinois and Michigan.

A tour of the refinery as part of the ribbon cutting was taken by company leaders, government officials and community stakeholders.

Gratitude was also expressed by the company to its employees and others like Indiana Farm Bureau and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture for their involvement and support of the expansion, which began last fall after several years of engineering development.

"This approach, which we have taken, will allow CountryMark to produce renewable fuel, reduce the carbon intensity of our fuel and do so in the most cost-effective manner possible by utilizing existing refining assets and expertise," Smorch said.

He also told Hoosier Ag Today that making renewable diesel fuel is like a "new start" for the company.

"We can differentiate ourselves even further from our competitors in the marketplace and also make that investment to make sure that the farmers who own us, their assets are going to

be here for many, many years," he said.

Smorch also told Hoosier Ag today other winners include farmers selling their soybeans for use in making the fuel.

"We're taking soybeans from Indiana farmers and we're going to crush them to make oil. Then, we'll refine that oil into renewable diesel and then sell that renewable diesel back to the farmers that are growing the soybeans. It's going to be great for their business and it ends up generating a circular economy," he said.

According to company officials, renewable diesel fuel blends have been available on America's West Coast since 2010 but the upgraded refinery is Indiana's first commercially available renewable diesel fuel production facility. CountryMark is headquartered in Indianapolis.



CountryMark is about to start making diesel fuel with soybeans after a July ribbon cutting at its upgraded refinery in southern Indiana.

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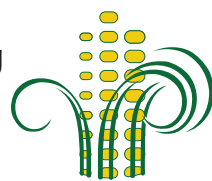
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US biofuels industry has 20th anniversary

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Aug. 8, the U.S. biofuels industry marked the 20th anniversary of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), created to promote biofuels, especially ethanol, as a sustainable alternative to traditional gasoline, according to industry officials.

"The RFS is the foundation of America's bioeconomy," said Emily Skor, CEO of Growth Energy, the nation's largest biofuels trade association, based in Washington, D.C. "It supports hundreds of thousands of rural jobs, and has shielded an entire generation of drivers from volatility in global oil markets. More than 10 percent of U.S. fuel supplies now come from renewable sources like ethanol, representing billions of gallons in savings. And it's still fueling growth."

"As part of a drive toward U.S. energy dominance, the U.S. EPA recently proposed to set biofuel blending at the highest volume in the history of the program," she added. "Those numbers aren't yet final, and the EPA still needs to address petitions from refiners seeking to skirt the RFS, but if we remain on a growth trajectory, the benefits to American motorists and farmers are overwhelming."

According to the USDA, the RFS is a program developed by the EPA to comply with the Clean Air Act and the Energy Independence and Security Act and signed into law in August 2005. The second, known as RFS2, came about in 2007.

The USDA added the RFS is designed to increase the amount of renewable fuels used in the United States to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. The RFS requires petroleum refiners and importers to blend a certain percentage of biofuels into their fuels. The first RFS applied mainly to gasoline and ethanol. RFS2 mandates the inclusion of other biofuels, such as biodiesel, into the country's petroleum fuel supply.

According to Growth Energy, since the RFS was signed into law, American biorefineries have produced more than 250 billion gallons of ethanol. In that same time period, American ethanol plants have purchased 92.7 billion bushels of corn, driving more than \$425 billion of revenue to American farmers.

Brian Glenn, American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) director of government affairs, told Farm World, "On the 20th anniversary milestone of the Renewable Fuel Standard, the

AFBF reflects on the tremendous success story that the RFS has been for the country, and the rural economy. The RFS has reduced our country's dependence on foreign oil, reduced air pollution, increased farm incomes, and provided good-paying jobs in rural America.

"Since its inception, the RFS has played a vital role in fostering a strong and consistent demand for domestically grown feedstocks, and expanding commodity markets," he added. "The AFBF recognizes the importance of the RFS to farmers and rural communities."

"Following the implementation of the RFS2 in 2007, the U.S. experienced tremendous growth within the agricultural sector," he added. "U.S. farmers answered the call to contribute to the country's energy independence by expanding corn and soybean production."

He said, "For 2025, farmers are estimated to produce 15.8 billion bushels of corn, 5.5 billion of which will be used for ethanol. Farmers are also estimated to produce 4.3 billion bushels of soybeans this year, with 2.5 billion of that being crushed into soybean oil. The USDA estimates that over half of the soybean oil will be used for biofuels."

Monte Shaw, Iowa Renewable Fuels Association (IRFA) executive director, told Farm World, "The Renewable Fuel Standard has played a pivotal role in reducing emissions, bolstering American energy independence, and revitalizing rural economies nationwide. It transformed U.S. agriculture from decades of government reliance into a dynamic, market-driven powerhouse."

"In Iowa, the RFS has been especially impactful, propelling the state to become the nation's top producer of both biodiesel and ethanol," he added. "According to the latest study (by the IRFA), renewable fuels production in Iowa accounted for more than \$5.7 billion of Iowa GDP (Gross Domestic Product), generated \$2.6 billion of income for Iowa households, and supported over 34,000 jobs through the entire Iowa economy."

Bill Couser, a Nevada, Iowa, farmer who grows commercial corn he sells to local plants to be processed into fuel ethanol, said, "The RFS is more than a law. It's a vital outlet for surplus grains that provides stability and prosperity to American farmers facing higher input costs and uncertain export markets. I don't know that our family's farm would be as strong as it is today if it weren't for the RFS, and the American biofuels industry."

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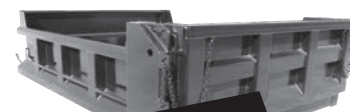
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Agro-forestry company keeps trees growing, producing income

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

LIBERTY, Ind. — WhiteWater Ranch is a family-run agro-forestry operation with more than 100 acres of hardwoods. Owner Rick Moser manages that forest, plus he has a sawmill and does custom sawing. He also manages woodlots for other farmers. His son, Eric, has joined him as a partner since Eric's return from the Navy.

"I didn't want it to be just a sawmill business," Moser said. "I wanted it to be an agro-forestry business."

Moser has had the sawmill in operation for about 10 years. He saws timber for fencing, trailer decking or barn siding, and posts for pole buildings. Other people use it for porches, interior home trim work, or flooring.

"Then there are guys that just make furniture," he explained. "I saw maple or walnut slabs that people make tables out of. We custom-cut whatever people are looking for."

Moser grew up farming and in the woods with his dad and grandfather. Later he went into information technology and farmed on the side. Eventually, he decided to leave his job and do agro-forestry and the sawmill full-



Above: Eric Moser, chainsaw in hand, works with his dad doing select cutting in woodlots. They harvest from their property two or three times a year.

time. He has been working by himself for the last couple of years while his son, Eric, was away in the Navy.

"We agreed to create WhiteWater Ranch and do this agro-forestry thing, and when he came back, we would be

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Agro-forestry

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partners,” Moser said.

To get started, Moser had the state foresters come and help him develop a forestry plan. They don’t manage the property, but he uses that plan as a guide.

The goal when managing a woodlot is to open the canopy by harvesting dead or problem trees, letting the healthy, good trees continue to grow in diameter, Moser said. As the canopy opens and light hits the forest floor, nature kicks off the seedbed, and replacement trees start sprouting.

“You’re trying to find that good balance,” Moser explained. “I had groves on my property that had too much maple, and maple chokes out all of the other species. If I aggressively harvest maple out of there, then the floor gets more light and other species begin to grow, and we get a mixed age and mixed species growing in that area.”

Moser can start to see that the trees in his woodlot are straighter than when he started doing selective cutting, and they’re healthier. He still has a lot of work to do, but he can see the difference, and it’s not obvious that he has harvested trees.

Some of his neighbors liked what they saw him doing with his forest and asked him to manage theirs. This year, he sent out a general letter promoting his forestry work.

Moser harvests timber from his property two or three times a year.

“It’s having the plan,” he said. “It is good for wildlife, it is good for deer, all of that.”

Mike Shea has 125 acres of woods, and he is about to sign a contract with Moser. Shea hasn’t harvested



Above: Moser grew up farming and in the woods with his dad and grandfather. Then he got a day-job in Information Technology and farmed on the side. Eventually, he decided to do agro-forestry and the sawmill full-time.

any wood from his farm for about 20 years.

“He is going to work with 15 to 20 acres at a time,” Shea said. “He is interested in all species, not just one. He wants some of the cedar; he’ll take some of the osage orange, cherry, and he is looking at some of the walnut for his mill and for someone who does veneer work.

“What I really liked about him is that he wasn’t just looking for the walnut,” Shea said. “He is not going to go through every inch of the woods



Above: WhiteWater Ranch is a family-run agro-forestry operation with more than 100 acres of hardwoods. Owners Rick Moser and Eric Moser manage that forest; they have a sawmill and do custom sawing, and are starting to manage woodlots for other landowners. Photos courtesy of WhiteWater Ranch

and take everything that is of value and leave everything else behind. He will come in and mark the trees, get rid of some of the older ones. Then he will come back next year and do another section, so it is steady income just like your crops — because it is a crop.”

Moser is happy with that, but he still wants to stack in other businesses, like mushrooms, and maybe goats.

“I love eating mushrooms,” he said. “I got some spawn, and I am starting

to inoculate logs. The next step would be to find restaurants or markets, once I feel confident that I can produce enough.”

Also, when you open a forest canopy, invasive plants like multiflora rose and honeysuckle can start to take over. He has used goats to keep them under control, and he may start offering that service to other farmers.

To learn more, visit WhiteWater Ranch on Facebook.

4 of 6 killed in Colorado dairy incident were family members

(AP) – Six workers who died in what authorities suspect was exposure to gas at a dairy farm include a 50-year-old father and two sons, an incident that left rural Colorado communities in mourning.

Weld County Chief Deputy Coroner Jolene Weiner on Aug. 22 confirmed the identities of the deceased – all Hispanic males, including four members of an extended family.

Alejandro Espinoza Cruz, of Nunn, died along with his 17-year-old son Oscar Espinoza Leos – a high school student – and a second son, 29-year-old Carlos Espinoza Prado, of Evans.

The Espinozas are related by marriage to another 36-year-old victim from Greeley – Jorge Sanchez Pena, Weiner said.

Organizers with a support network for food workers told the Denver Post that the four relatives repaired machinery at various dairies in and near Keenesburg, Colo., where they were found dead the evening of Aug. 20.

“They were extremely hardworking and humble,” said Tomi Rodriguez, an outreach worker for Project Protect Food System Workers. “They were a very united family.”

The Weld County Coroner’s Office identified the other deceased Colorado residents as Ricardo Gomez Galvan, 40, and Noe Montanez Casanas, 32, both of Keenesburg.

Words of condolences for the six flooded online message boards while flyers advertised a dance, hair cuts and a car wash over the weekend to benefit their families.

Their bodies were recovered by emergency responders at a dairy farm in Kennesburg, about 35 miles northeast of

Denver. Project Protect personnel said the two men outside the extended family lived on the grounds of the dairy in employer-provided housing, according to the Denver Post.

The coroner’s office is investigating the deaths as the possible consequence of gas exposure in a confined space. The office said autopsies have been completed on all six people, but it was awaiting the results of further testing to determine exactly how they died.

Weld County Sheriff’s Office spokesperson Melissa Chesmore has said the agency didn’t find anything that would indicate a crime took place.

County tax records say the property is owned by Prospect Valley Dairy LLC and list a Bakersfield, Calif., address for the owners. The Associated Press left phone messages this week at a number listed for the California address.

Weld County is a major agricultural producer. Three-quarters of its land is devoted to farming and raising livestock. It’s Colorado’s leading dairy producer and the state’s biggest source of beef cattle, grain and sugar beets.



Above: Moser has had the sawmill in operation for about 10 years. He saws timber for fencing, trailer decking or barn siding, and posts for pole buildings. Other people use it for porches or interior home trim work, flooring, and furniture-making.

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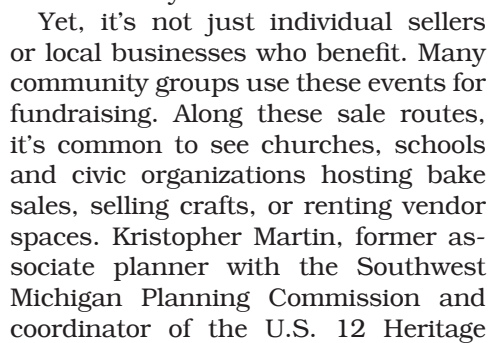
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FARMER RETIREMENT

2: Case 2390 4960 hrs. nice condition, JD 643 corn head, JD 915 soybean head, (2) Unverferth head carts, (2) 9 shank Glencoe disk chisels, Wil-Rich 21 ft. field cultivator, 20 ft. flat fold disk, 3 point chisel, JD 7000 planter, Liquid fertilizer no-till nice condition, 18.4/34 duals.

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TRACTORS: International 706 gas, JD 2210 tractor with mower deck, JD 3025 E with loader

Maryland resident is diagnosed with New World screwworm

NEW YORK (AP) – A Maryland resident who traveled to El Salvador has been diagnosed with New World screwworm – the first reported U.S. case tied to travel to a country with a current outbreak.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed the diagnosis on Aug. 4. Federal health officials acknowledged the infection in an emailed statement Aug. 25.

The person has recovered, and investigators found no transmission to any other people or animals, Maryland health officials said.

New World screwworm is a fly that lays its eggs in open wounds and body openings. The parasite is typically found in South America and the Caribbean.

It is rare in humans but has been a concern to ranchers, as cattle infestations have been moving northward through Central America and Mexico. The CDC is working with the USDA to prevent further spread, officials said.

The pest was a recurring problem for the American cattle industry for decades, with Florida and Texas known as hot spots, until the U.S. largely eradicated it in the 1960s and 1970s.

Given that history, the Maryland case is likely not the first time an American has ever been diagnosed with it, said Max Scott, a North Carolina State University research who has studied it. But this appears to be the first case in a U.S. resident in quite a while, he said.

The name refers to a blue-green blowfly that became somewhat infamous after infestations were reported in the 19th century at the Devil's Island penal colony off the coast of South America.

Female flies lay eggs in an open wound or in the nose, eyes or mouth of an animal or person, which quickly grow into larvae that eat the flesh.

The screwworm part of the name comes from those maggots, which can get up to two-thirds of an inch long and look like they are screwing themselves into the flesh.

"It's a nasty parasite," Scott said.

The larvae do not spread from person to person, and they pose a very low overall risk to the public, U.S. health officials said.

According to the CDC, people are at greater risk if they travel to areas with animal infestations and spend time among livestock, sleep outdoors and have an open wound.

Symptoms can also include painful, unexplained wounds or sores that do not heal. One telltale sign is seeing maggots around open sores. Another is a foul-smelling odor from the affected part of the body.

Doctors have to remove the larvae, sometimes through surgery.

Do not try to remove or dispose of the maggots yourself, the CDC says.

Are more human or animal cases expected in the U.S.?

It's possible.

Scientists for decades were able to control the bug by releasing billions of sterilized male flies, but lapses in the that work and the migration of people and animals helped them spread northward into Central America and Mexico more recently.

There are new genetic techniques being developed to stop them, and the U.S. government is ramping up its work to control the parasites. But they remain a concern.





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Illinois 4-H ‘Beyond Ready’ to expand its youth outreach

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – To help 4-H expand its reach from under six to 10 million youth across the United States and territories, National 4-H launched its Beyond Ready Initiative earlier in 2025. Beyond Ready aims not only to expand the reach of 4-H but also to set up students for success in their futures, according to Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team member Alex Paul, who was representing the organization during Agriculture Day at the 2025 Illinois State Fair in Springfield.

“Beyond Ready is essentially our college and career readiness initiative, and it strives to show that 4-H is making our youth Beyond Ready for the future,” said Paul, who hails from tiny Cisne in Wayne County, roughly 2.5 hours south of the Springfield fairgrounds. “4-H is making us more prepared for college, more prepared for a career in both the soft and the hard skills (including) leadership and public speaking. Ultimately, our goal is to make our youth into productive citizens, so that as we move into the future we have (developed) a next generation of leaders and public figures, legislators and community activists.”

Paul noted that 4-H can serve almost any interest students may have, including everything from graphic design, welding, and woodworking to showing livestock competitively. “Even if you want to play e-sports or build robots, 4-H has an area for that and for you. You can learn about what you’re already interested in, as well as grow in the skills that are going to help you make that a career or a future for you,” he said.

The mission of 4-H’s Beyond Ready initiative is described as:

- Equipping youth with leadership, critical thinking, and adaptability skills.
- Encouraging development through health, engagement, productivity and community involvement.
- Bridging the gap between education and real-world application to ensure career and personal success.

4-H, sponsored in Illinois by the University of Illinois Extension, is offered to youth ages 8-18, while their introductory Cloverbud program is

open to kids ages 5-8. Members have the option to attend and participate in state and national conferences, much like their FFA counterparts, according to Paul, who served on the 2025 National 4-H Youth Leadership Team in addition to the Illinois team. As part of his national-level duties, Paul helped organize the 2025 4-H National Premier Civic Engagement Conference (NPCEC), which serves to gather 4-Hers from across the country in Washington, D.C., to tour significant government buildings such as USDA headquarters, the Pentagon and congressional offices.

“Twenty-two different federal partners were visited by 4-Hers who were there to help them solve the issues of today, because the 4-Hers are the leaders of both today and tomorrow,” Paul said of the NPCEC. “In addition, we offer National 4-H Congress, the Ignite Conference and a lot of other state and national opportunities.”

Paul was among a contingent of state 4-H student officers and leaders who converged on the state fair to honor the 2025 Illinois 4-H Family Spirit Award winner. The award, bestowed on an Illinois family that has benefited and continues to advocate for 4-H over multiple generations, went to the Wendel Riggins family, of McDonough County.

The family’s commitment to 4-H spans four generations and 17 family members enrolled in the organization. This encompasses 145 years of membership and counting, 20 years of club leaders and 55 years of both volunteerism and showing animals at the Illinois State Fair. The family was honored both on the Governor’s Lawn during the state fair’s Ag Breakfast and later during a 4-H award ceremony in the Orr Building on the fairgrounds.

Present in all 102 Illinois counties, 4-H is easily accessible to youth through their closest county Extension office. More information about joining or forming a 4-H chapter can be found on the Extension 4-H website, as can more info on the Beyond Ready initiative.

As part of the initiative, 4-H members are encouraged to share how 4-H has helped to make them Beyond Ready by logging into go.illinois.edu/BeyondReadyStory.

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Vintage lawn tractors raked in impressive bids at Beckort auction

By William Flood
Ohio correspondent

CORYDON, Ind. – On Aug. 13, Beckort Auctions held the second half of a two-part event featuring nearly 200 lots, highlighted by more than 30 vintage lawn and garden tractors. The auction drew strong interest with a mix of restored and original-condition models from makers like Allis-Chalmers, John Deere, International Cub Cadet, Minneapolis-Moline, and Wheel Horse. This round also included a Ford tractor, a Tiger Cub zero-turn mower, various lawn and garden attachments, shop tools, and a handful of antiques.

The two highest bids went to the biggest equipment in the lineup. A Ford 1320 compact tractor brought \$3,630, leading the sale. Manufactured from 1987 to 1998, it featured a 20 HP Shibaura 3-cylinder diesel engine, 9-speed transmission, mid-mount Ford 914 mower, 540 PTO, 3-point hitch, AG tires, and a roll bar. It was garage-kept, wore original paint, and came with factory documentation. Next in line, at \$2,640, was a Skag Tiger Cub zero-turn mower in good running shape, equipped with a 19 HP Kawasaki engine, 48-inch deck, and just 1,125 hours.

The excitement started with the lawn and garden tractors. They were led by a respectable \$1,015.50 offered for a 1979-1982 Ariens GT16, with a Kohler motor, rear tiller, front-mounted snow blade, snow blower, mower deck and rear wheel weights. Like most of the lawn and garden machines, it had been garage-kept, but had not been started in 10 years. The Ariens was followed by a restored 1963 Pennsylvania Panzer T75 that reached the same sum. Another Panzer – this one a nicely reconditioned

1956 Copar version – with a Kohler engine, AG tires, and its original literature, scored \$632.50.

A refurbished 1968 John Deere 140, outfitted with triple remote hydraulics and factory paperwork, got a bid of \$742.50. Close behind, a 1958/59 Wheel Horse RJ58 with fenders, showing previous restoration, landed \$715. Six other Wheel Horse units found new owners at prices ranging from \$220 for a restored 1976 Model A-100 with a 4-speed transmission to \$550 for a redone 1962 Model 702.

The diverse lineup continued with a refurbished 1964 Minneapolis-Moline Town & Country 108 equipped with AG tires and owner's manuals, which went for \$577.50. Three lots later, a redone 1967 Massey-Ferguson Hydra-Speed hit that same price. A restored 1966/67 Allis-Chalmers B-10 with a sleeve hitch changed hands for \$506, while a 1973 Allis-Chalmers 410, also reconditioned



Above: A nicely restored, torquise blue 1963 Pennsylvania Panzer T75 lawn tractor (\$1,017.50) was typical of the eye-catching machines offered.

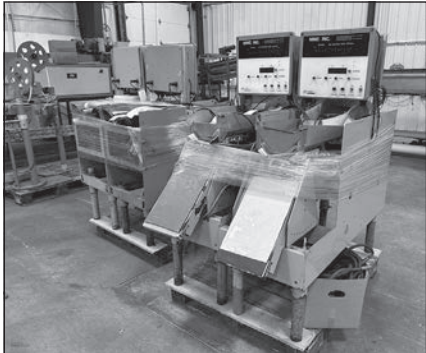


Above: A variety of manufacturers was represented: Allis-Chalmers, Ariens, Ford and International Cub Cadet, among others. This 1958/59 Wheel Horse RJ58 went for \$715.

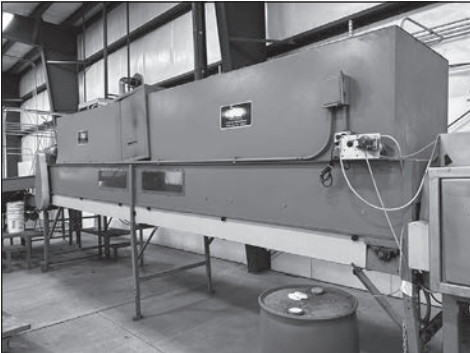
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Above: The A4T 1600 made by Minneapolis Moline.

Vintage farm equipment is a big draw at Farm Progress Show

DECATUR, Ill. – The Farm Progress Show celebrated its 20th anniversary this year in Decatur. The first Farm Progress show was in Armstrong, Ill., in 1953. Just last week, the Half Century of Progress, celebrating 50 years of ag history prior to the Farm Progress show, took place in Rantoul at the former Chanute Airforce base. The first Half Century show was held in Armstrong in 2005 before moving to Rantoul.

While the Farm Progress show is all about what is new and staying up to date, there was also a lot of old iron that antique tractor collectors could enjoy. Some of the tractors were carry-overs from the previous week's Half Century show, and others were not.

Some old iron was scattered among the displays, and others could be found in Classic Tractor row. Daniel Haegel's beautiful 1999 John Deere 4555 tractor was on display in the John Deere tent. "We bought this new from the local dealership in Nashville, Ill." Haegel shared.

Jackson Laux, the 10-year-old social media star, was on hand checking out Haegel's tractor on the first day of the show. Laux, of This is Just a Jackson Thing, also posed with several groups of FFA students at the show for the day.

Sloan had a 1965 John Deere orchard one of 139 orchards made. Sloan's didn't only have Deere on hand; they also had a 1965 International Harvester IH 1206. The 1206 60th anniversary was just celebrat-

ed at the Half Century of Progress. They amassed an amazing 231 tractors which they think may have been the largest 1206 gathering ever.

In the Titan tent, Big Bud KTTA 700 was there along with a 1947 Farmall M with a patriotic décor. Signage beside the tractor shared that Titan supports FFA students restoring tractors and antique tractor rides and the community. "We took our support to the next level when we purchased our Farmall M and took a more active role as participants in the tractor rides, we supported."

Farm toys like the Case Farmall 806 that last year celebrated 100 years of production history were on sale. Outside the Case building was a Farmall Super MTA with torque amplifier owned by Perry Sage, of Thomasboro, Ill. On the sign they share, "3rd generation owner."

Auction companies like Big Iron had a nice Deere lineup of upcoming new generation tractors to hit the auction block. The lineup included a 1967 John Deere 4020 2WD tractor, a 1972 John Deere 4000 2 WD tractor and others as well.

Vintage harvest equipment was also mixed among the new like a TR70 New Holland combine sitting close by the new equipment in the New Holland tent.

At the Classic Tractor row, there were several antique beauties, and Minneapolis Moline had a strong showing. Steve McCoy, of Decatur, brought a 1950 Massey Ferguson 96

(Wrenching continued on page 14B)



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By Cindy Ladage

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New Ohio law will allow for telemedince veterinary visits

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – A new telehealth law in Ohio will allow veterinarians to diagnose and treat certain animal patients via Telehealth, marking a significant shift in veterinary practice standards. The provision, included in a sprawling state budget bill signed by Gov. Mike DeWine on June 30, takes effect Sept. 30.

Ohio’s new law reflects a national trend toward integrating technology in veterinary care, aiming to improve convenience and access, especially for underserved communities.

Ohio is the eighth state to drop the requirement for a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR) to treat house patients such as dogs, cats and birds. However, when it comes to treating large food production animals such as cows and pigs, Ohio veterinarians and farmers will be required to establish that initial VCPR.

“Veterinarians must conduct that first, in-person examination to establish a VCPR before they can prescribe medications or provide remote consultations for production animals such as goats, sheep, pigs and cattle,” said Christopher Henney, executive director of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA). “Telehealth is a good thing as it can extend veterinary care to farms in remote areas or where there’s a shortage of large animal veterinarians.”

Henney said that although veteri-

narians of house pets such as cats, dogs and birds won’t be required to have that initial in-person visit, many might still prefer it. Veterinarians for farm animals won’t have that choice.

“Once that VCPR is established, veterinarians of large farm animals will appreciate telemedicine, especially when the animals are in a distant rural area and the vet cannot see the animal, or the animal cannot get to them.”

The law also limits the duration of initial prescriptions to 14 days with one possible 14-day refill. Subsequent refills require an in-person visit.

Telehealth can minimize travel expenses and time spent on farm visits, making veterinary care more affordable and efficient. And, by reducing the number of people physically visiting farms, telehealth can help minimize the risk of disease transmissions.

According to Henney, this remote monitoring technology can help identify sick animals sooner, allowing for quicker intervention and potentially reducing the severity of illness, adding that telehealth facilitates better communication between veterinarians and livestock producers, and will enable more proactive herd management.

When dealing with farm animals, telehealth can be used to evaluate animals for minor injuries, skin conditions or other issues via video calls. And follow-ups are easier since there would be no need for another farm visit.

“I cannot speak for the farmers, but I do know that telemedicine is a



Above: Large Animal Vet – Onsite visits by veterinarians might still take place, but Telemedicine will save veterinarians trips to the farms. (Photo courtesy OVMA)

welcomed tool by those in the veterinary community,” Henney said.

The law allows veterinarians to prescribe medications after a telehealth consultation, but controlled substances can only be prescribed following an in-person examination. And veterinarians must obtain informed consent from clients before providing telehealth services, ensuring that clients are aware of the limitations and requirements of virtual consultations.

After a telehealth appointment, veterinarians are required to provide clients with a written or digital record of the visit, including their license number and contact information.

According to Henney, Ohio clinics and veterinarians of all kinds are preparing to integrate telemedicine more broadly even though the debate over virtual vet care is far from over.

The trend toward telemedicine accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic as veterinarians struggled to keep up with demand amid social distancing requirements.

Before Ohio, Florida was the latest state (in 2024) to broadly drop the in-person examination requirement. It was preceded in 2023 by Arizona and California. Earlier adopters were Idaho, New Jersey, Vermont and Virginia.

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I feel sorry for sale managers when they stop a sale and make a long speech telling the crowd the animal in the ring is the best bargain since the Dutch bought Manhattan from the Indians for some beads and \$24 in cash. Then after the momentum of the sale has come to a complete stop, he'll hand it back to the auctioneer who, despite the speech, can't find another bid anywhere.

That's why it's important to have an auctioneer and a ring crew who know intuitively when a person is done bidding. If you watch a bull sale closely, you'll see a ring man point to the out gate or shake his head meaning his bidder is done bidding. I used to use my flat hand in an underhand movement like I was pushing the animal out of the ring.

This is especially important in a video sale where the TV time can cost over three grand an hour and you want to sell as many lots as you can while still getting every dollar for the consignor. Now days where we often see bull sales with 500 bulls and a couple hundred females and you

don't want to be wasting any time.

Years ago, we were selling a high dollar bull and the auctioneer thought we'd gathered up all the money we were going to get and he said "SOLD" and slammed his gavel down right before a ring man turned in another bid. It was obvious to everyone the bull had sold but the auctioneer made the mistake of saying, "You got me right between the SO and the LD" and he restarted selling the bull. The man who'd obviously already bought the bull once became very irritated and ended up buying the bull for \$30,000 more than he'd paid the first time. He told the owner he'd never buy another animal at his sale as long as he employed the same auctioneer.

Guess who got fired?

I was the announcer for a big video company for 20 years and we had six World Champion auctioneers and I was on the block 95 percent of the time. In all that time I can't remember two times that we had a similar incident because we had such good auc-



It's THE PITTS
By Lee Pitts

tioners and excellent ring men. We never wanted to sell a bidder out too soon, but we didn't want to beg and plead all day either. A good ring man knows instinctively when a bidder is done bidding and conveys this information to an auctioneer who usually trusts his judgment.

I read one time that people who've had abusive childhoods make excellent ring men because they'd had to read the mind of the abusive parent to know when to steer clear. I think there's something to this theory because I learned to read my mean alcoholic father like a book to avoid a scolding, a swat or worse.

I enjoyed my 50 years as a ring man and made a study of it. I read a book a long time ago that said only one third of communication takes place through the spoken word and the book explained how to read a person's tells and non-verbal behavior. If you watch car auctions on the internet you'll see practically on

every lot a bidder will tell the ring man he's through bidding but then goes on to bid several more times. To know when he or she really means it, a ring man studies the bidder's posture, gestures and movements. If the bidder tells you they're done while covering their mouth, scratching their nose, covering their ears or their eyes, or blinks a lot, he or she will probably bid again. But if they offer you an open palm in the direction of the person they're bidding against, he or she is DONE and you can convey this information to the auctioneer with confidence. The same with a man turning to his wife and saying, "I'm through."

He dang well better be.

Surprisingly when a bidder gets up and says, "I'M DONE!" while walking away that doesn't necessarily mean he is. I've seen countless times where the bidder will stop, turn around and bid again.

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that was built by Minneapolis Moline that came from Alberta, Canada. There were several rare MM's in the row, including Bill Ellis's UDS diesel Minneapolis Moline. Ellis explained that during World War II, the larger U tractor "helped feed the nation" in England. After the war, they wanted to get away from gas, and decided to develop a diesel version of the U.



Above: The Farmall M used for parades purchased by Titan.

An Ibid description of a UDS tractor states, "Tilney & Co started imports of MM tractors and other products following an agreement with MM in 1939. After the war, in 1946, Tilney & Co and MM formed MM (England) Ltd to manufacture tractors and machinery. The UDS were offered for sale with either a Dorman or Meadows engine."

At the show, some visitors from the Norfolk region of the UK stopped by and recognized the tractor. "That's John's tractor," one of them said. Ellis said it will be forever from now on known as, "John's Tractor."

Ellis also had a MM G1000 that had once been a raffle tractor. Many other MM tractors were there, along with Jeff Laleman's 1943 NT Clone, and 1940 MM Experimental tractor. For those that admire the muscle tractors, there was an MM articulating A4T1699 and an MM 1970 1350 "Heritage" tractor that was on the cover of Heritage Iron Magazine in 2022. The 1350 tractor was owned by Bob Vivian, of Amboy, Ill.

There were vintage tractors of almost every brand and color to appeal to various collectors at the 2025 Farm Progress Show.



Above: Farm toys like the Case Farmall 806 that last year celebrated 100 years of production history were on sale.



Above: Vintage harvest equipment was also mixed among the new like a TR70 New Holland combine sitting close by the new equipment in the New Holland tent.



Above: Daniel Haeg's beautiful 1999 John Deere 4555 tractor was on display in the John Deere tent



Above: Minneapolis Moline UDS made in England.



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HAY WAGON W/ HAY
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Above: One combine was offered: a 1992 Case IH 1640, which secured the auction's high of \$31,500. The corn head and grain table sold separately.

Sharp tractors bring strong bids at Brad Neuhart auction

By William Flood
Ohio Correspondent

DUNDEE, Mich. – On Aug. 16, Brad Neuhart Auctioneers concluded an auction on behalf of longtime Monroe County residents Delmer and Carol Ciley, who recently retired after decades of farming. The sale featured the couple's highly regarded collection of farm equipment and antique tractors – known throughout the region for their exceptional condition, careful maintenance and few previous owners – making the sale especially attractive to both farmers and collectors.

While held onsite, online bidding was also available for larger equipment, making the event more broadly accessible. Included were 57 pieces: tractors, farm equipment, vintage International Harvester machinery, including a combine with heads and cart, heavy equipment, a late-model truck and trailers. A 5 percent buyer's premium applied to online and phone purchases, while no premium was charged to on-site buyers.

The top seller was a 1992 Case IH 1640 combine, which brought in \$31,500. This exceptionally clean, late-model 1640 featured Mudhog 4WD, a grain monitor, buddy seat, spreader, and only 2,357 original hours – a rare find in such condition.

Bidding followed closely on two other machines. A Kubota M9000 with just 1,300 hours went for \$29,000. The well-kept unit was outfitted with 4WD, a loader, rear hydraulics, rear weights, and an SSQA bucket. A 1997 Case IH 4230 with 4WD and two rear remotes sold for \$28,500. This one-owner tractor, labeled as a "time capsule" by the auctioneer, had just 3,069 hours and still showed some of its original shipping plastic.

Also highlighted was Delmer's

one-owner 1980 IH 1586, which sold for \$22,000. Purchased new locally, the tractor had 5,100 original hours and was always stored indoors. It featured three remotes, an excellent interior, and 90 percent Firestone 20.8x38s (mains and duals). The auctioneer remarked it was one of the cleanest 1586s they had ever seen.

While equipment attachments didn't bring in the highest numbers, bidding started strong. The fourth lot of the day, a Case IH 1220 Early Riser 6R30 planter, sold for \$18,000. This well-kept unit was equipped for liquid fertilizer, had Yetter no-till coulters, row cleaners, two-stage closers and markers – ready to go to the field with no work needed.

Bids hit \$9,000 on a Case IH 1063 6R30 corn head with all-poly snouts and stalk stompers. A Case IH 5400 Soybean Special 15-foot no-till drill, complete with three-point hookup, 15-inch spacing, markers, and two-stage closers – praised for its clean condition – also sold well at \$4,100. One of the more unique setups was Delmer's Blu-Jet Landtracker and Coulter Pro combo, used as a no-till transport setup for his drills. The pair sold together for \$3,800.

Other supporting equipment included a Kale 1,000-gallon nurse tank trailer with pump, which brought \$4,300. Gravity wagons rounded out the group, with six selling from \$900 for a used-condition J&M 250, up to \$3,200 for a cleaner J&M 350.

Sixteen antique and vintage tractors added excitement to the sale, led by an original 1953 Farmall Super MD, which sold for \$12,000. Praised by the auctioneer as one of the nicest original Super MDs in the country, it featured exceptional patina, was in excellent running condition, and sat on a sharp set of

(Sharp Tractors continued on page 20B)



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Strong exports, demand reasons for drop in July butter stocks

July butter stocks remained below those a year ago while cheese stocks were up slightly, according to the latest USDA Cold Storage report. Strong exports and good domestic demand are keeping product out of the cooler.

The July 31 butter inventory fell to 331.4 million pounds, down 24 million pounds or 6.7 percent from June, and down 21.5 million pounds or 6.1 percent from July 2024. June stocks were revised up 896,000 pounds.

StoneX says “The weak inventory number suggests disappearance is still running relatively strong. In fact the stocks/use ratio would argue for \$3 plus.”

American type cheese stocks slipped to 808.3 million pounds, down 2.9 million or 0.4 percent from the June level, but were up 16.8 million or 2.1 percent from a year ago. The June total was revised up 6.1 million pounds.

The “other” cheese category holdings amounted to 585.3 million pounds, up 248,000 pounds or 0.04 percent from June, but were down 4.4 million or 0.7 percent from a year ago. The June total was revised up 924,000 pounds.

July’s total cheese inventory stood at 1.416 billion pounds, down 3.2 million pounds or 0.2 percent from June, but was up 12.6 million or 0.9 percent from a year ago. The June total was revised up 7.1 million pounds. Total stocks were above the prior year for the first time in 17 months.

The Aug. 22 Daily Dairy Report stated, “It is not uncommon for butter stocks to fall during July, but the 23.982-million-pound decrease witnessed between June and July this year was a much larger dip than usual and marks the largest drawdown for the month since 1987.” The bad news is the butter price plunged this week.

The Daily Dairy Report also warns that butter exports could be limited due to capacity. “Both European and Oceania butter specs call for 82 percent milkfat and no salt,” says the DDR, “while most product in the United States is 80 percent fat and salted. Some U.S. churns can make product for the export market according to international specifications. However, since most butter made in the U.S. is consumed stateside, processors tailor their output to meet domestic needs.”

The DDR adds that the export market prefers bulk butter versus retail sized product. “Historically, processors wait until they have export commitments to produce butter to international specs to avoid the risk of making product with limited demand in the United States.

“Putting the pieces together, even though U.S. butter is priced at a huge discount to global product and the U.S. has been a net exporter of butter so

far in 2025, future shipments abroad could be constrained due to capacity and caution on the part of processors to build stores of bulk butter made for the international market. This could keep U.S. butter prices crimped and mute any price rallies this fall.”

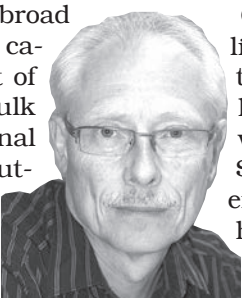
Meanwhile, consumers are still asking “Where’s the beef?” despite the high prices and sales actually edged upward last year, according to a new research brief from CoBank’s lead animal protein economist Brian Earnest.

Speaking in the Sept. 1 Dairy Radio Now broadcast, CoBank lead dairy economist Corey Geiger said all-fresh retail beef prices hit a record \$8.90 per pound, highest level in at least 25 years. He said the average American will likely consume about 60 pounds this year, despite prices being up over 9 percent.

One of the underlying factors is that the beef cattle inventory is at a 75-year low, according to Geiger. He also pointed out that Farm Credit East data shows that five years ago, cattle sales contributed just 5 percent of total income on the dairy, or about \$1.12 per hundredweight. Last year that value skyrocketed 130 percent to \$2.57 per hundredweight and this year’s data will likely be higher.

Other contributors are the heightened interest in dietary protein, changing health perceptions surrounding beef, and the availability of restaurant-quality beef at retail grocery stores.

Geiger said the number of people on weight loss drugs and the move to high protein diets is fueling beef demand and the dairy industry is making its contribution to the beef supply as well.



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY
By Lee Mielke

Cash block Cheddar looks like it will close the week and the month of August well below a year ago. The blocks were trading Thursday at \$1.7750 per pound, as traders anticipated the Labor Day holiday weekend. It closed Friday at \$1.75 while a year ago it was at \$2.21 per pound.

The barrels closed Thursday at \$1.78 per pound, after finishing Friday at \$1.76 but down from \$2.26 a year ago.

StoneX Aug. 26 Early Morning Update stated, “There is cheese available out there, but fresh 40-pound exchange-eligible Cheddar appears to be relatively in balance around current levels. It doesn’t appear there is a material worry by either spot buyers or sellers at the moment.”

Central region milk output is steady to lighter, says Dairy Market News, but up from a year ago. Class III milk demand is steady but few spot loads are available, with some cheese-makers purchasing milk from nearby plants with downtime. Spot prices at mid-week ranged from flat to \$2-over. Plant managers say cheese output is steady to lighter amid declining milk output. Demand is steady from retail, while food service sales are light and down from a year ago. Cheese exports remain strong, according to DMN.

Cheese manufacturer milk needs in the West are being met however, as more educational institutions begin their school year, milk bottling is increasing and will tighten spot availability. Domestic retail cheese demand varies from steady to light. Sellers describe food service demand as down from the prior year while

demand from international buyers is steady or strong.

Cash butter plunged to \$2.05 per pound Wednesday, lowest CME price since Dec. 9, 2021, when the market was recovering from COVID-inspired weakness. It was bid up 3.50 cents Thursday to \$2.0850, after closing Friday at \$2.2350.

Cream is plentiful in the Central region and butter makers are running busy schedules, says DMN. Retail and food service butter demand is steady, but some contacts report sales are down from a year ago. Export demand for 82 percent butterfat butter is strong. Spot loads are available and some manufacturers continue to freeze product for use later in the year. Bulk demand is declining.

Western butter manufacturers report ample amounts of spot cream is available, along with contractual volumes. Butter demand is mixed. Some plants operating their churns at less than 100 percent capacity were choosing to pass up spot cream offers at current prices. Butter producers are working to build retail stocks for fourth quarter demand. Demand from international buyers is ahead of product produced for international sales while domestic demand is reported as stronger.

Grade A nonfat dry milk saw some minor fluctuations this week but was trading Thursday at \$1.26 per pound, following a Friday finish at \$1.26.

Dry whey climbed to 57 cents per pound Monday but was trading Thursday at 55.50 cents per pound, matching its Friday close.

Updating things on the tariff front: Canada announced that, starting Sept. 1, it would remove retaliatory tariffs on U.S. imports covered under the U.S., Mexico, Canada trade agreement (USMCA).

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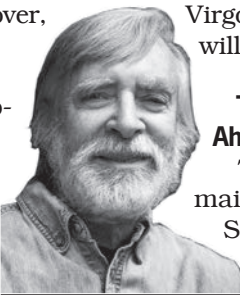
The Moon in September: Plum Pie Moon is new Sept. 21

Out of the west the wind comes over,
over the yellow goldenrod,
over the drying rattle-box pod,
comes heady with corn and ap-
ple smell now. – August Derleth

The Moon in September
The moon is full on Sept. 7
The moon enters its final quar-
ter on Sept. 14
The Plum Pie Moon is new on
Sept. 21
The moon enters its second
quarter on Sept. 29

Autumn Equinox is Sept. 22

The Major Planets of September
Look for Jupiter high in Gemini be-
fore dawn. Saturn comes up in the
middle of the night and remains in the
sky throughout the day. Red Mars in



POOR WILL'S ALMANACK
By Bill Felker

Virgo and giant Venus in Leo
will be the Evening Stars.

The Weather in the Week Ahead

The likelihood of rain re-
mains at 35 percent through
Sept. 3rd, then diminishes
to 25 percent on the 4th
and 5th, finally dropping
to 10 percent on the 6th
– the lowest of the en-
tire month. The effects of
the first September cold wave usually
appear by the 2nd, which is the first
day since June 4th that 90s become
unlikely. Then on the 3rd, there is a
55 percent chance of highs only in the
70s, and the chances of frost sudden-
ly become one in a hundred.
The long period during which there
is at least a 10 percent chance of

highs below 70 degrees begins on
Sept. 4th. Warmer conditions typi-
cally return on the 5th and 6th, but
the second high-pressure system of
the month, which arrives between
the 5th and 11th, pushes lows into
the 30s one year in 20.
Sept. 6th is the first day of the sea-
son on which there is about a 5 percent
chance of light frost on the gardens of
the Lower Midwest. Chances increase
at the rate of about 1 percent per day
through the 15th of the month. Be-
tween the 15th and the 20th, chances
grow at the rate of 2 percent per day.
Between the 20th and 30th, they grow
at the rate of 5 percent per day.
The day's length shortens by 14
minutes this week, dropping below 13
hours for the first time since the first
week of April, and down 120 minutes
since solstice.

The Outlook for September

Throughout the month, normal highs
drop eight degrees, falling to the lower
70s across the Lower Midwest. Average
lows decline from the upper 50s to the
upper 40s.
September's average precipitation
usually drops below 3 inches (2.70 in
the Dayton area average) for the first
time since February. The days most
likely to be dry are the 6th, 10th, 11th,
13th, 15th, 19th, 25th, 26th and 28th,
each having a 20 percent chance or less
for rain (the 6th and the 28th have less
than a 10 percent chance).

When-Then Phenology

When asters bloom in the way-
sides and bur marigolds flower in the
swamps, then farmers start cutting
corn for silage.
When zigzag goldenrod blossoms
in the woods, then the rose of Sharon
shrub drops most of its flowers and the
great decline of summer wildflowers be-
gins in the fields.
When fallen leaves start to accumu-
late in the backwaters and farm ponds,
then the grapes should be getting ripe,
and over half of the tomatoes and pota-
toes should be ready for harvest.

Natural Calendar

In the last week of Late Summer,
the final tier of wildflowers starts to
open. White and violet asters, orange
beggarticks, burr marigolds, tall gold-
enrod, zigzag goldenrod and Japanese
knotweed bloom, blending with the
brightest of the purple ironweed, yellow
sundrops, blue chicory, golden touch-
me-nots, showy coneflowers and great

blue lobelia. In gardens, September
hostas, virgin's bower and late heliopsis
keep their color.
On the farm, pickle season is usu-
ally over, and peaches can be done for
the year. Grapes are about to come in,
and elderberries are deep purple and
sweet for picking. Nearly half of the to-
bacco has been cut, half the commer-
cial tomatoes have been picked, about
a fourth of the potatoes dug.
Hickory nutting season opens as
sweet-corn time winds down. Burrs
from tick trefoil stick to pants legs and
stockings. Lizard's tail drops its leaves
into the creeks and sloughs. Beside the
deer paths of the forests, the under-
growth is tattered and cluttered with
the remnants of the year.
Firefly larvae flicker in the grass,
the adult fireflies gone. Red-headed
woodpeckers, red-winged blackbirds,
house wrens, scarlet tanagers, indi-
go buntings, Eastern bluebirds and
black ducks migrate. Sometimes great
swarms of dragonflies migrate through
the Lower Midwest.

Reader Story

A Seismological Alert
By Clarence Dinnen, Jamestown,
Ohio
This story has been passed down to
me by my mother. It is about her fa-
ther, my grandfather. I have no recol-
lection of my grandparents as they died
before or shortly after I was born. I was
born in 1931 BC (before cholesterol).

My grandfather was an outdoors-
man. He loved to hunt and fish. One of
his favorite meals that he prepared was
roast possum with sweet potatoes. My
grandmother would not eat it.
He owned a farm in southern Ohio
that had a small coal mine on it. It pro-
vided coal for his winter heat. One day,
he was working in the mine and his
coonhound came to the entrance and
began barking and howling. The dog
persisted and would not stop.
Grandfather thought the dog had a
raccoon treed and came out of the mine
to investigate. The dog stopped bark-
ing, jumped on him, and greeted him.
Grandfather took out his pocket
watch and saw it was almost time for
dinner. He and the dog went to the
house. He ate his noon meal and rested
for a while.
When he returned to the mine, the
whole hillside had caved in. The mine
was buried, along with his tools. The
dog sensed what was going to happen
and saved my grandpa. He never forgot
what a great dog he had.

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Above: The auction's highest bid of \$3,630 went for a nicely equipped late 80s/early 90s Ford 1320 compact tractor.

Vintage

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and featuring a sleeve hitch, came in lower at \$297.

Ten Cub Cadet machines brought anywhere from \$82.50 for a Model 109 Hydrostatic, listed as an older repaint but showing its age, to \$577.50 for a preserved 1967 Model 71 with a Kohler motor and sleeve hitch.

Lawn tractor accessories attracted solid interest, with items like a 3-point garden plow fetching \$214.50, an International Cub Cadet front blade selling for \$198, a Wheel Horse garden trailer with a tailgate going for \$165, and a Huskee pull-type lawn sweep with a 17-cubic-foot capacity hitting \$93.50.

Things shifted focus indoors, with power and hand tools offered to eager

bidders. Power options were led by a Delta No. 22-560 wood planer with a cart that sold for \$286, and a Delta 10-inch Contractors Series 2000 saw that bid to \$231. Hand tools included items like a 41-piece Blue-Point tap and die set that got \$115.50 and a four-piece torque wrench set that left for \$60.50.

Rounding out the sale was a small collection of antiques and collectible items. Highlights included an 8.5-inch brass single chime whistle and a Lunkensheimer glass oiler, which sold for \$220. Also featured were five antique corn shellers, ranging from \$35.20 for a Root & Heath hand-crank variety to \$55 for a cast-iron sheller in a wooden case, set up for hand-crank or belt drive – closing the auction with a nod to tradition.

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Worms fed with tomato plant castings brought in the bass

Most people would say Darwin Willet timed his fishing activities exactly backwards of what would be considered as normal. In the heat of late August and early September, most people fished either in the cool of the morning or late in the day as the temperatures cooled. Darwin did the reverse.

In the cool of the morning and the cooler hours late in the afternoon, Darwin was spending his time squirrel hunting. He reserved his smallmouth bass fishing for the heat of the day!

Sure doesn't sound like a formula for catching many fish, but Darwin's tactics made it work!

Darwin was picky about his bait. He kept several huge beds of nightcrawlers in his yard in New Castle, Ind. Every warm, rainy night he would hunt nightcrawlers and he had hundreds or maybe even thousands in his worm beds.

Darwin had a scientific approach to his worms. Where most fishermen keeping nightcrawlers will spice up the bedding with coffee grounds to feed them and toughen them up, Darwin used tomato canning plant castings to create a "super nightcrawler."

No, the super worms didn't have little capes, but they were tough and lively, and had a special scent and apparently a special taste from living in and eating the tomato canning plant castings. Darwin swore by them, and after trying them... I did too!

Darwin didn't skimp when he loaded the truck with bait. He would have one or sometimes two weathered, wooden ammo boxes loaded up with damp peat moss and nightcrawlers. He was always careful to keep the worms cool by putting the boxes in the shade and cooling the worms and soil with dampened newspaper.

Loading a large coffee can with a couple hundred nightcrawlers and

grabbing his fishing tackle, Darwin would head for the old Moscow dam and fish from the cliffs above the head waters. Back then the dam held a huge pool of water and a sizable amount of fish. The headwaters were swift and flowed into a long pool of deep water.

Darwin's tackle was simple — a 7 foot rod with a Mitchell 300 open face reel spooled with 10 pound test. No bobber, no sinkers — just a plain #4 Cincinnati Bass hook tipping the line. On the hook, Darwin would put one of his super nightcrawlers hooked just once through the collar.

Darwin would lean out and cast the nightcrawler to the top of the fast flowing shallow water and let it sweep into the deeper water. Time after time, Darwin would repeat the scenario; cast, drift and retrieve. Trash fish like chubs and shiners destroyed a lot of Darwin's nightcrawlers and he went through a lot of worms, but the results were worth it.

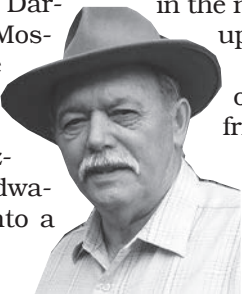
Darwin knew big smallmouth would be holding just below the faster moving water leading into the larger pool. The fish were there because the fast, shallow moving water held more oxygen and might be a couple degrees cooler.

Sooner or later, one of Darwin's drifting nightcrawlers would come too close to a waiting smallmouth to be ignored. When the fish picked up the worm and stopped the drift, Darwin would let the fish run with the bait. When the fish stopped its initial run, Darwin would slowly tighten the line until he could just feel the weight of the fish. Then, he would rear back on the rod and set the hook.

After a vigorous fight, Darwin would lower a rope with a landing net and carefully maneuver the fish into it. Once

in the net, Darwin would hoist the fish up the cliff!

One thing you could be sure of, there would be fish to go with fried squirrel for supper!



SPAULDING OUTDOORS
By Jack Spaulding

Reserved Hunt Applications - Waterfowl, Deer & Gamebirds

Hunters can apply for Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reserved hunts at GoOutdoorsIN.com. Reserved hunts included in this round include Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA) waterfowl, FWA and Nature Preserves deer, November Gamebird Areas, and Indiana Private Lands Access (IPLA) hunts.

The online application method is the only way to apply for the hunts listed. No late entries will be accepted. Applicants must possess a hunting license that is valid for the hunt for which they apply. A \$1 tech fee is charged for each hunt application purchased.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on Wednesday, Sept. 17. For a complete list of hunts available, see on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

An important note about applying for a hunt: In December 2024 a new license system, the Activity Hub, replaced the former system. Go to GoOutdoorsIN.com. From there, you will be taken to Access Indiana, where you will be required to log in or create an account. Once logged in through Access Indiana, you will automatically be directed back to the Activity Hub. From there, you can purchase a license and apply for reserved hunts. If it's your first time using the Activity Hub, you will need to look yourself up in the system and verify or correct your personal information.

Hunters at each participating property will be selected through random computerized draws and will be able to view

results at GoOutdoorsIN.com by Sept. 29. An email will be sent to all applicants when the drawings are complete.

Reserved hunts in this application period include:

- * Waterfowl hunts on the following Fish & Wildlife areas (FWAs): LaSalle FWA, Goose Pond FWA, Hovey Lake FWA, Kankakee FWA and Providence Pond Wetland Conservation Area.

- * Deer hunts on the following Fish & Wildlife areas and Nature Preserves: Deer Creek FWA, Fairbanks Landing FWA, Busseron Creek FWA, Baseline Barrens Nature Preserve, Bloomfield Barrens Nature Preserve, Bluffs of Beaver Bend Nature Preserve and Moraine Nature Preserve.

- * November Gamebird Area (GBA) hunts in Benton, Jasper, Newton, Warren, and White counties. Hunters may choose from a variety of hunt dates in November. Youth hunts will be offered. These hunts are not put/take pheasant hunts.

- * IPLA hunts for deer firearms, waterfowl, and gamebirds.

Indiana State Parks is working through regulatory approval for deer management hunts. We will continue to provide updates on whether reserved deer hunts at State Parks will be available for the 2025 hunting season.

Visit on.IN.gov/where2hunt for other public lands in Indiana open for hunting.

'till next time,
Jack

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH • 10AM

VAN, TRUCK & TRAILERS: 2018 Chrysler Pacifica Van, Leather, power seats, power slide doors, 68,000 miles, very clean van; 1978 Ford 600 Grain Truck, 5 speed manual w/ 2 speed rearend, 14' grain bed, hoist, V8 Gas Engine, VIN: F61DCP43986, Single Axle Utility Trailer

TRACTORS, COMBINES & HEADS: International 1586 Tractor, Duals, 18.4-42 Rubber, Cab, Diesel Engine, 1000 PTO, 3pt Hitch, Serial Number: 2650133U009240; International 1066, 18.4-38 Rubber, Cab, Diesel Engine, Showing 4126 Eng Hrs, Serial Number: 2610175U053666; Allis Chalmers XT190 Series III, Diesel Engine, Cab, Showing 3402 Eng Hrs, Serial Number: 28279X; Ford 8N, Gas Engine, 3pt, 540 PTO; John Deere B, Unstyled, flat spoke rims; Allis Chalmers WD, Narrow Front End, Fenders, Quick Coupler System; John Deere 7720 Combine, Diesel Eng, Hydro, Showing 1716 Eng Hrs, Vittetoe Chaff Spreader, Serial Number: H07720X601293; John Deere 6600 Combine, Diesel Engine, Hydro, John Deere 643 6R30 Corn Head, John Deere 215 Grain Table

IMPLEMENTS & AUGERS: (2) J&M Wagons w/ New Idea Running Gear, Kill Bros 375 Gravity Wagon, J&M Wagon w/ John Deere 1055A Running Gear, John Deere 7000 Planter, 6R30, Liquid Fertilizer, Yetter Row Cleaners, Red Ball System; John Deere 7000 Planter, 6R30, Liquid Fertilizer, Squeeze Pump; United Farm Tools No-Till Drill, 15'; New Idea One Row Corn Picker, Massey Harris End Wheel Drill, 12 hole, steel wheels, Pull Type Sprayer, 3 Bottom Allis Chalmers Plow, slatted Mold Boards; Allis Chalmers 5 Bottom Plow, John Deere 6' Rotary Mower, Woods RD6000 Finish Mower, John Deere Sickle Bar Mower, Agri-Westfield WRX 8-61 Auger, 4" Auger, 6" Auger, Massey Ferguson Disk, Allis Chalmers 6R30 Mounted Corn Planter, SpeeCo 6' Grader Blade, PTO Fence Post Auger, Brillion Culti-Mulcher, Hiniker Field Cultivator, White Field Cultivator, White Disk

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Above: FFA staff members Jim Williams, Molly Ball, Dan Riley and Scott Stump, part of the team honored as Foundation of the Year by the Indianapolis Business Journal. (IBJ photo/Chad Williams)

National FFA Foundation honored by Indianapolis Business Journal

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS – The National FFA Foundation was recently named Foundation of the Year by the Indianapolis Business Journal (IBJ), a recognition that shines a spotlight on the mission of FFA and the young people it serves, according to the Foundation’s president.

“(This award) helps people outside our immediate circle understand the scope and significance of our work,” Molly Ball told Farm World. “That kind of visibility can open doors to new donors, inspire current supporters to deepen their commitment, and build broader awareness of the critical role agricultural education plays in our communities and economy.”

The IBJ’s inaugural Nonprofit Excellence Awards were presented Aug. 5. Other categories included Nonprofit of the Year, Fundraising Event of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

The Foundation is the fundraising arm of the National FFA Organization, Ball noted.

“We connect the generosity of individuals, corporations and organizations to the needs and dreams of FFA members,” she pointed out. “That means funding leadership programs, competitive events, educational resources and scholarships. In short, we ensure the resources are there so the National FFA Organization can deliver life-changing opportunities to more than a million student members nationwide.”

Ball said the award is for the entire Foundation team, its donors and partners, and everyone who believes in the mission of FFA. From her perspective, she said the Foundation was chosen for the award for its consistency, vision and relentless focus on mission. Over the last several years, Ball said the Foundation has strengthened partnerships, diversified funding streams and “stayed laser-focused on why we exist – helping young people thrive as leaders in agriculture and in life.”

The Foundation has navigated challenges, embraced opportunities and

demonstrated that it can grow both its impact and resources in a sustainable way, she said.

The National FFA Organization reached 1 million student members last year, a jump of nearly 21 percent since 2022. The Foundation’s fund-raising capacity has also increased – from \$17.9 million in 2022 to \$24 million last year, according to a press release. The Foundation’s cost per dollar raised has remained at 18 cents, the release said.

“Our growth has been fueled by strong relationships, a clear vision, and a team that is both strategic and passionate,” Ball explained. “We’ve been intentional about aligning donor priorities with student needs, telling our story effectively, and creating opportunities for supporters to see the impact of their investment. And I can’t say enough about the dedication of our staff and board – they’ve been the driving force behind our momentum.”

Marti Skold-Jordan, executive director of the Tractor Supply Company Foundation and manager of community relations for the company, wrote a letter nominating the FFA Foundation for the Foundation of the Year award. Tractor Supply Co. has partnered with FFA for more than 40 years, she said.

“The National FFA Foundation’s efforts exemplify how strategic educational investment can lead to lifelong career success,” Skold-Jordan said in the letter published by IBJ. “Through hands-on learning, leadership training and a commitment to sustainability and innovation, the foundation is helping to build not just better students, but also stronger communities and a more resilient economy.”

The National FFA Foundation received \$25,000 in prize money. Ball said the money will go right back into the Foundation’s mission – supporting FFA members. Whether through scholarships, program support or leadership development initiatives, the Foundation wants every dollar to make a direct and meaningful difference for students, she added.

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