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IPPA rolls out apprentice program on some junior college campuses

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
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EAST PEORIA, Ill. – Representatives of the Illinois Pork Producers Association (IPPA) are making the rounds of Illinois junior colleges to promote their new livestock apprenticeship program. The program, which was registered with the Department of Labor through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, will prepare career seekers to succeed in the role of swine animal care technician. The goal of the program is to encourage students to choose a career in the livestock industry while attending college and advancing their goals.

According to Jackie Wibel, IPPA director of content creation and community relations, participating apprentices will receive competitive compensation that will increase as they progress through the program. Apprentices will also receive a debt-free education and livestock certificate from one of five participating community colleges. Wibel was on hand to offer information about the program during a September tech-curriculum showcase at one of the participating schools, Illinois Central College in East Peoria, where over 400 area high school juniors and seniors were in attendance.

“This new program is a two-year program where we pair you with a pork producer in your area. In exchange for you working with them, the farmer would pay your tuition,” Wibel explained to a student who approached Wibel to learn about the program, and the pork industry in general. “Each school has its own curriculum criteria, so we supply links to these school’s contacts on our website so students

can find which courses they will be required to take.”

Colleges participating in the IPPA apprenticeship program along with ICC are John Wood Community College, Quincy; Kaskaskia Community College, Centralia; Lake Land Community College, Mattoon, and Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield. While ICC’s apprenticeship program will not begin until the fall of 2026, a couple of the participating colleges will roll out their program opportunities in spring 2026.

“We decided to create this program to address one specific need,” Wibel told Farm World. “We need more people to go back to the farm and work. We are having labor issues on pretty much any kind of farm, not just the big farms. I think it’s more of the smaller farms that need more people to come back and work for them, and we hope this program can kind of incentivize that.”

In these tough financial times for many families, the offer of a free two-year certificate program combined with real-world work experience could nudge those who hadn’t considered a career in agriculture toward the industry, Wibel added.

“They are going to graduate with a certificate and be debt-free,” she said.

No sponsoring farm families have yet been selected for the apprenticeship at ICC, which is in Tazewell County in central Illinois. Once a student declares their interest in the program for the 2026 fall semester, Wibel will reach out to interested producers and connect them with the apprentice.

The five community colleges were initially selected to participate because they have strong agriculturally based programs and geographically represent a large portion of the swine production in the state, according to Jennifer Tirey, IPPA executive director. “When I contacted each of the community colleges to gauge interest they were all very excited to participate and work alongside our association to increase job creation within the pork industry,” she stated.

The program was established with assistance from Apprenticeship Illinois, an online concierge service that helps businesses create registered apprenticeship programs. IPPA will work with the five participating colleges and the state’s network of localized Apprenticeship Specialists to promote



Above: Burley tobacco in Owen County, Ky., is nearing harvest time. The leaves turn a distinct yellow-green color, typically three to five weeks after the flowering bud has been removed. Photo by Leondia Walchle

Dairy heifer replacements at 20-year low; could fall further

By **DOUG SCHMITZ**
 Iowa Correspondent

GREENWOOD VILLAGE, Colo. – A new report by CoBank shows the number of replacement heifers available to enter the dairy herd as milk-producing cows has already fallen to a 20-year low – and based on the research, could fall even further over the next two years before a recovery begins in 2027.

“These declining heifer inventories could limit growth in the milk supply, a looming concern for dairy processors with expansion plans underway,” the report said. “The U.S. is currently experiencing a historic \$10 billion investment in new dairy processing facilities expected to come online through 2027.

“The decline in dairy heifers over the last several years is closely tied to beef and dairy market dynamics,” the report added. “Tight cattle supplies and record high prices for beef calves prompted many dairy farmers to produce more calves destined for beef feedlots and fewer to milk barns.”

Andrew P. Griffith, University of Tennessee professor of agricultural and resource economics, told Farm World, there are several reasons for the lower quantity of replacement heifers in the dairy industry, but the main reason is due to the high value of beef x dairy steers (when a dairy cow is bred to a beef bull to produce a half-beef/half-dairy calf).

He said when the trend of breeding beef and dairy steers started, milk prices were slightly depressed, and there was a demand for more cattle to be placed on feed.

“It became clear very early on that cattle buyers were willing to pay a

premium for beef x dairy steers, compared to full-blooded dairy steers,” he said. “Thus, the cross calves became a profit center for dairy operations and were more valuable than developing more heifers to place in the milking herd.

“This same occurrence has helped push milk prices higher, which makes it worthwhile to breed cows for heifers, and put the dollars into heifer development. These operations still have to have a mature female to produce the beef x dairy steers.”

Corey Geiger, CoBank lead dairy economist, told Farm World since roughly 90 percent of U.S. dairy cows are bred via artificial insemination, “we can predict the future based on semen sales.

“These market shifts began with the low prices for dairy replacements and purebred dairy bull calves,” he said. “Our research first evaluated the financial factors that led to the beef-on-dairy movement. That caused dairy farmers to pivot and use beef bull semen on a portion of their dairy cows.”

By 2024, he said, 7.9 million of the 9.7 million of beef bull semen units sold in the U.S. were purchased by dairy farmers: “However, the market pendulum swung too far when dairy farmers capitalized on record beef prices. As a result, dairy replacement tumbled to a 20-year low.”

He said there are three types of bull semen sold to dairy farmers: 1) conventional dairy semen that results in 50 percent heifer calves and 50 percent bull calves; 2) gender-sorted dairy bull semen that results in

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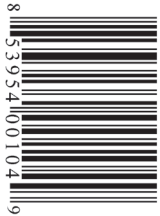


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over 90 percent heifer calves; and 3) beef semen.

From 2000 to 2024, he said gender-sorted dairy semen sales climbed by 43.5 percent as dairy farmers began planning their future dairy replacements.

“Likewise, beef semen sold to dairy farmers jumped 58 percent as dairy farmers made beef-on-dairy crosses to capitalize on record beef prices,” he said. “The conventional dairy semen category tumbled 46.5 percent as dairy farmers wanted more assurance about their market and financial future.

“Lastly, it wasn’t until 2024 that dairy farmers fully came to appreciate just how few dairy replacements were out there,” he added. “That’s when they ramped up purchases of gender-sorted dairy bull semen.”

He said dairy replacements available to enter the milking string will fall further by an estimated 357,500 in 2025, and drop further by an estimated 438,800 in 2026: “It’s not until 2027 that the rebound begins with 285,400 more head entering milk barns. Until then, we are likely to see record prices hold.”

Based on CoBank’s predictive modeling, the report said heifer inventories will shrink by an estimated 800,000 head over the next two years before beginning to rebound in 2027.

In the meantime, Geiger said, dairy heifer prices have reached record highs, and could climb well

above \$3,000 per head.

“The U.S. dairy industry stands at a unique inflection point,” he said. “Beef sales are contributing a larger share of dairy farm profitability with each passing year and the market for beef-on-dairy calves shows no signs of slowing down.

“In order to maintain sufficient dairy cow numbers and milk production in the near term, dairy farmers will need to put the brakes on dairy cow culling,” he added. “And that could be difficult, given how much they’ve already pulled back over the past two years.”

As the supply of dairy heifers has dwindled and their value has climbed, the report said dairy farmers are culling fewer cows to keep the milk flowing.

“They have also made significant changes in semen purchases to help remedy the shortage of replacement heifers by purchasing more gender-sorted units to create more dairy heifer calves,” the report said. “But rebuilding the supply will take time. It typically takes two years before a newborn dairy heifer calf is available to enter the milking herd.”

Geiger said the decline in heifer inventories raises the question of whether there will be enough milk cows to supply the additional demand created by new dairy processing facilities.

“The short answer is that it will be tight,” he said. “Those dairy plants will require more annual milk and component production, largely butterfat and protein. And it will take many more dairy heifer calves in future years to bring the national herd back to historic levels.”



Above: Holsteins in an Iowa State University dairy cattle parlor. According to a new report by CoBank, the national dairy heifer shortage could persist and grow deeper in the next two years. (photo courtesy of Iowa State University).

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Still work to be done to protect labeling in MAHA strategy report

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

DECATUR, Ill. — Along with their partners, the Modern Ag Alliance (MAA) works with federal and state policymakers to advance legislative solutions that ensure consistency in pesticide labeling and continued innovation in farming. The Alliance, which is part of a consortium of stakeholder partners with primary support from Bayer Crop Sciences, promotes the importance of science-based regulation and the need to reinforce that any pesticide registered with the EPA — and sold under a label consistent with the EPA's own determinations — is sufficient to satisfy health and safety warning requirements.

Elizabeth Burns-Thompson, executive director of the MAA, said in an interview with Farm World that after careful consideration and analysis, she feels there are still issues of concern remaining for agriculture within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) updated "Make America Healthy Again" (MAHA) Strategy Report, which was released on Sept. 9. While the final MAHA report largely backtracked on an earlier version's assertion that commonly-used crop protection tools are unsafe for humans, concerns could remain around the future of glyphosate and other chemicals used on farms.

"We are grateful that the voice of the American farmer was indeed heard in the drafting of the final MAHA report," Burns-Thompson said. "However, points of concern do remain. There may still be doors open to changes that do not take into account the true gold standard that we have in this country with the review and analysis that goes into ensuring that the products put on the market are safe. What I would point to is a piece that talks about reforms to the review processes, specifically processes around cumulative effects. We would argue that those are aspects already incorporated into the review process that EPA does, and it is not just a one-and-done process."

In addition, Burns-Thompson and the MAA are wary of ambiguous language in the final MAHA report that could lead to confusion when states seek to implement the report's recommendations. "This calendar year some states put

forward initially some concerning legislation that would have changed how food product labeling looks in relation to pesticides, specifically. Texas and, I believe, Louisiana incorporated glyphosate and atrazine in those initial conversations but that was ultimately stripped out as it went through the legislature," she said.

"I believe what happens in D.C. is very important as we are looking ahead to 2026. We need to have robust conversations with our state lawmakers looking at how they take MAHA-related policies and implement them at the state level. At the end of the day the underlying goal of MAHA, making us all healthier, is something everybody can get on board with. Some of the tactics or approaches being used are where we need to have some of these conversations."

Burns-Thompson engaged with dozens of farmers who filed by MAA's booth in the Varied Industries Tent over the three-day course of the recent 2025 Farm Progress Show in Decatur. Many of the farmers Burns-Thompson spoke to at the 2025 FPS voiced concern about the disconnect between those who are actively involved in farming and the general public regarding how food is produced.

"We need to be working to bridge that gap in explaining what we do, how we do it and why we do it, especially when it comes to crop protection tools and these critical chemistries that we depend on," she said. "Everybody appreciates the affordability, abundance and safety of our food and fuel supply, and there is a growing opportunity to talk about what is necessary to (achieve) that process."

According to the Alliance, glyphosate is the backbone of modern farming. The most widely used herbicide in the U.S. for the past 50 years, glyphosate is regarded as a cost-effective tool that can be used safely when applied as directed. Protecting farmers' access to this critical crop protection tool is a top priority of the MAA.

"Farmers are telling us that if we lose glyphosate to this process or these challenges via the legal system or regulatory systems, they are very concerned that it will create a bellwether effect for every other active ingredient in every tool in their toolbox. This was actually one of the biggest concerns of the farm-



Above: Elizabeth Burns Thompson, executive director of the Modern Ag Alliance, spoke with dozens of farmers at the 2025 Farm Progress Show concerning regulatory threats to glyphosate and possible regulations associated with the final MAHA Strategy Report. (T. Alexander photo)

ers I spoke to at Farm Progress," said Burns-Thompson. "Every aspect of ag has some type of pest management that needs to take place."

A lack of clarity and consistency around pesticide labels could create a tumbling effect that could begin "tearing tools out of the toolbox" of farmers moving forward, she added. For that reason and others, MAA has conducted state-level legislative conversations in around 12 states in 2025 that were "laser-focused" on labeling certainty and clarity.

"The legislation looked almost identical in every state, and I'm very pleased

we got (bills) over the finish line in North Dakota and Georgia. In the interim, since most legislative bodies have concluded at the state level for fall, we have shifted our focus into the federal space. There is language that sits within the House Interior Appropriations Bill Section 453 that would provide consistency and clarity around pesticide labeling at the federal level. It is also a topic that continues to be talked about as part of the 'Skinny Farm Bill' or 'Farm Bill 2.0,'" Burns-Thompson said.

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USDA predicts record high corn crop for the United States

The corn side of U.S. balance sheets saw a 20 million bu increase to old crop ending stocks in the September update, putting it at 1.325 billion bu. The most attention was on new crop production though, where the USDA trimmed the average U.S. corn yield but bumped harvested acres even higher. The U.S. corn yield is now estimated at 186.7 bushels per acre, 2 less than in August, but a 7.4 bushel increase from last year.

Harvested acres increased to 90 million, up from last month's 88.7 million. This added 73 mbu to the U.S. crop, taking it to 16.814 bbu, a 13 percent increase from last year and the largest U.S. crop on record. The only change in new crop demand was a 100 mbu increase to exports. This put new crop carryout at 2.11 bbu, a 7 mbu decline from last month. This is a 13 percent stocks to use and indicates a cash value of \$3.90 per bushel.

No major changes were made to old crop soybean balance sheets this month, holding carryout at 330 mbu. As with corn, all interest fell on new crop balance sheets. The USDA also found another 200,000 soybean acres this month, but yield held steady at 53.5 bushels per acre,

and a slim 9 mbu were added to the U.S. crop. This put production at 4.3 bbu, 66 mbu fewer than last year's crop. Soybean crush was bumped up 15 mbu and seed was up 3 mbu, but this was negated by a 20 mbu cut to forecast exports. New crop carryout is now projected at an even 300 mbu. This is a stocks to use of 7 percent and warrants price rationing. The average cash value of soybeans is now \$10 per bushel.

The only change to domestic wheat balance sheets this month was a 25 mbu increase in exports. This lowered projected ending stocks an equal amount, taking them to 844 mbu. This is a 41.1 percent stocks to use and equates to a \$5.10 per bushel cash value.

On the global side, few changes were made to 2024/25 carryout estimates. Global corn carryout is now estimated at 284.18 million metric tons, up from last month's 283.11 mmt. World soybean carryout is pegged at 123.58 mmt, below the August estimate of 125.19 mmt. Global wheat ending stocks are projected at 262.42 mmt, little changed from last

month's 262.70 mmt. The world carryout numbers for the 2025/26 marketing year were a little more changed. Corn carryout for this marketing year is now estimated at 281.40 mmt, 1.1 mmt less than last month's estimate.

The world soybean carryout is estimated at 123.99 mmt, 1 mmt less than the August number. Global wheat carryover for this year is estimated at 264.06 mmt, a year-to-year increase of 4 mmt.

Notable changes in global crops this month were a 3 mmt increase to Brazil's 24/25 corn crop and a 3.5 mmt increase to this year's Australian wheat crop.

Only minimal changes were made to beef and pork balance sheets this month. Beef production for 2025 was cut 100 million pounds to a total of 25.83 billion pounds. Beef production for 2026 increased by 20 million pounds, putting it at 25.49 billion pounds. Beef exports are forecast at 2.64 billion pounds for this year and 2.53 billion pounds from next year, declines of 40 million pounds and 20 million pounds, respectively. Beef imports were bumped up 90 million pounds for 2025 to 5.36 billion and left unchanged at 4.95 bil-

lion pounds for 2026. Average steer value projections are now \$228.56 per hundredweight for this year and \$248.50 for next year.

U.S. pork production was cut 180 million pounds this year to 27.57 billion pounds and left unchanged for 2026 at 28.38 billion pounds. Pork exports saw no changes this month, leaving them at 6.98 billion pounds for 2025 and 7 billion pounds for 2026. Average hog values are now estimated at \$69.82 per cwt for this year and \$66.00 per cwt for 2026.

The Brazilian analytical firm CONAB has released its final 2024/25 grain and soybean crop numbers. CONAB put Brazil's 24/25 soybean crop at 171.47 million mt, up from the previous 169.65 mmt. Brazil's soybean exports were increased by 400,000 mt to total 106.65 mmt, and ending stocks jumped from 3.9 mmt to 10.3 mmt. On corn, the crop was raised from last month's 137 mmt to a final number of 139.67 mmt. CONAB held Brazil's corn exports to 40 mmt though as domestic demand will consume much of the larger crop. Corn carryout is still expected to increase 12.81 mmt from the group's prior 10.26 mmt estimate. CONAB is putting Brazil's wheat crop at 7.54 mmt, down from the previous 7.81



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

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the program. "After connecting with Apprenticeship Illinois, they assisted us through the entire registration process. We worked with the five community colleges to ensure they had the high-quality curriculum our producers were looking for, and less than six months later we are proud to be rolling out the first livestock focused apprenticeship program in Illinois," Tirey said.

According to an IPPA news release, pork producers interested in hosting an apprentice must sign an agreement with the students to offset their tuition costs in exchange for workforce training. Tuition costs taken on by the participating producers will be offset by the Apprenticeship Illinois Tax Credit, which allows employers up to \$5,000 per apprentice per year in reimbursement for training costs. Students will be expected to work on-farm and complete the job competencies outlined in the job position to receive their certificate at the end of the two years.

Students interested in applying for this apprenticeship opportunity should reach out to Tirey at jennifer@ilpork.com. Employers interested in developing a registered apprenticeship program or contacting the State Apprenticeship Mentor can find more information at ApprenticeshipIllinois.com.



Above: Jackie Wible (left), of the Illinois Pork Producers Association, was on hand for an ag-tech career showcase for high school students at Illinois Central College to promote IPPA's new livestock apprenticeship program. (T. Alexander photo)

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Nutrien Ag Solutions opens newly upgraded Tipton, Ind., facility

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Iowa Correspondent

TIPTON, Ind. – Nutrien Ag Solutions opened its newly upgraded Tipton retail facility Sept. 9 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, according to company officials.

Rob Clayton, Nutrien’s North American Retail senior vice president, said the facility is a showcase of innovation, built with one goal in mind: supporting farmer success.

“Our capital improvement initiative reflects Nutrien’s unwavering commitment to delivering industry-leading products, proprietary solutions, and services that maximize yield, profitability and sustainability,” he said.

According to company officials, the Tipton location is one of 2,000 Nutrien Ag Solutions retail facilities across North America – with the majority of these operating as farm centers and smaller satellite locations – included in the company’s capital improvement initiative, designed to modernize operations and enhance service in regions experiencing rapid agricultural growth.

Company officials added the ribbon-cutting ceremony marked a milestone for Tipton, bringing together Nu-

trien employees, local farmers, suppliers, and community leaders to celebrate this new era for the site, with guests touring the upgraded facility.

“The mission of this new facility is to support the success of farmers in central Indiana,” company officials told Farm World in a Sept. 17 statement. “This facility meets our team’s goals of safety – improved facilities with a focus on operational flow and safety processes, and proven accuracy in crop protection and nutrition products, and speed, convenience, value and increased serviceable acres.”

Once a location like Tipton is chosen, company officials said there is a thorough due diligence that is completed with project development and approvals, permitting, and construction execution, which takes 12-18 months.

“Identifying locations for our capital improvement initiative is a major collaborative effort between our region, division and branch management teams, as well as our corporate development and retail construction teams,” they said.

The key benefits from this facility for farmers, company officials said, are strengthened service in central Indiana, such as improved accessibility to prod-



Above: Aerial view of Nutrien Ag Solutions’ newly upgraded retail facility in Tipton, Ind. (courtesy of Nutrien Ag Solutions)

ucts because of an on-site 5,000-ton dry fertilizer storage system with rail access and 250-ton-per-hour receiving; and blending capabilities for precise macro- and micronutrient blends with liquid impregnation (the process of treating a material with a special substance to protect its surface from water, oil, dirt and other substances).

“We also have a liquid storage and blending facility with 2 million gallons of UAN (a liquid fertilizer with urea, ammonium and nitrate) storage; 240,000 gallons of nutritional storage; and 110,000 gallons of chemistry storage, plus interior and exterior load pads for custom

blends,” they said.

The facility has an enhanced anhydrous ammonia (nitrogen fertilizer) system, including four riser platforms; 120,000 gallons of NH3 (ammonia) storage; and stabilizer injection capabilities.

In addition, the facility has a modernized office designed with digital and operational efficiencies to further improve customer service and support, company officials said.

“For our team, it’s not just new infrastructure; it’s a commitment to our farmers that Nutrien will be here, season after season,” Clayton said.

Setzer

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mmt projection.

A commodity that is quickly becoming undervalued is soy oil. Soy oil futures have eroded 12 percent in the past five weeks as they try to compete with cheaper vegetable oils in the global market. The main one of these is palm oil which has at times been 50 percent the value of soy oil. This drop in soy oil comes at the same time, U.S. reserves have fallen to a seven-month low. It is also right ahead of an increase in biodiesel mandates that take effect on Jan. 1 and are expected to raise demand by 67 percent. This will only elevate soy oil demand with a crush industry already running at full capacity.

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MARKETS

Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 9/15/2025 - Final AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 9/8/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,767	1,823	1,481
Feeder Cattle:	1,679(95.0%)	1,639(89.9%)	1,302(87.9%)
Slaughter Cattle:	86(4.9%)	179(9.8%)	153(10.3%)
Replacement Cattle:	2(0.1%)	5(0.3%)	26(1.8%)
Special Note: Beef Calf: 1050.00 per/head.			

Compared to last Monday the feeder market was stronger with an average quality offering. Light weight feeder steers and heifers 350 lbs and under were sharply higher with a good supply and strong demand, while the 400-600 lbs cattle were steady to 4.00 higher with a good supply and good demand for weaned and value added packages. The yearling loads and groups were steady with a good supply and good demand, while the singles and smaller packages of yearlings were 2.00 to 3.00 lower. Buyers were active today and willing to pay premiums for weaned and value added packages, while increasing the discount on plainer, off colored, and bawling calves and widening the price spread in most weight classes. Slaughter cows were 2.00 to 4.00 lower with a good supply and moderate demand, while slaughter bulls were steady to 2.00 lower. Supply included: 95% Feeder Cattle (52% Steers, 1% Dairy Steers, 38% Heifers, 9% Bulls, 0% Dairy Heifers); 5% Slaughter Cattle (1% Steers, 72% Cows, 18% Bulls, 9% Dairy Cows); 0% Replacement Cattle (33% Stock Cows, 67% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 45%.

Groups of 20 Head or More			
STEERS	HEIFERS		
80 Hd Char/CHRX	490 lbs	487.50	33 Hd Char/CHRX 383 lbs 433.50
49 Hd Char/CHRX	602 lbs	407.50	96 Hd Char/CHRX 518 lbs 413.50
61 Hd XBREDS	892 lbs	345.50	20 Hd Black/1RED 649 lbs 364.00
54 Hd Black/BWF	892 lbs	345.70	22 Hd Black/1CHR 982 lbs 270.50
54 Hd Colored/XBRD	895 lbs	340.25	
55 Hd Black/BWF	959 lbs	332.00	

FEEDER CATTLE

STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	227	227	605.00	605.00 Thin Fleshed	
2	275	275	522.50	522.50	
7	269-270	269	575.00-580.00	575.72 Fancy	
3	268	268	630.00	630.00 Thin Fleshed	
3	305-345	318	440.00-460.00	449.58	
21	323-339	335	492.50-508.00	506.20 Fancy	
2	312	312	535.00	535.00 Thin Fleshed	
9	365-390	381	425.00-447.50	436.66	
31	350-388	379	487.00-502.50	491.01 Fancy	
5	417-430	424	452.50-470.00	462.11	
18	441	441	491.00	491.00 Fancy	
21	460-487	476	422.50-440.00	438.69	
80	490	490	487.50	487.50 Value Added	
7	500-545	518	372.50-387.50	380.49	
31	502-545	538	403.00-420.00	410.84 Value Added	
12	550-592	564	363.00-383.00	376.68	
12	550-570	560	385.00-395.00	387.87 Value Added	
14	604-648	620	350.00-367.00	358.32	
74	602-631	610	380.00-407.50	398.99 Value Added	
10	662-687	673	334.00-359.00	343.31	
5	650	650	379.00	379.00 Value Added	
14	715-745	731	315.00-332.00	322.13	
13	702-732	718	355.00-360.00	358.53 Value Added	
9	755-795	775	313.00-338.00	332.48	
4	752	752	346.00	346.00 Thin Fleshed	
7	805-835	828	317.00-340.00	334.79	
8	862-880	868	321.00-333.00	328.70	
169	892-895	893	340.25-345.70	343.88 Value Added	
6	968-971	970	298.00-310.00	303.99	
55	959	959	332.00	332.00 Value Added	
2	1000-1030	1015	293.00	293.00	
10	1093	1093	292.00	292.00	
2	1117	1117	266.00	266.00	

STEERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
6	313-330	322	412.50-417.00	414.81	
4	350-376	370	410.00-411.00	410.76	
5	410-447	425	390.00-410.00	398.42	
19	455-490	477	367.50-402.50	383.45	
1	525	525	347.50	347.50	
9	566-585	575	330.00-355.00	339.58	
4	605-630	616	320.00-340.00	330.51	
4	665-690	684	320.00-330.00	322.43	
1	720	720	297.50	297.50	
1	820	820	291.00	291.00	
1	1040	1040	262.00	262.00	
1	1105	1105	230.00	230.00	

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	438	438	370.00	370.00	
2	492	492	352.50	352.50	
1	530	530	307.50	307.50	
3	685	685	290.00	290.00	

STEERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	580	580	330.00	330.00	

STEERS - Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	535	535	282.50	282.50	
2	645	645	277.50	277.50	

DAIRY STEERS - Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
5	749	749	301.00	301.00	
4	840	840	290.00	290.00	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	180-190	185	455.00-470.00	462.70	
1	185	185	500.00	500.00 Fancy	
3	177-195	183	560.00-565.00	561.78 Thin Fleshed	
2	215-220	218	465.00-470.00	467.47 Fancy	
1	215	215	590.00	590.00 Value Added	
4	297	297	455.00	455.00	
6	305-315	313	410.00-430.00	415.75	
2	300-320	310	470.00-490.00	479.68 Fancy	
8	358-371	363	382.50-390.00	387.19	
49	360-383	375	433.50-447.50	437.88 Fancy	
12	405-443	427	371.00-391.00	377.54	
13	407-445	412	400.00-410.00	409.17 Fancy	
13	455-485	475	372.50-390.00	384.40	
21	452-495	466	395.00-402.50	397.88 Fancy	
9	458	458	425.00	425.00 Value Added	
9	500-540	523	350.00-367.50	360.76	
1	520	520	322.50	322.50 Fleshy	
21	540-545	541	375.00-380.00	378.71 Guaranteed Open	
104	518-541	519	374.00-413.50	410.75 Value Added	
41	550-590	571	347.50-372.50	365.10	
10	571	571	387.50	387.50 Value Added	
18	600-645	634	335.00-353.00	348.65	
1	620	620	307.50	307.50 Fleshy	
44	601-649	625	362.50-366.00	364.59 Guaranteed Open	
7	660-680	672	305.00-329.00	312.64	
10	658-695	676	338.00-360.00	347.69 Guaranteed Open	
9	721-733	729	301.00-310.00	303.97	
2	760-790	775	272.50-277.50	274.95	
6	764	764	315.00	315.00 Guaranteed Open	
4	805-806	806	261.00-274.00	264.25	

1	850	850	261.00	261.00
1	995	995	222.50	222.50
40	982-989	985	261.50-270.50	266.43 Value Added
2	1145	1145	218.00	218.00

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
11	302-323	312	375.00-397.50	387.65	
5	360-395	371	350.00-365.00	360.81	
4	405-445	423	351.00-360.00	355.53	
1	480	480	365.00	365.00	
4	515	515	345.00	345.00	
2	590-595	593	332.50	332.50	
2	612	612	287.00	287.00	
4	665-683	679	283.00-297.50	286.55	
2	720-745	733	270.00-271.00	270.51	
1	785	785	259.00	259.00	
3	805-820	810	220.00-225.00	223.31	
1	855	855	237.50	237.50	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	335	335	297.50	297.50	
1	395	395	305.00	305.00	
1	430	430	320.00	320.00	
2	460-495	478	305.00-321.00	313.29	
1	505	505	295.00	295.00	
2	565	565	275.00	275.00	
2	607	607	260.00	260.00	
2	677	677	263.00	263.00	
2	787	787	230.00	230.00	

HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
5	698	698	270.00	270.00	
1	845	845	225.00	225.00	

HEIFERS - Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	1177	1177	161.00	161.00	

HEIFERS - Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	275	275	325.00	325.00	
2	345	345	312.50	312.50	
3	390	390	360.00	360.00	

DAIRY HEIFERS - Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	805	805	177.50	177.50	

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	285	285	450.00	450.00
5	365-396	390	424.00-452.50	447.16
4	405-416	413	475.00-487.50	484.44 Fancy
8	455-493	477	387.50-410.00	399.40
12	500-547	539	350.00-377.50	358.52
5	510-525	521	381.00-387.00	383.42 Fancy
9	550-595	579	340.00-357.50	344.68
5	558	558	367.00	367.00 Fancy
10	605-645	626	310.00-325.00	322.52
2	665	665	315.00	315.00
3	715	715	305.00	305.00
2	760-780	770	288.00-307.00	297.38
5	816-840	822	275.00-289.00	283.23
3	970-995	980	219.00-227.00	221.97

MARKETS

Kentucky Daily Grain Bids

Grain Report for Thursday, September 18, 2025 - Final										
FUTURE SETTLEMENTS										
Exchange	Commodity	Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 9/18/2025								
CBOT	Corn	423.75 (Dec 25)	441.50 (Mar 26)	451.50 (May 26)	457.25 (Jul 26)	453.50 (Sep 26)	462.75 (Dec 26)	475.75 (Mar 27)		
CBOT	Soybeans	1037.50 (Nov 25)	1056.50 (Jan 26)	1071.50 (Mar 26)	1084.75 (May 26)	1095.25 (Jul 26)	1091.75 (Aug 26)	1078.25 (Sep 26)		
CBOT	Wheat	524.25 (Dec 25)	542.50 (Mar 26)	554.00 (May 26)	563.75 (Jul 26)	577.00 (Sep 26)	594.75 (Dec 26)	608.00 (Mar 27)		
CBOT	White Oats	321.50 (Dec 25)	333.25 (Mar 26)	340.50 (May 26)	342.50 (Jul 26)	358.25 (Sep 26)	358.75 (Dec 26)	362.25 (Mar 27)		
KCBT	Wheat	510.00 (Dec 25)	531.75 (Mar 26)	546.00 (May 26)	559.00 (Jul 26)	573.75 (Sep 26)	593.25 (Dec 26)	608.25 (Mar 27)		
MGE	Wheat	571.75 (Dec 25)	591.75 (Mar 26)	605.25 (May 26)	617.50 (Jul 26)	630.25 (Sep 26)	646.75 (Dec 26)			

US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrille	50.00Z to 90.00Z	UNCH	4.7375-5.1375	DN 0.0300	4.9375
Pennyrille	50.00Z to 90.00Z	UNCH	4.7375-5.1375	DN 0.0300	4.9375
Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	80.00Z	UNCH	5.0375	DN 0.0300	5.0375
Ohio River - Lower KY	80.00Z	UNCH	5.0375	DN 0.0300	5.0375
Purchase	75.00Z	UNCH	4.9875	DN 0.0300	4.9875
Purchase	90.00Z	UNCH	5.1375	DN 0.0300	5.1375

US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	-12.00Z	UNCH	4.1175	DN 0.0300	4.1175
Purchase	-15.00Z	UNCH	4.0875	DN 0.0300	4.0875
Green River	-5.00Z	UNCH	4.1875	DN 0.0300	4.1875
Green River	-10.00Z	UNCH	4.1375	DN 0.0300	4.1375
Pennyrille	-30.00Z to -5.00Z	UNCH	3.9375-4.1875	DN 0.0300	4.0358
Pennyrille	-50.00Z to -19.00Z	UNCH-DN 3.00	3.7375-4.0475	DN 0.0300-DN 0.0600	3.8642
Louisville	-50.00Z to -39.00Z	UNCH-DN 4.00	3.7375-3.8475	DN 0.0300-DN 0.0700	3.7925
Louisville	-39.00Z	DN 4.00	3.8475	DN 0.0700	3.8475
Bluegrass	-25.00Z	DN 10.00	3.9875	DN 0.1300	3.9875
Bluegrass	-40.00Z	UNCH	3.8375	DN 0.0300	3.8375
Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - UNCH KY	-37.00X to -23.00Z	DN 2.00-UNCH	3.8675-4.0075	DN 0.0500-DN 0.0300	3.9375
Ohio River - Upper KY	-37.00Z to -25.00Z	DN 2.00-UNCH	3.8675-3.9875	DN 0.0500-DN 0.0300	3.9275
Ohio River - Lower KY	-21.00Z to -3.00Z	UNCH	4.0275-4.2075	DN 0.0300	4.1042
Ohio River - Lower KY	-22.00Z to -9.00Z	DN 1.00-UNCH	4.0175-4.1475	DN 0.0400-DN 0.0300	4.0708
Purchase	-15.00Z to -6.00Z	UP 1.00-UNCH	4.0875-4.1775	DN 0.0200-DN 0.0300	4.1350
Purchase	-15.00Z to -9.00Z	UP 1.00-UNCH	4.0875-4.1475	DN 0.0200-DN 0.0300	4.1125

US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	-25.00X	UNCH	10.1250	DN 0.0625	10.1250
Purchase	-30.00X	UNCH	10.0750	DN 0.0625	10.0750
Green River	-60.00X	UNCH	9.7750	DN 0.0625	9.7750
Green River	-60.00X	UNCH	9.7750	DN 0.0625	9.7750
Pennyrille	-75.00X to -30.00X	UNCH-UP 5.00	9.6250-10.0750	DN 0.0625-DN 0.0125	9.7464
Pennyrille	-75.00X to -35.00X	UNCH-UP 9.00	9.6250-10.0250	DN 0.0625-UP 0.0275	9.7393
Louisville	-115.00X	UP 1.00	9.2250	DN 0.0525	9.2250
Louisville	-115.00X	UP 1.00	9.2250	DN 0.0525	9.2250
Bluegrass	-80.00X	DN 10.00	9.5750	DN 0.1625	9.5750
Bluegrass	-80.00X	DN 10.00	9.5750	DN 0.1625	9.5750
Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-40.00X	UP 2.00-UNCH	9.9750	DN 0.0425-DN 0.0625	9.9750
Ohio River - Upper KY	-50.00X to -40.00X	UNCH	9.8750-9.9750	DN 0.0625	9.9250
Ohio River - Lower KY	-45.00X to -25.00X	UNCH	9.9250-10.1250	DN 0.0625	10.0433
Ohio River - Lower KY	-49.00X to 0.00X	UP 3.00-UNCH	9.8850-10.3750	DN 0.0325-DN 0.0625	10.0750
Purchase	-45.00X to -35.00X	UNCH	9.9250-10.0250	DN 0.0625	9.9850
Purchase	-45.00X to -40.00X	DN 5.00-DN 17.00	9.9250-9.9750	DN 0.1125-DN 0.2325	9.9625

US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrille	-35.00Z	UNCH	4.8925	DN 0.0400	4.8925
Pennyrille	10.00N	UNCH	5.7375	DN 0.0350	5.7375

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	4.8875	DN 0.0350	4.8875
Pennyrille	-55.00Z	UNCH	4.6925	DN 0.0400	4.6925
Pennyrille	-60.00N to -55.00N	UNCH	5.0375-5.0875	DN 0.0350	5.0750
Louisville	-103.00Z	UNCH	4.2125	DN 0.0400	4.2125
Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-30.00Z	UNCH	4.9425	DN 0.0400	4.9425
Ohio River - Lower KY	-35.00N to -15.00N	UNCH	5.2875-5.4875	DN 0.0350	5.4142

Explanatory Notes: Price & Basis Values quoted are for Current Delivery, unless otherwise noted.

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Daily Livestock and Poultry Slaughter

Report for Thursday, September 18, 2025 - Final										
Current Day Slaughter										
Thurs., Sept. 18, 2025										
		Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week WTD	Last Year WTD	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	YTD % Change	
Calves	1,000	1,000	429	4,000	4,000	3,012	92,167	151,849	-39.3%	
Cattle	112,000	117,000	122,622	460,000	459,000	494,579	20,995,398	22,573,809	-7.0%	
Hogs	476,000	487,000	466,859	1,940,000	1,947,000	1,899,125	89,992,365	92,044,009	-2.2%	
Sheep	5,000	7,000	7,464	30,000	31,000	31,521	1,381,728	1,368,268	1.0%	
Chicken (Young)	35,521,000	35,584,000	34,537,000	142,570,000	142,139,000	139,136,000	6,753,444,000	6,784,169,000	-0.5%	

Previous Daily Slaughter										
Wed., Sept. 17, 2025										
		Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week WTD	Last Year WTD	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	YTD % Change	
Calves	1,000	1,000	924	3,000	3,000	2,583	91,167	151,420	-39.8%	
Cattle	117,000 R	118,000	124,850	348,000	342,000	371,957	20,883,398	22,451,187	-7.0%	
Hogs	486,000	490,000	480,876	1,464,000	1,460,000	1,432,266	89,516,365	91,577,150	-2.3%	
Sheep	6,000	6,000	6,581	25,000	24,000	24,057	1,376,728	1,360,804	1.2%	
Chicken (Young)	35,706,000	35,740,000	34,914,000	107,049,000	106,555,000	104,599,000	6,717,923,000	6,749,632,000	-0.5%	

Previous Day Breakdown

Wed., Sept 17, 2025

Cattle

Steers/Heifers ...96,000

Cows/Bulls ...21,000

Explanatory Notes: Livestock Species listed consists of young and mature animals.

Poultry references young only. Year to Date calculation is based on week 1 of calendar year

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Missouri Direct Hay Report

Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 9/19/2025

Scattered rains fell in various areas of the state over the last few days, locations and amounts varied greatly, with nothing widespread enough to change the current situation of dry-ness. Drought conditions have continued to worsen as heat came back into the picture and moisture has not been a thing for most. As of the latest Drought Monitor near 98 percent of the state is in some form of drought now with the entirety of the Boothill in D3 or Extreme status and just over 30 percent listed as D2 or Severe. Hay feeding or supplementing of some kind has become fairly common in the southern half of the state. Luckily before rains quit in early Aug grass had been abundant, and producers baled a lot of hay early. Without some fall rains soon though it could make for an incredibly long feeding season as first frost date isn't all that far away. Hay movement has been slow to moderate there has been an uptick but with many baling a lot of hay and having supplies on hand it hasn't anything extreme at this point and there is currently a lot of hay offered for sale without having to travel very far regardless of where in the state one might be. Hay prices are steady to firm, supplies are moderate to heavy, and demand is light to moderate. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay directory at <https://apps.mda.mo.gov/haydirectory> or visit the University of Missouri Extension feed stuff finder at <https://feedstufffinder.org>.

HAY (Conventional)		
Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Ton)	Medium Square 3x3	250.00-300.00
Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Bale)	Small Square	10.00-15.00
Alfalfa - Premium (Ask/Per Ton)	Medium Square 3x3	175.00-225.00
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Ton)	Large Round	150.00-175.00
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Bale)	Small Square	6.00-10.00
Alfalfa - Fair (Ask/Per Ton)	Large Round	125.00-150.00
Mixed Grass - Premium/Supreme (Ask/Per Ton)	Medium Square 3x3	150.00-200.00
Mixed Grass - Good/Premium (Ask/Per Ton)	Large Round	100.00-150.00
Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Ton)	Large Round	75.00-125.00
Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Bale)	Small Square	3.00-7.00
Mixed Grass - Fair (Ask/Per Bale)	Large Round	20.00-50.00
STRAW (Conventional)		
Wheat - (Ask/Per Bale)	Small Square	4.00-7.00
Source: USDAAMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News		
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Market Report

September 17th 2025 19th Auction

This Report is the Actual High and Average Prices.

Feeder Pigs: 5 \$80 High \$42 Avg.

Butcher Hogs: 1 \$50

Bf. /Cross Veal: 22 \$1500 High \$1242.50 Avg.

Dai. V: 47 \$1250 High \$1018.78 Avg.

Jersey Cross: 2 \$275 High \$262.50 Avg.

Beef Feeders: 7 \$2.10 High \$1.81 Avg.

Cull Cows: 7 \$1.25 High \$1.14 Avg.

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Farm equipment time capsule wows bidders at Jeff Boston auction

By William Flood
Ohio Correspondent

CARLISLE, Ind. – During the last week of August, Jeff Boston Auction Service hosted an online sale for the Robbins estate, featuring an impressive mix of classic tractors, primitives and early farm gear. The auctioneer described the sale as a step back in time, praising the Robbins family as excellent stewards of farm history who worked hard to preserve the legacy of the American farmer. A total of 412 lots were offered, including classic agricultural equipment, horse-drawn implements, antique wagons and parts, early tools, farm signs, older trucks, and a selection of modern machinery and shop tools.

Though the sale was rooted in time-honored equipment, the top seller was a more modern piece. A 2008 CIH/Farmall 45 with only 387 hours brought \$16,500. It was offered a 45-hp four-cylinder diesel, dual entry doors, MFWD, Hydrodrive, a category 1 fast hitch, 540 PTO, one SCV, and 17.5L-24 industrial tread rubber. Close behind, a mid-1980s New Holland T1510 MFWD compact utility tractor showing just 930 hours went for \$14,400. It featured a 30-hp diesel, 3-speed transmission, joystick control, category 1 hitch, 540 PTO, rollbar, New Holland 110TL quick-attach loader, 5-foot quick-attach bucket, and 15 x 19.5 industrial tread rubber.

With the modern tractors sold, attention quickly turned back to the vintage lineup. A 1953 Oliver 88 row crop edition, in running condition, commanded \$4,550. This wide-front model included a belt pulley, hydraulics, PTO, one pair of rear wheel weights, and well-maintained 14.9-38 tires. Another Oliver – a 1948 Oliver 70 wide-front row crop machine – made it to \$2,800. Also running, it carried a belt pulley, PTO and 13.6-38 tires.

Other vintage tractors included an operating 1941 Oliver-built Cockshutt 60 with steel rear wheels that drew \$2,300, and a 1946 Farmall H, also running, with a PTO, rear wheel weights, and 11.2-38 tires, which fetched \$2,150. A non-running 1940s Minneapolis-Moline RTN with a PTO and good 11.2-36 rubber struck \$1,150. Several 1940s Allis-Chalmers models also drew bids in the hundreds, including a working 1942 AC “WC” featuring a belt pulley, wheel weights, new front tires, and 12.4R34 rears that struck \$575. A non-operating WD45 landed \$470, while a similar-condition 1947 AC WC with rear spoke wheels and 14.9-24 fronts was carted off for \$410.

As the event moved on to antique



Above: Over a dozen vintage tractors were auctioned, including this running-condition wide-front 1953 Oliver 88 picked up for \$4,550.

wagons, attention shifted to an antique IHC Weber work wagon. This piece, sporting its original spring-board seat and its tongue modified for a tractor hitch, commanded a strong \$3,450. A John Deere Triumph flare bed wagon, boasting steel wheels and old paint and stenciling, bid to \$1,100. Meanwhile, a steel-wheel work wagon of unknown make found a new owner at \$525.

Horse-drawn implements also attracted spirited bidding, though the prices remained more modest. A left-hand Oliver wooden beam plow hammered down at \$400, while an Oliver “Superior” 12-hole wooden grain drill, bearing wooden spoke wheels and a seed attachment, went for \$340. A 7-foot horse-drawn hay tedder on steel wheels reached \$210, and a primitive wooden planter, still wearing its faded red paint and stencil markings, was grabbed for a mere \$55.

The auction also carried vintage machine-pulled implements, including a compact 1940s Oliver “Superior” ground-driven manure spreader that reached \$775. Two Oliver pull-type plows – a model 7673 equipped with 3-14s; another with 4-14s - each sold for \$400. In contrast, an Oliver 9-foot wheel disc changed hands for only \$175.

From horse-drawn to mechanized equipment, the sale held a wide selection of parts. A pair of IHC clefted iron wheels measuring 52 ½ inches in diameter rolled away for \$280. Meanwhile, bidding on a springboard buggy seat struck \$115. An unidentified Farmall front grill went for \$80, while the bones of an Oliver 70 were snapped up for just \$77.50.

Things rolled on with a lineup of older vehicles, highlighted by a 1985 Chevy Custom Deluxe 10 pickup that pushed to \$2,000. Described as a



Above: A true barn find: this 1985 Chevy Custom Deluxe 10 pickup sat in storage for 15 years. It bid to \$2,000.

genuine “barn find,” the single-owner truck had been parked for about 15 years. It held a 305 V-8, automatic transmission, 2WD, and a long bed sans a tailgate. Despite its weathered exterior, the odometer showed just 1,850. Later, two single-axle Chevy grain trucks crossed the block at matching \$1,700 bids. The first was a 1985 Chevy 70 also stored for years, but nicely equipped with a V8, 14-foot bed, hoist, and good-condition 10R-22.5 tires. The other was a 1967 Chevy 50 featuring a small block V8, 16-foot bed, hoist, and 9.00-20 tires.

Roughly two dozen agricultural signs and related advertising pieces crossed the block, drawing solid interest. Topping the category was a 66-by-28-inch metal Garst sign. Despite being worn, it still managed to bring in \$110. An early two-gallon Standard Oil “Wagon Axle Grease” bucket – complete with its lid and even some remaining contents – was claimed for \$85. A 24-by-10-inch lighted Baxter’s advertising sign followed at \$72.50, while a 24-by-18-inch metal Voris Seed sign found a new home for just \$45.



Above: One bidder scored an original IHC Weber work wagon for a modest \$3,450.

A few other attention-getters helped round out the sale. Among those was a Jack Robbins novelty tractor based on International parts, snagged for \$155. Another creative piece by Robbins – a home bar made from an Oliver 70 hood topped by a 4-by-2-foot, half-inch thick glass top – hit \$140, and a shop seat fashioned from an IH tractor seat mounted on a steel wheel made it to \$110. These unique finds added a memorable finish to a lively auction.

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Hoosiers will have much to celebrate on National Public Lands Day

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources invites all individuals to celebrate the state's public lands and waters Sept. 27-28 with special events happening across the state.

National Public Lands Day, celebrated Sept. 27, is the nation's largest single day of volunteerism on public lands. See dnr.IN.gov/places-to-go/events or on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer for listings of programs. Participants can also collect trash at a nearby DNR property for a rewarding way to help protect wildlife and promote healthy natural resources.

Sept. 27 is also National Hunting and Fishing Day and the last Free Fishing Day of the year. Indiana residents can celebrate with DNR and fish public waters with or without a license. DNR has resources for new and advanced anglers in its Fishing Guide (on.IN.gov/fishing-guide) and an interactive map at on.IN.gov/where2fish to help locate sites. Indianapolis area anglers can find resources to create family-friendly fishing outings with the help of the new Fishing Trip Planner at indianafishingplanner.com.

For hunters, squirrel, dove, and youth deer seasons are open and are great options for connecting with the outdoors. DNR's Hunting & Trapping Guide, available at on.IN.gov/huntingguide, has a full list of open seasons and helpful resources no matter your experience level.

Sept. 28, Indiana State Parks, State Forests, and State Recreation Areas will offer free admission where entrance fees are normally charged. This is a great time to explore a DNR property you haven't visited before to do things like boat, hike, bike or view wildlife. Visit on.IN.gov/recfinder to plan your trip. The entire weekend serves as a reminder our public lands are places for outdoor recreation, conservation, and making memories with families and friends.

For more information about how to be a DNR volunteer go to: on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer.

Leave the hummingbird feeders up

Fall is coming on and brisk days are ahead, but don't take down your hummingbird feeder just yet. Finding an available feeder may be life saving for hummingbirds running late in their migration. Even though the temperatures will have dipped, hummingbirds may still be out there.

Leaving your hummingbird feeder up will not cause the birds to stay or delay them in their migration.

Trees for towns and communities

Grants totaling \$508,559 are available to fund community and urban forestry projects throughout Indiana. There are three separate grant opportunities available. All three have the same application deadline of Oct. 23, 2025; however, each grant has different parameters, funding levels and project types.

Please read the application instructions for each carefully because grant eligibility and the application processes have changed. You may apply for more than one grant, but receiving funding for more than one grant is not guaranteed. Funding announcements will be made by Nov. 17, 2025.

All grant materials and information are available on the DNR website at: <https://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/programs/community-and-urban-forestry/grants/>.

The grant opportunities are now open for applying. All applications will be submitted on the State Budget Agency (SBA) website at: <https://www.in.gov/sba/grants/state-agency-grant-opportunities/>.

Community & Urban Forestry Assistance (CUFA) grant where projects may include inventories, management plans and tree plantings.

State Urban Forest Resilience (SUFRR) grant with funding for managing and recovery from emerald ash borer. Projects may include removal of dead ash trees, treatment of ash trees and tree plantings.

Small Town Big Trees where only communities with a population of 10,000 or less are eligible for the grant. Projects may include inventories, management plans and tree plantings.

LARE Grants

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources announced organizations in 12 Indiana counties will receive \$1,324,000 in grants to fund 18 different lake, river, and watershed land treatment projects through DNR's Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) program.

The projects are in LaGrange, Mont-

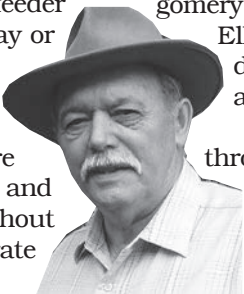
gomery, Kosciusko, Owen, Marion, Elkhart, Starke, Dekalb, Randolph, Fountain, Jennings and Gibson counties.

The grants are funded through the LARE fee paid annually by boat owners when they register their craft with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The user-funded program benefits boaters all over the state. The grants allow for the completion of projects too difficult for local organizations to fund on their own. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis, and local sponsors share at least 20 percent of the cost.

This round of grant-funded projects will benefit eight lakes and 11 rivers and streams, with some projects benefiting more than one lake. In addition, two land-based projects associated with watershed land treatment practices have been funded in coordination with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Many of the projects aim to improve water quality by reducing sediment and nutrient inputs. Improved water quality helps fish and wildlife populations and improves recreational opportunities.

The projects, listed by body of water, county, project type, and grant award, can be found at lare.dnr.IN.gov.



SPAULDING OUTDOORS
By Jack Spaulding

Body of Ligonier man recovered

Indiana Conservation Officers were investigating after recovering the body of a Ligonier man from Engle Lake in Noble County earlier in September.

At 8:50 a.m., officers were notified of a missing person, 47-year-old Michael W. Vinson, of Ligonier, who had not returned home from a fishing trip to the lake.

Officers on scene found a kayak, paddle, and fishing equipment floating in the water. Officers located Vinson's body using a side-scan sonar.

At 4 p.m., Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement divers recovered Vinson's body in 25 feet of water.

Indiana Conservation Officers remind the public to always wear a life jacket when on or around the water.

'till next time,

Jack

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Madisonville North Hopkins FFA wins first-ever salsa challenge

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Officials at the Kentucky State Fair were looking for some extraordinary competition, one that might involve FFA chapters in all 120 counties.

In the end, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA), the lieutenant governor's office and the Kentucky Department of Education came together to create a one-of-a-kind competition, one that would test the food production and culinary skills of chapters across the state.

After much brainstorming, the group came up with the "Best School Garden Salsa Challenge."

"What's not to love about salsa," Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell said. "But more important than the delicious, fresh recipes these students made, are the lessons they learned. This contest provided students with the skills to grow their own food, work together as a team, and produce something delicious from it."

Students from FFA chapters across the state were required to grow their own ingredients in their school gardens and create their own recipes.

Madisonville North Hopkins High School, of Madison County, came out on top in this inaugural event and was honored at this year's state fair.

The competition was the kickoff event for this fall's All in for Ag Education Week (Sept. 15-19).

KDA's Ag Education and Outreach Division invited schools to grow their own salsa ingredients in their school gardens, develop an original signature recipe, and present it for judging at the fair. Most of the ingredients came from produce the students grew in their school garden this summer with some supplemental products from local producers or produce that don't grow well in Kentucky. Limes were allowed to be purchased for the salsa.

After judges from the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service reviewed recipes based on food safety, prep guidelines, and the basic knowledge students demonstrated about making the salsa, Shell, Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman, and Education Commissioner Robbie Fletcher made the final selections.

The Madisonville North Hopkins team - Lilli Norman, Kelcie Greer, Hadley Webb, Keeley Peyton, Riley Peyton and Alex Garrott - crafted its original recipe, Kernel and Comb - to win.

The winning recipe included jalapenos, Roma tomatoes, sweet corn, bell peppers, honey and cumin. The students produced many of the ingredients used in the recipe, including sweet corn and honey from their

school hives. As the winners, Madisonville North Hopkins received a VIP visit during Ag Education Week.

Eight teams competed in this year's contest. Other schools participating were Bondurant Middle School (Franklin County), Nancy Elementary School (Pulaski County), Highland Middle School (Jefferson County), Jones Middle School (Boone County), Menifee County Middle School, Pride Elementary School (Hopkins County) and Butler County High School. Highland Middle School brought its entire school - about 700 students - to cheer on its team at the fair competition, while Pride Elementary School students wrote a song about salsa to include for their demonstration.

Student teams from the eight schools made their salsa at the fair using a provided kitchen on stage in front of an audience. They talked about their ingredients and processes while showing what they did.

Mackenzie Bush, a student from Menifee County Middle School, said she enjoyed learning how to grow food and solve problems that came up in the process.

"One of the best things about our school garden is how it brings us together as a team," Bush said. "We

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Above: From left, Menifee County Middle School students Mackenzie Bush and Lila Pelfrey cut pineapples while Garrett Lane and Grayson Lane cut onions and cilantro for their Sweetheart Salsa recipe. (Fiona Morgan photo)

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Above: From left, Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell, Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman and Commissioner of Education Robbie Fletcher taste-tested each team's salsa to determine the overall winner. (Fiona Morgan photo)

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Above: Madisonville North Hopkins High School won the first Best School Garden Salsa Challenge at this year's Kentucky State Fair. Picture are (from left) Alex Garrott, Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell, Riley Peyton, Hadley Webb, Kelcie Greer, Keeley Peyton, Lilli Norman, Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman and Education Commissioner Robbie Fletcher. (photo submitted)

Madisonville

FROM PAGE 12

have learned responsibility, patience and teamwork. Even when we had rabbits and insects eat our plants or even take up our gardens, we found solutions and didn't give up."

Students at Menifee County Middle School grew green peppers, onions, tomatoes and cilantro for their salsa recipe. They tended to 10 raised bed gardens each day since April, adding fertilizer, weeding and fending off pests.

Their recipe (Sweetheart Salsa) incorporated pineapple and lime.

"Our salsa and its name represent our community because the borders of Menifee County are shaped like a heart," Menifee member Garrett Lane said. "When we were planning our recipe, we wanted something colorful, healthy, and a little bit sweet, just like our community."

Menifee team member Shelby Cornett said, "I would describe our salsa as similar to pico de gallo. Versatility was important for us in making our recipe as it could be put on a variety of dishes, such as hot dogs, salads and pork chops."

Cornett said the Salsa Challenge was a fun experience and she hopes to keep learning about agriculture.

"There's always more to learn in agriculture. I don't think anybody could ever get bored of it," she said. "I think it's a very valuable skill."

During the salsa demonstration, the students chopped ingredients, added them to a bowl and mixed them. They put the finished product in sample cups with chips for audience members to try.

Bethany Mattingly, division director of Agriculture Education and Outreach at KDA, said the department started this challenge because they wanted to showcase what schools are doing to teach agriculture.

"We want to keep teaching Kentucky's educational standards, but we want to do it through the lens of agriculture, and we're doing that because it's highly engaging," Mattingly said. "When making their salsa the kids are using a tons of different things that they learned in school, whether that's measuring, doing math, being able to talk, prepare a written instruction, follow that instruction, all of those things are standards that we're trying to hit."

Mattingly said more schools had intentions of getting involved in the salsa challenge, but weather-related issues during this year's growing season hindered many of those gardens.

The winning recipe: Kernel & Comb Salsa:

- 4 ears fresh sweet corn (or 3 cups frozen, thawed)
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- ½ small red onion, finely diced
- 1-2 jalapenos, seeded & finely diced
- 2 medium Roma tomatoes, diced
- fresh cilantro, chopped
- 2 Tbsp honey
- 2 Tbsp lime juice
- ½ tsp smoked paprika
- ½ tsp cumin
- 1 ½ tsp salt
- ¼ tsp black pepper

Cut kernels off cob. Roast corn on high heat for 8-10 minutes, stirring until charred. Combine corn, bell pepper, onion, jalapenos, tomatoes and cilantro in a bowl. Stir in honey, lime juice, spices, salt and pepper. Mix well. Serve warm or chill for 30 minutes before serving.

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Highlights of the Half Century of Progress

RANTOUL, Ill. – The Half Century of Progress was Aug. 21-24 at the former Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul. This all-volunteer event is the largest vintage farm show in the U.S. and is always the week before the Farm Progress Show. The spotlight for this year's theme was Feeling the Earth Move, which was a perfect lead into the 100 Years of Caterpillar.

Mike Timmons said about planning this big Caterpillar event, "A year and a half ago we started to reach out to Facebook friends in clubs, equipment companies and shows."

This was a group effort. Timmons' company is Tempered Tracks, and he was assisted by Heartland Earthmovers, and two friends, Davil Tallon and Clayton Smith, along with collectors that gathered to celebrate this century event.

The Caterpillar Co. was formed in 1925 with the merger of the Holt Manufacturing Co. and the C.L. Best Tractor Co. "Best and Holt merged," Timmons shared, "but Benjamin Holt passed before it happened."

Timmons said, "Our goal was to have 100 different CAT pieces." They achieved this and more. "We had 115 CAT's and 15 other brands along with four models."

Each Half Century of Progress show, they highlight tractors from 50 years ago. This year they highlighted tractors from 1975. The show is a combination of static displays with fieldwork with vintage equipment. The show was kicked off with the tractor drive headed up by famed broadcaster Max Armstrong. More than 100 tractors took part. Before



WRENCHING TALES
By Cindy Ladage

the show started each day, it opened with the Star-Spangled Banner, and the raising of the Big Flag. Most evenings ended with a tractor pull.

At the 2023 Half Century show, an Allis Chalmers group celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Allis Chalmers D21's. It was such a success that this year at the show Brad Twiss and Kristin Gall put their efforts and energies into bringing what might be a record of 263 1206 tractors to the 2025 Half Century show. They were celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Farmall 1206 model.

Friends of Green, that help support the Half Century of Progress as well as Historic Days at Penfield, Ill., organized the 60th anniversary of the John Deere 4020 tractors. Ed Winkleman and Chris Elliott were the organizers for the 4020 Gathering. "The 4020 was probably the most popular tractor John Deere ever built in the New Generation," Winkleman shared. The 4020 came in gas, diesel, LP, and powershift.

"Deere needed to refine things," Elliott said. "That is a unique thing from Deere. They refine their products."

"As of Friday, of the show, we had 113 4020's with a 4020 hi crop from Florida, 4020's from Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and on and on. It seemed like collectors were from everywhere," Winkleman added.

Besides the anniversary tractors, this was the first time at the Half Century of Progress that Conversion

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Above: Kristin Gall was one of the organizers of the 60th anniversary of the 1206 display.



Above: Something different



Above: One of the tractors in the tractor drive.



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Ohio couple helps to encourage 4-H members' love of horses, other animals

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

HAMILTON, Ohio – Dust swirls around the arena where kids are riding their horses – pleasure riding, pole bending or whatever. Parents watch from the stands. All of this swirls around Tracey and Chad Ingle, who supervise the facility and encourage the kids in whatever they are doing, primarily 4-H.

“We do a little bit of everything,” Tracey Ingle said. “We work mainly with our 4-H kids. Our club is Young Riders Etc. We had to add ‘Etc.’ because we’re not just a horse club anymore. We are a multi-animal club. So many people wanted to come into our club, and we now show everything from rabbits, turkeys, chickens, pigs, any kind of live-

stock, all the way up to horses.”

The Ingles own 18 horses. Many of them were born there. The couple have trained the horses themselves. However, the stable is also home to one heifer, three goats, and a number of cats. When the club members show pigs, they keep them at the barn, too.

“We lease the horses to them, but we get no money,” Tracey said. “You’re not supposed to do that when you’re a 4-H adviser. You’re supposed to be helping the kids, you’re not supposed to make money from them. They take care of the horse’s shots for fair and their shoes; everything else, the horses are here, they’re ours, we take care of them.”

The Ingles’ two kids, Chloe and Colby, are now adults. They were in 4-H from little on. They showed horses, hogs and

cattle. Tracey rode too, then. But bad knees put a stop to that. Besides the fair, the Ingles also take the 4-H kids and the horses to open shows all over.

“We were always on the show circuit with our kids,” Tracey said. “It is not something I ever gave up. I like it.”

Added Chad: “We enjoy having the kids around, they keep us young. They keep us on the move. We just enjoy kids, and they appreciate what we’re doing. I have said it a million times. 4-H is a wonderful program, and I think it helps kids who are either headed the wrong way, or who could possibly head the wrong way, to keep their lives straight. We don’t have that here. All of these kids are good kids; they always bond together. These kids become part of our family.”

Tracey added that they have a lot of kids now, and she hopes that when she dies, each one of them has something positive to say, that she gave them opportunities they would not have had.

“We do give kids opportunities,” Tracey said. “A lot of people can’t afford horses. They are a very expensive hobby. If it means helping kids out, then I will help them. It is giving them something that our kids had and appreciated, and I think it made them better people. It’s the responsibility, the commitment, the relationship with the animal is unbelievable. That’s not just with horses, that’s with any animal. Their ribbons and trophies are proof of that.”

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McKenna Judd keeps her quarter horse, Fergy, at the Ingles’ stable. She does contesting – barrel racing, pole bending.

“It means a lot that they help me get to the fair,” she said. “I love horses.”

Carrie Judd, McKenna’s mom, said that Tracey helped McKenna switch from riding English to contesting. Two of Carrie’s nieces also ride there now. When Carrie was inquiring about an equine 4-H club, everyone suggested the Ingles’ club.

“Tracey and Chad come out here and they drag this arena every night for the kids,” Carrie Judd said. “They keep water, popsicles, snacks, everything for the kids out here. Tracey likes to cook, so she’ll have meals to eat for everybody while they are watching their kids ride. We have become family. It’s been a blessing.”

Added Carrie’s dad, Jeff: “It’s unbelievable. We have been coming out for years with our daughter. The Ingles have been so good to her. They are good people. They have touched so many people’s lives.”

JoAnn Moeller’s two daughters, Anna and Elle, were in the Ingles’ 4-H club and rode at the facility for many years. Both girls have competed in out-of-state

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Above: McKenna Judd on Fergy with Chad and Tracey Ingle. The Ingles enjoy having the kids around. They have given many kids opportunities they would not have had otherwise.

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Above: Eliza White rides Barbie through the poles. The Ingles drag the arena every night when the kids are riding, and they have water and snacks on hand for kids and parents.

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shows and done well. The Moellers had no experience with horses, knew nothing about them. But both girls were born horse lovers.

“Both of our girls had opportunities they never would have had otherwise,” JoAnn Moeller said. “Tracey and Chad just opened their hearts to our family. We met them at a 4-H dinner, and they said yes, bring the girls to the farm. So, we did, and they just really embraced our kids all the way through. Both of our girls were in 4-H and then FFA with equine projects (Anna Moeller was Ohio 2024-25 FFA president).

“This was the foundation for all of the things they got to do,” Moeller said. “They were here when they were little and got a lot of opportunities to do things they would not have been able to do otherwise.”



Above: McKenna Judd with Fergy. Tracey Ingles helped her switch from riding English to contesting. She said it means a lot that the Ingles help her get to the fair.

Bill reducing family farm death reporting fees advances in Michigan

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

LANSING, Mich. – Relief could be on the way from the steep penalties levied on family farms if a work-related death of an immediate family member is late in being reported in Michigan.

The effort to change the current state law was triggered by the 2019 death of a farmer whose family was fined over \$12,000 for failing to report the accident within eight hours as required from all employers by the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Eight hours would still be the reporting deadline, but the fine would be reduced by 80 percent for first-time violators under the measure passing out of the Michigan House of Representatives on Sept. 3 by a wide margin.

House Bill 4017, sponsored by Rep. Jerry Neyer (R-Shepherd) and supported by Michigan Farm Bureau, was before the Committee on Labor in the State Senate for further consideration.

“We’re standing with farmers and their families by making sure that no one grieving the loss of a loved one is harshly punished for simply being human,” Neyer said.

Neyer, a dairy farmer and member of the Isabella County branch of farm bureau, said the bill respects the emotional toll of losing a loved one and need for compassion in enforcing workplace safety regulations. He’s also chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

“When a loved one dies unexpectedly on a family farm, the last thing on anyone’s mind is paperwork. My plan maintains the need to alert the state of workplace fatalities while recognizing the difficulty of these situations and offering more grace for those who miss the deadline,” he said.

Keith Eisenmann, the co-owner of a family farm, died after falling through a roof while making repairs to a barn.

Neyer said the family was “understandably distraught” and was late in filing the paperwork, yet fined over \$12,000 for what he described as a “minor oversight.”

The family’s appeal was denied.

“My legislation brings common sense to an outdated rule by acknowledging you can’t treat family farms the same way you treat huge corporations with massive human resource departments. Our Michigan farms are the heart of our rural communities and they deserve fair, human treatment when facing the unthinkable,” he said.

Previous attempts to pass the legislation failed when the measure stalled in the Senate in 2023 and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer vetoed it in 2021.

Whitmer said MIOSHA was already allowed to reduce fines on family farms cooperating with death investigations by up to 90 percent.

She also said the definition of family farm in the bill was inconsistent with federal OSHA policies and could lead to confusion and possible state non-compliance with federal requirements.

MFB Legislative Counsel Josh Scramblin said the deadline plays a critical role in protecting workers but disagrees with the one size fits all employers approach in the current law.

“Timely reporting helps prevent unsafe conditions from being concealed, but it’s essential to recognize that these excessive penalties will not prevent on-farm accidents in the future,” he said.

The bill passed with unanimous Republican support and while Democrats were virtually split over the measure.

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Wrenching

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Tractors and Doodlebugs were featured at the Half Century show. The idea came about when Mark Dozier and Keith Ladage were at Historic Days in Penfield, Ill., in 2024. Both loved the farmer ingenuity of the tractors.

“Conversion tractors and doodlebugs showcase farmer’s creativity, and each piece is different. All the ones that came to our exhibit, even if they were a conversion tractor that used the same kit, were unique,” Dozier said. “Most had a single transmission, and they were mostly converted from Ford Model A’s and T’s.”

Doodlebugs are cars with items added that could make them work like a tractor, depending on what they had on hand. Each one of these is completely its own creation. In its day, the doodlebug, and the conversion tractors were the poor man’s tractor. Collectors brought displays from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. Dozier said he is interested in these tractors “because they caught a small time in agricultural history when people made do with what they had. They are mostly pre-WWII. If you had money, you made the conversion, if not, you did it yourself with what you had.”

The Half Century is always a chance to see new and unique items. Josh Salm, of Kiel, Wis., was at the Half Century of Progress, with his half scale model 8020 John Deere tractor.

Heritage Iron magazine, owned by Sherry Schaefer, has been a premier sponsor of the Half Century of Progress almost since the beginning. Schaefer publishes two bi-monthly magazines under her publishing company, 3-Point Ink in Greenville, Ill. Both are antique tractor magazines, Heritage Iron, the premier magazine

for Muscle tractor enthusiasts, and Oliver Heritage for those that love the Oliver brand. She also produces other books and merchandise as well. On her website she shares, “We know tractors are not just pieces of machinery, but a part of families and their heritage, and we keep that in mind with every publication we put our name on.”

At the Half Century show, Heritage Iron had a very special tent. “This year Heritage Iron features number ones. We have eight number one’s, or one of ones.” These muscle beauties were the first Allis-Chalmers D21, first Farmall 806 diesel, first Allis-Chalmer 210, first Allis-Chalmers 8070, first Allis-Chalmers 4WD 220, an Oliver prototype, first Case prototype 2296, and one homebuilt tractor.

The Oliver prototype, Schaefer discovered. “I found this two years ago at a show in Oakley, Mich.”

Some agricultural celebrities were at the show, like Max Armstrong, and one young YouTuber, Rylan Maney, from Evart, Mich. This young entrepreneur is 13 years old and has started his own Old Iron Farm Toys YouTube channel. He also writes a column for the children’s farm magazine, Little Green. “I have awa`ys liked toys since I was little,” Rylan said. “I have been collecting since I was 7. I like to collect all brands, but focus on Ford, and John Deere.”

Not only does he like all brands, but he also likes all models as well. “I collect 1/16th, 1/32nd, but mostly 1/64th scale, with a few oddball scales.”

Almost everyone that attended the Half Century of Progress could add in something they saw, or someone they met. This event brings people from all over the U.S. and around the world to celebrate vintage agriculture.



Above: This cool doodlebug stopped by the conversion tractor and doodlebug display.



Above: Steam at the Half Century.



Above: While ATV’s and golf carts were the usual mode of getting around this group came up with their own transportation.

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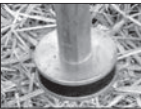
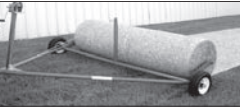
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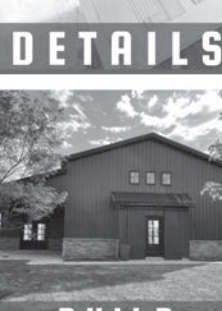




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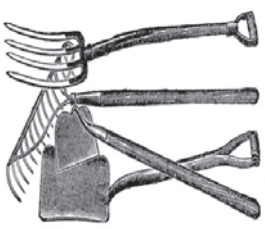
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Safety expert: Rollovers are just 'tip of the iceberg' of farm deaths

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

LONDON, Ohio — Farm safety has been a hot topic at every Farm Science Review since 1963. And with good reason. Agriculture is considered one of the most dangerous industries in the U.S.

Dee Jepsen, an Agricultural Safety & Health Specialist, teaches community safety programs for farmers and ag



Above: Rescue personnel converging at a farm silo is becoming all too common each year. Here, FFA students attending this year's FSR learn about the dangers of silos. (Doug Graves photo)

businesses, high school agricultural safety programs, collegiate safety and health courses at Ohio State University and is an OSHA outreach trainer. Jepsen and her Grain CART (Comprehensive Agriculture Rescue Trailer) rescue simulator are a regular fixture at each Farm Science Review.

"We're here every year and we need to be here every year," says Jepsen, who points to a constant stream of farm accidents and fatalities on farms each year. "Farm accidents are continuous, and it's not just happening to the older farmers. Accidents are happening to new and beginning farmers, as well as to those returning to the farm."

Jepsen has been with the OSU Agricultural Safety and Health Program since 1992. She has responsibility for teaching, extension and research in occupational safety and health.

"Injuries or death can strike those on the small farm, too. People with a small property and perhaps a small tractor can find themselves in harm's way as those small tractors have all the dangers all the others to," she said.

Tractor rollovers are the top cause for death on the farm. Jepsen says tractor rollovers become lethal when operated on unstable terrain without adequate rollover protection or proper operator training.

"Nearly 59 percent of Ohio farm-related rollover fatalities could be eliminated if every tractor had a roll bar device with a seatbelt," Jepsen said. "Retrofit kits are available for any



Above: The Grain CART Rescue Simulator, built in 2015, has been a common fixture at Farm Science Review since 2015. It was developed by a partnership between OSU Extension and the Ohio Fire Academy. (Doug Graves photo)

make and model and typically cost between \$800 and \$1,200."

Right behind in terms of fatalities are farmers who get caught in the power take-off shaft. Left uncovered, a PTO shaft can entangle a farmer's shirt sleeve or trouser cuff.

"We're seeing fewer fatalities or injuries from PTOs the past few years as they're now encased and there's guards now," she said. "The engineering on these PTOs are much better, but if the farmer chooses to take these guards off they're putting themselves back in danger."

Another danger is when farm equipment meets the public on a rural road.

"We've kept statistics on roadway safety for the farm since 1962 and it still remains a problem to this day," Jepsen said. "As you hit the roads in the spring, ensure that your tractor and equipment lights are working properly. The state of Ohio was the first to put extremity lighting into law. If you have dual wheels or a piece of equipment trailing behind that blocks the view of the extremity lights on the tractor, you're required to operate with the proper lighting and marking, especially from sunset to sunrise. It's also good practice to have an escort vehicle

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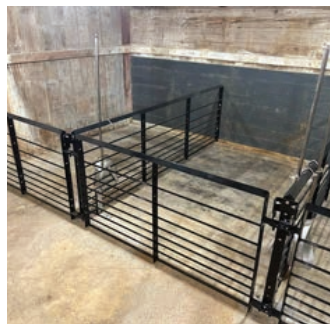
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Above: Dee Jepsen, Ohio Agricultural Safety & Health Specialist, stands next to a tractor cap that was engulfed in flames. (Doug Graves photo)

Farm Safety

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behind equipment on roadways.”

While rollovers, PTOs and rural road hazards are high on Jepsen’s list of trouble spots, there are many others, she says.

“Rollovers happen all too often and these tragedies make the headlines, but there are dozens of dangers lurking on any farm,” Jepsen said.

Jepsen says equipment like harvesters, balers and augers can cause severe injuries when safety measures fail. Grain bin and silo accidents are always a farm tragedy waiting to happen.

“Proper training of operators and regular equipment inspections can greatly reduce the chances of accidents,” she said. “With bins and silos, suffocation from being trapped in grain or exposure to gases is a persistent threat. Installing proper ventilation systems and using safety harnesses can significantly reduce these threats.

“Now is the time farmers enter their bins to check on them, unload, and clean them,” Jepsen said. “Grain dust is a hazard farmers need to protect themselves from while sweeping out their bins. And the only thing to really protect you from that level of contamination is the N95 respirator, an N99 respirator, or a P100 respirator.”

Jepsen says that lower on the threat list, though still problematic, is livestock handling, chemical exposure and falls.

“Animals can be unpredictable,” Jepsen said. “Even experienced farmers can face injuries from being kicked, bitten or crushed. Proper use of restraining equipment, such as cattle chutes and harnesses, can help reduce

risks. Pesticides, fertilizers and other dangerous chemicals may cause short-term and long-term health risks when not handled with proper equipment and protection. Falls are a big problem as well. Farms often have elevated work areas like silos and lofts, where falls can cause serious injury or death.”

While many manure pits are now underground; they still can cause issues through the gases. “It’s mostly the gases from those manure pits when people run into problems. Recently they were four members of a family from Colorado that they were working on their dairy farm and were overcome by the fumes from manure pit. Sadly, one went down and they kept trying to rescue each other and they all eventually succumbed.”

Still, some manure pits remain above ground. Reed Hosteler, 31, died on his family’s dairy farm in Marshallville, Ohio, on March 5. He drowned in a manure pit after the tractor he was driving overturned.

Crashes, lacerations, punctures, burns, head and spinal injuries are reported incidences that Jepsen sees on a regular basis. Even electrocution can occur.

“In April, a 45-year-old man from Leesburg, Ohio, was electrocuted after his farm tractor hit a power line. His tractor was pulling an agricultural sprayer when one of the sprayer’s booms made contact with an overhead power line,” she said.

Just as safety management gets implemented on the farm, so should stress management.

“We should be talking to farmers about resources to manage stress and discussing the particulars of farm stress with counselors, therapists, and crisis hotlines,” she said.

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The Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) confirmed the SLF detection after inspectors and a TDA detection dog verified 15 adult SLF on a tree of heaven. This marks the first detection of the invasive insect in Knox County.

“Citizen reports are essential in stopping the spread of this destructive pest,” Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M., said. “This non-native insect threatens the health and viability of several agricultural businesses in our state. We want your help in watching out for this pest and reporting and eliminating any you find.”

SLF are invasive insects that attack a wide variety of plants, from grapevines and fruit trees to hardwoods. They deposit egg masses on nearly any solid object, including vehicles, trailers, firewood, outdoor gear, furniture, and toys. People and their belongings can unknowingly carry these eggs, allowing the pest to spread far beyond its original range.

TDA urges Tennesseans to help protect the state’s agriculture and natural resources:

If you see SLF or an egg mass, take photos and report the sighting at www.tn.gov/protectnforests/re-sources/report-a-pest.html.

Next, stomp the insect and destroy egg masses by smashing them or dousing them with rubbing alcohol.

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Above: Spotted Lanterflys were found on a tree of Heaven in Knox County, Tenn., recently.



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2025 production and marketings were projected at 230.0 and 229.0 billion pounds respectively, up 800 million on both from a month ago. If realized, both would be up 4.1 billion pounds or 1.8 percent from 2024.

2026 production and marketings were projected at 231.3 and 230.3 billion pounds respectively, up 900 million pounds from a month ago. If realized, both would be up 1.3 billion pounds or 0.6 percent from 2025.

Price forecasts for cheese, butter and nonfat dry milk (NDM) were lowered for 2025 based on recent price declines and increased milk supplies. The whey price forecast was unchanged. Class III and Class IV price forecasts were reduced on lower dairy product prices.

Look for the 2025 Class III price to average \$18.20 per hundredweight, down 30 cents from last month's estimate, and compares to \$18.89 in 2024 and \$17.02 in 2023. The 2026 average, at \$17.40, is down 45 cents from a month ago.

The Class IV is expected to average \$18.15 in 2025, down 80 cents from last month's estimate, and compares to \$20.75 in 2024 and \$19.12 in 2023. The 2026 average was projected at \$17.25, down \$1.60 from a month ago.

Nebraska has confirmed its first case of bird flu in a dairy herd. There are now 1,080 confirmed cases in 18 states. The U.S. milk supply remains safe due to

steps taken by the industry as well as the pasteurization process itself.

The latest U.S. Dairy Supply and Utilization report had some interesting take-aways. HighGround Dairy's Cara Murphy stated in the Sept. 22 Dairy Radio Now broadcast that even though U.S. dairy exports were the second-highest on record and up over 200 percent from a year ago, cheese utilization totaled 1.2

billion pounds, off 0.4 percent.

Domestic usage, which makes up over 90 percent of cheese usage, was down 2.7 percent and the lowest level since July 2022. She said retail sales were good but food service wasn't. Cheese exports were up 29.4 percent, thanks to low U.S. prices.

Butter utilization was up 5.4 percent, primarily due to all-time high exports which were up 208.3 percent. Domestic consumption, which also accounts for over 90 percent of total usage according to Murphy, was off 0.8 percent. HighGround says "Limited domestic demand could help to explain the significant price decline on the CME spot market over the past month as strong production keeps butter volumes plentiful."

Nonfat dry milk (NFDM) and skim milk power (SMP) utilization was down 1.3 percent, thanks to exports being down 15.7 percent. Domestic demand was up 83.1 percent and has supported CME prices, says HGD, "holding above \$1.20 per pound since early May, but this dynamic has recently shifted following the decline of global skim milk powder prices as



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY
By Lee Mielke

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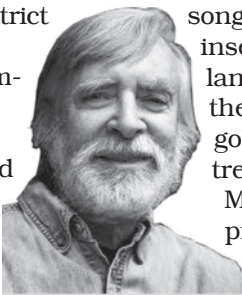
All nature is so full, that that district produces the greatest variety which is the most examined. – Gilbert White

The moon enters its second quarter on Sept. 29.

The Major Planets of September
Look for Jupiter high in Gemini before dawn. Saturn comes up in the middle of the night and remains in the sky throughout the day. Red Mars in Virgo and giant Venus in Leo will be the Evening Stars.

When-Then Phenology
When the ash trees turn red and gold, then the season of killing frosts has arrived.
When the day's length falls below 12 hours, then the sugar beet, pear, cabbage and cauliflower harvests commence in the Great Lakes region. In Wisconsin, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon and Washington State, the cranberry harvest begins as berries darken in the cooler weather.
When goldenrod flowers are tufted and gray, then daddy longlegs disappear from the undergrowth and bird migrations reach their peak.

Natural Calendar
The temporal countryside of Yellow Springs takes on its autumnal contours from the increasingly violent movements of the Earth's atmosphere as it tilts away from the sun.
Graphs of barometric pressure reveal many of the topographical patterns of the season. August's barometric configurations are slow and gentle like low, rolling dunes. Heat waves show up as wide plateaus. Thunderstorms are sharp, shallow troughs in the mellow waves of the atmospheric landscape.
At the close of Late Summer, the year has begun its ascent to the steep cliffs of December. By the beginning of October, the barometric waves are stronger; the high-pressure peaks become taller; the lows are deeper, with almost every valley bringing rain.
Tapering floral sequences and the gradual surge of leaf turn occur amid the diminishing expanse of middle September. From the broad lowland of warmth with its six months of bird-



POOR WILL'S ALMANACK
By Bill Felker

song and its hundred days of insect calls, the sun pulls the land up into the foothills of the year where asters and goldenrod bloom and where trees are gold and red.
Middle Fall is the rough piedmont of another country, stripping foliage, putting buds into dormancy, burning away the undergrowth and revealing the dark hillsides. At the end of Late Fall, December's great range of cold and snow fills the horizon. Beyond it lies another immense upland, the frigid, high plateau of Deep Winter in which nothing ever seems to grow or change until the ground crumbles and gives way, shattered by thaws, and time tumbles down into the sudden, stormy gorge of March.

Compensation
There is an emptiness at the end of early fall, an absence of flowers and birdsong, the slowing of the pulse of the crickets, the opening of the sky in the woods when leaves come down, and sometimes I try to fill the gap in time with whatever is close at hand.
Today, I felt that everything was eluding me, and thinking I might have missed what was most important, I went close to what I had nearby, found seed heads everywhere, spent rose petals, rose hips I should have pruned, dried hydrangea blossoms covered in spiderwebs, Joe Pye bushy and dun like burdock, three blue spiderworts out of season, hops heavy across the euonymus, oodles of black redbud seeds like manes in the branches, the soft green seeds of the fierce wood nettle, new waterleaf leaves, mottled grape vines, red crab apples bigger than I'd ever noticed before, stiff and prickly burrs of purple coneflowers, the unusual brightness of honeysuckle berries in the afternoon light.
All things around me seemed benign and soothing: a handful of soft, dark red raspberries from the patch that failed to produce much of anything this year, crabgrass gone to seed, its claws not threatening but protective, the summer mallow crumbling away, a skipper and a naked lady butterfly and a cabbage white ruffled by the breeze in the zinnias, the white fall crocus

half drooped, the highest branches of the hackberry bare, honeybees climbing in the asters, and the chirping and chirping of sparrows north of the garden.
As I walked, the wind picked up, pushing fat cumulus clouds so fast, and I felt surrounded and safe within an enclosure of motion and sound, one vulture swooping across the canopy, free. All of a sudden, the air was cold and clouds moved over me, and the afternoon turned cruel and hollow. Then just as quickly there was sun again, and I felt at home and at peace. And at dusk, three green hummingbirds came spinning through the butterfly bushes, alighting for a few moments on the feeders, then whirring up into the mulberry tree for the night.

An Exciting Birthday
By Ione Warner, of Bryan, Ohio
This is one of my favorite birthday stories. It appeared in the Almanack 15 years ago, and it is a reminder that people can find excitement almost anywhere they look. My hope is that Ione had many more birthdays just as happy.
Now I'm going to write you a true story. On Saturday, April 21, I was 84 years old. Two of my girlfriends wanted to take me out for dinner. So, at 10 a.m., they picked me up. They surprised me when they stopped to pick up my sister too. She is 75 years old.
We finally left Bryan and started driving east. We had gone quite a ways when I saw a town north of us. The girls said it was Archbold. Well, they

Reader Story

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sprayer tank on wagon, 3 pt Ford 3 bottom plow, wagon frames, 3pt boom sprayer, 6 ft 3 pt Dearborn grader blade, 4 ft Danish time 3 pt with rolling basket, 3 grain wagons with hoists, 7 ft woods rotary mower, 6 ft 3 pt disc, gas powered log splitter, 2 bottom 3 pt plow, metal grain wagon, air operated tobacco press, propane tank on wheels, camo electric golf cart.
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Mielke

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well as rising U.S. milk supplies.”

The tariffs have influenced this market and Murphy said they are paying attention to them, but she cited Oceania pricing being a bigger factor, as well as the strong milk output we’re seeing in the U.S., Europe, South America and New Zealand. If powder prices fall globally, she said the U.S. may recover some market share.

Dry whey usage was up 12.5 percent but was against an extremely weak July 2024 number, according to HGD. Murphy said China stepped back into the market after some trade issues were settled, but pointed to the high protein products, the whole protein concentrates and isolates, and said they are what’s holding up the whey market as “people just can’t get enough protein in their foods.”

As expected, the Fed lowered its benchmark interest rate a quarter point this week, first reduction in nine months, and indicated there’ll be additional cuts ahead. Meanwhile, CME block Cheddar was trading Thursday morning at \$1.6825 per pound, as traders were anticipating Monday’s August Milk Production report. The blocks closed Friday at \$1.6150. The barrels were at \$1.64 per pound Thursday, after finishing Friday at \$1.6125.

Contacts in the Central region tell Dairy Market News that mild temperatures are contributing to increasing milk production. Demand from Class I processors is taking up much of the additional production, keeping spot availability somewhat limited. Mid-week prices were trading flat to \$2-over Class. Cheese production is steady in the Central region. Demand from food service and retail customers is steady. Export interest is strong, though some contacts

said export demand was softer this week but remains above a year ago.

Cheese manufacturers in the West indicate ease in securing milk. Production is steady. Domestic retail demand is steady. Food service demand continues to be weaker. Export demand is mixed as U.S. prices remain competitive but price points are generally weakening for cheese produced outside of the US as well.

The meltdown continued in the butter, dripping to \$1.77 per pound Wednesday, lowest CME price since Oct. 11, 2021, but it rallied Wednesday and was trading Thursday morning at \$1.8050, following a Friday close at \$1.86.

Central milk production and component levels were strong throughout the summer months, keeping churns active, says DMN, and that has contributed to the current bearishness. Cream is plentiful in the Central region and demand is softening. Declining prices were causing some bulk purchasers to hold off.

Cream is also widely available in the West and demand from butter producers is somewhat stronger as cream has become more affordable. Butter production is stronger but remains below 100 percent capacity. Churn equipment projects are closer to completion and expected to bring more churning back online in fourth quarter. Retail production continues to be more of a priority than bulk production. Demand from domestic and international buyers is steady to stronger, says DMN.

Grade A nonfat dry milk fell to \$1.14 per pound Wednesday, lowest since March 25, 2025, but closed Thursday at \$1.1450, after finishing Friday at \$1.1650.

Dry whey was trading Thursday at 63 cents per pound, highest CME price since January 31, 2025. Its Friday finish was at 59.25 cents per pound.

The October Federal order Class I base milk price was announced by the USDA at \$18.04 per hundredweight, down 66 cents from September, \$5.13 below a year ago, and the lowest Class I since June. It equates to \$1.55 per gallon, down from \$1.99 a year ago. The Class I average stands at \$19.24, down from \$20.02 a year ago, and compares to \$19.09 in 2023.

Dairy margins continued to weaken the first half of September as milk prices succumbed to further losses while feed costs remained steady, according to the latest Margin Watch (MW) from Chicago-based Commodity and Ingredient Hedging LLC. “A sharp drop in both butter and cheese has pressured milk futures as growing supplies begin to overcome strong demand,” the MW stated.

The MW warned “The combination of increasing milk output and rising component levels, with the July fat test of 4.13 percent up 0.06 points from last year has caused butter production to rise 9.8 percent from July 2024 to 180.1 million pounds, the highest volume since 1942.”

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Cattle producers showing renewed interest in using sudangrass in pastures to add nutrition, feed volume

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

AMES, Iowa – While the popularity of sudangrass has fluctuated over the years, cattle producers have shown a renewed interest in its use as pasture acres have decreased and drought issues have impacted perennial pasture quality, according to Grant Dewell, Iowa State University (ISU) associate professor of veterinary medicine and beef extension veterinarian.

In fact, he said the use of sudangrass and similar sorghum-sudangrass hybrids in pastures to add nutrition and feed volume for cattle has been around for a long time.

“Sudangrass was introduced into the U.S. in the early 1900s, and became a common pasture crop,” he said. “Sudangrass grows in warm and hot conditions, and is fairly drought-tolerant and can produce large quantities of forage.”

According to ISU, sudangrass is a fast-growing, warm-season annual grass of the sorghum family used primarily for forage (i.e., hay, pasture, silage), and as a cover crop for nutrient scavenging and weed suppression. It’s also known for its rapid growth, high biomass production and ability to regrow after cutting or grazing, ISU added.

Shelby Gruss, ISU assistant professor of agronomy and forage extension specialist, said, “There has definitely been more interest in the last few years, but I would not limit it to sudangrass. Producers are showing increased interest in summer annuals in general as a way to boost productivity.

“This practice is especially useful in sacrifice lots (or dry lots that are non-grazing, small, enclosed areas for livestock used to protect pastures from overgrazing, damage from mud, or during renovation), or calving pastures where the perennial stand is weaker and less productive,” she said.

Gruss added the practice involves planting a summer annual like sudangrass following the spring flush of cool-season growth, typically in early to mid-June.

She said the general steps of sudangrass management are: grazing or mowing the perennial stand low just prior to planting to open the canopy for seedling establishment; drilling (the practice of planting summer annual forage crops like sorghum-sudangrass by sowing their seeds directly into the soil) the summer annual (sudangrass); allowing about 40 days of growth (depending on species and environmental conditions) before grazing; and evaluating the stand after grazing.

“Nitrogen application will likely improve summer annual productivity, but timing is critical,” Gruss said. “Since the



Above: Cattle graze on sudangrass in an Iowa pasture. Andrew P. Griffith, University of Tennessee professor of agricultural and resource economics, said sudangrass has the ability to produce a lot of high-quality feedstuff at a high quantity, if fertilized correctly. (courtesy of Iowa State University)

perennial stand already has an established root system, nitrogen should be applied when the summer annual is actively growing and cool-season perennials are slowing down. Research on this is limited, so current recommendations are more hypothetical than proven.”

Dewell said, “As a fairly rapidly growing forage crop, sudangrass can be grazed. It’s generally safer to use a rotational grazing system with fairly high stocking rates so cattle graze all the sudangrass down and then move off.

“If you leave cattle on too long where parts of the pasture are starting to regrow, cattle will prefer the new lush forage, which can have higher levels of prussic acid (a highly poisonous and rapidly acting chemical compound that can be released from certain plants and is lethal to livestock and humans),” he said, adding that farmers should “increase stocking density and (move) off in a few days to minimize toxicity (from high levels of prussic acid) and allow the plant to regrow.

“Prussic acid toxicity is a concern,

but it can be managed,” he said. “Generally, sudangrass is safer than forage sorghums, but good management is still important. Once the forage is at least 18 inches tall, it is safe to graze during summer grazing season. Be mindful of regrowth when managing pastures. In the fall when frost conditions exist, cattle should be removed from sudangrass pastures for seven days to allow the prussic acid to dissipate.”

Andrew P. Griffith, University of Tennessee professor of agricultural and resource economics, said, “One good time to use a sudangrass hybrid is when a pasture is going to be renovated in the fall. A person can chemically control a good portion of the weeds and then plant sudangrass hybrids that will provide enough competition to kill a lot of what was not controlled chemically.

“It is also appropriate to use it when there will be a need for a large quantity of high-quality forage in a short time span,” he added. “It has the ability to

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2-10 365D 30,650M 3.8 1161F 3.3 1019P
Her EX-90 Tropic daughter - Jaloda Tropic Kimono
2-11 365D 28,130M 4.5 1265F 3.8 1056P
Her VG-85 2-year-old Cascade daughter
And their daughters by Habitude and Dropbox

Jaloda Scotch Opal EX-92 2E
4-08 349D 27,490M 4.8 1324F 3.6 999P
All-Ohio Junior 3 Year Old, 2022
18 family members sell
Her daughter Jaloda Crush Orie EX-90
Her Daughter Jaloda Hanans Odelle VG-86 at 2-08 fresh again with Reaper heifer
Her Daughter Jaloda Unix Orchid GP-83 scored recently fresh at 2-04
Her daughter Winter Yearling Daughter by Figaro due in December
Her Winter Calf by Hulu
Another Family Member - Jaloda Perfect Oboe VG-86 @ 2-02

Renwind Jaloda Firewood EX-92 2E
3-08 349D 27,430M 4.7 1285F 3.6 986P
20 members of family sell
Firewood’s daughter:
Jaloda Silver Fireworks EX-91 2E
Lifetime: 144,784M 4.7 6746F 3.5 5037P

Firework’s daughters:
A VG-86 Cargo daughter with daughters by Perfect and Doc
A GP-83 Talon 2 year old daughter due back at sale time
2 Perfect daughters, one recently fresh with a Luster-P heifer and a yearling

Firewood’s Full Sister:
Jaloda Atwood Firewater VG-88
2-0 365D 24,725M 4.1 1020F 3.2 789P
Firewater’s daughter by Tropic will be fresh before sale

Another Family Member:
Jaloda Doc Firestone VG-87
2-00 365D 28,770M 4.5 1281F 3.4 983P
She has a daughter by Figaro fresh with Unix heifer and a calf by Pazzle

A few highlights from other families:
Jaloda Excalibur Drew VG-87 dam was an EX-92 Corvette
3-10 352D 31,802M 4.3 1380F 3.2 1031P
Her Daughters:
A EX-90 at 3-03 Tropic with a daughter by Figaro
A GP-83 at 2-04 Unix due again in January
A Pazzle Winter Yearling
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With so many of us on the edge during the second year of sub-breakeven prices, it's clear that business as usual will not pay the bills. One thing that strikes me as something we need to do is ad-

dress grain storage. There are hundreds if not thousands of old 10-15,000-bushel bins sitting empty. Considered small by today's standards, they may provide the storage we need to manage grain sales to our advantage. Simple math, a 10 cent move upward on corn means \$1,000 in real money. With local prices around \$3.50 a bushel, it is reasonable to expect a 25-cent movement upward in the next three-six months, maybe by the end of harvest. That's \$2,500 in real money for every 10,000 bushels of corn. If you have 500 acres of corn that produces the national average of 176 bushels per acre, that's 88,000 bushels of corn. That's \$22,000 available with storage alone. I think we'll see \$4 corn next spring. Now we're \$44,000 in real money. Is \$22,000 worth looking throughout the neighborhood for empty, dormant bins?

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BY BILL WHITMAN

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We will also need to use the ROI (Return On Investment) model for virtually every decision we make. Every decision is about placing "convenience and comfort" at the bottom of the list of requirements. Frankly, I've been concerned about how many young farmers have continued to spend money on vacations, etc., that is money spent from a no profit position. I get that we have a couple generations that grew up in an

environment of entitlement. The money was available, and we could choose to spoil our families, a bit. What these two generations don't realize is the years of sacrifice that preceded the last couple of decades. And as always, the good times won't last forever and these expensive luxuries are fleeting, only momentarily satisfying.

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Sudangrass

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produce a lot of high-quality feedstuff at a high quantity, if fertilized correctly. This does require some input, but it can be beneficial."

He said, "In my mind, it is another tool in the tool kit. I would not call it a specialty tool, but it also is not a tool that is used every day. There are some risks as they tend to collect nitrates when moisture is not adequate. They do take capital and labor as they have to be seeded every year."

Gruss said, "Adding summer annuals (like sudangrass) can help boost forage production during the summer slump. However, it's important to also plan for what comes next, whether that involves weed management, over-seeding, or other stand improvements."

Griffith said, "They (sudangrass) are

most successful being planted into a clean seedbed whether that be no-tilled in a field that the competition was chemically controlled, or in a tilled field with no weed competition.

"There are people who interseed (plant seeds of a cover crop or forage into an existing crop or pasture), but I have never experienced a situation where this was the best method to accumulate the best production from a quantity standpoint," he said.

"Thus, planting into a clean seedbed is the environment where production can be maximized, but these hybrids also require appropriate fertilization to produce well," he added. "In most cases, most grazing operations would be better off with a warm-season perennial (like switchgrass, which possesses mechanisms that allow it to tolerate cold temperatures during winter as dormant plants), but there are situations where these warm-season annuals (like sudangrass) can be beneficial."

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Above: Whiskey making is a family affair for the Glazik family of Paxton, Ill., which recently participated in a funded research study that identified various flavor profiles of heirloom corn-distilled spirits. (photo provided)

Craft distillers are tapping into vanishing heirloom corn varieties

By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

PAXTON, Ill. - In an effort to diversify the uses for vanishing varieties of heirloom corn, Illinois specialty crop grower Will Glazik and the IDEA Farm Network participated in a 2022 project that succeeded in demonstrating the potential for long-forgotten varieties like “Bloody Butcher” and “Wapsie Valley” as a source for craft whiskeys. The modest \$17,530 study, part of the North Central Region SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education) Farmer Rancher Project, has helped germinate new market opportunities for small, specialty growers to supply heirloom corn varieties to the still-growing Midwest craft distilling sector.

“We utilize a corn called Bloody Butcher in our bourbon, but there are other distilleries using blue corn or orange corn or white corn. We worked with the University of Illinois – at the time we didn’t yet have our production license – and we sent them five different varieties of corn,” said Glazik, whose family’s specialty operation includes Cow Creek Farm (www.facebook.com/cowcreekorganics/) and Silver Tree Spirits (www.silvertreebeerspirits.com/home). Their state farm distillery utilizes grain that comes from Cow Creek and nearby farms to produce bourbon, rye and wheat whiskeys, as well as vodka.

“A friend sent in some blue corn, another sent in some white, and another sent heirloom yellow. We also had conventional GMO yellow, and we wanted to see if we kept all production practices the same on the whiskey, what a sensory panel and analytical analysis

would come up with. We were looking for quantitative differences between the taste of the different varieties of color – and we did,” he added.

Located in Paxton (Ford County) in north-central Illinois, the area encompassing Glazik’s specialty farm was deemed an ideal location to grow the heirloom corn varieties, where each can develop distinct characteristics with the potential to create unique flavor profiles.

“We are a fifth-generation farm, certified organic, with 800 acres of diversified row crops along with cattle. We work with a number of other farmers in our area who are also certified organic through equipment sharing and technical support, as well as on farms where we don’t have livestock, we will have neighbors bring in livestock. All of our grain is grown food-grade and a portion of that goes to our distillery,” Glazik said.

To conduct the NCR-SARE experiment, Glazik, his brothers Clayton and Dallas, and others grew five heirloom corn varieties for distillation at the University of Illinois Pilot Processing Lab. In addition, tests to determine the chemical compounds in each of the corn samples were conducted. After distillation was complete, a panel of flavor testers convened for a tasting at the U of I to sample the distillates and compare results.

“The U of I mashed all of the samples and distilled them at the same proof, and then we had a sensory panel of farmers, distillers and people in the industry. We were able to quantitatively define the differences between the varieties, looking at how the color affects the

(Distillers continued on page 11B)

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Distillers

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flavor," Glazik said before delving into the various flavor profiles.

"Yellow tastes like the yellow you find in most of the bourbon consumed. Even open-pollinated yellow tasted more similar to GMO yellow than it did to, say, a blue or a red. The reds are a little more spicy; they pair well with ice so we make a heavy rye blended bourbon with the red, which we market under the Cow Creek Farm name The blue is more subtle and floral, and a lot softer than the red or any of the other colors, so we use it in gins or light whiskeys, something that is approachable for all kinds of palattes," Glazik explained.

He noted that the white corn-distilled whiskey surprised the tasting panel due to its unpleasant taste. However, Glazik chalks that experience up to the corn variety since he's tasted white corn whiskeys with a more pleasant palette.

The study also served to establish where growers might sell their heirloom corn varieties. With the spirits industry rapidly growing in the Midwest, many distilleries are willing to pay a higher price for unique products. Glazik is taking advantage of the popularity of the craft distillers industry by marketing the family's own bourbons made with yellow non-GMO corn (Prairie City, after the former name of Paxton) and blue corn (coming this fall), in addition to their red-based Cow Creek bourbon.

"My 6-year-old son has become a corn breeder and has been breeding a blue corn variety for the last couple of years. We've got enough of it saved up and we're going to age his own barrel of bourbon for 15 years, so he'll be able to open it up when he's 21," Glazik said.

Poor Will

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said it was, so I suppose it was.

I was wondering where we were going, and they told me to Grand Rapids, Ohio. We are on so many roads, you see, going south and east. And what do you know, we were driving along the Maumee River and the Erie Canal.

This was exciting for me and my sister was the same way. It wasn't long until we crossed the river on a five-span bridge. We went to the C and J Restaurant for dinner. What a great place to eat. We must have spent an hour in there.

There we started out to shop. There was a craft store a few doors down,

The study's results have been shared with grain distillers, farmers, crop scientists and others through networks such as the IDEA Farm Network, OGRAIN, Rodale Institute, The Land Connection, Artisan Grain Collaborative and ReGenerate Illinois, encouraging the adoption of heirloom corn in the production of spirits.

"We've been able to really share this as much as possible, and it's been well received. It's been a really fun story," said Glazik, whose experimentation with heirloom corn varieties appears to be in line with what many whiskey entrepreneurs are doing to sustain and expand the craft whiskey market.

American whiskey has "never been more exciting," according to The Whiskey Reviewer (www.whiskeyreviewer.com), with many craft distilleries across the United States carving out their own space in the whiskey world through the sourcing of local products.

"In 2025, these small-batch producers are not just experimenting with flavor, they are helping redefine what American whiskey can be," according to the website. "What sets this new wave apart isn't just scale but spirit. These distilleries embrace local ingredients, revive forgotten techniques, and unexpectedly age their spirits. The result? Bold, innovative, and highly drinkable whiskey that challenges conventional norms and excites even the most seasoned sippers."

In addition to selling their non-GMO and heirloom corn grain to other distilleries, Glazik's Cow Creek Farm operates a retail shop in Paxton that is open by appointment and distributes their products to area retail outlets through a food distribution company. HyVee, County Market, Vinny's and other well-known food and liquor stores stock Cow Creek Farm products.

and you know that store was as big as where we ate. Grand Rapids is a nice little town. They had benches along the main street. And that is where my sister and I ended up, on a bench. The other girls kept on shopping.

Then we went to the car to start home. We crossed the river again and drove west. The first thing I knew, we were in a big town, and what do you know, we were in Napoleon. We went to a big mall where Walmart is located, so we did some more shopping there. I bought dark and light blue yarn. The skeins were 10 ounces apiece. I bought four for an afghan. It was cheaper than at home.

And with the day being warm and sunny, I enjoyed every minute. Soon as I got home, off came the shoes, and I hurried to get on my house slippers. And when everyone left and things got straightened away, I made some supper then watched TV for a while.

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JD X739 w/JD GRASS CATCHER, 4WD, AWS, 360 HRS JD X730 JD X729 4WD, AWS, 54" JD X530 JD X485, 594 HRS JD X485, 626 HRS JD X485 JD X300, 48", 300 HRS JD X300, 48" JD X300 JD LX288 JD LX277, 42" JD LX277 JD LX178 JD LTX1046 JD LT155 JD LA145 JD LA105, 42" JD F525 JD DRIVE OVER DECK JD D160, 48" JD D140 RIDER JD D130 JD D105 JD 997, DSL, 72" JD 850 JD 737, 746 HRS (2) JD 648R w/7-GUAGE FLOATING DECK, 48" JD Z525 w/STRIPER KIT JD 1420 JD 425 JD 420 w/BAGGER (2) JD 345 JD 155 JD 115 JD ARIENS BAD BOY ROGUE, EFI, 61", 114 HRS BUNTON (2) BUSH HOG PZ3073 BUSH HOG 1844 ZTR, 1209 HRS BUSH HOG CRAFTSMAN ZTR (4) CRAFTSMAN CUB CADET TANK, 60" CUB CADET TANK, 54" CUB CADET ZT2, 54" CUB CADET ZFORCE CUB CADET ZF48F CUB CADET RZT50	CUB CADET LTX1042 CUB CADET LTX1040 CUB CADET 1440 CUB CADET 1282 w/TRAC VAC SYSTEM CUB CADET 1045 (2) CUB CADET 1042 (6) CUB CADET ZTR CUB CADET RIDER (5) CUB CADET (2) CUB CADET PUSH MOWER DEWALT Z260, 60" DIXIE CHOPPER X-CALIBER, 640 HRS DIXIE CHOPPER, 60" (3) DIXIE 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Above: Several hundred animal fiber enthusiasts gathered on the Ohio State University campus this past spring for the “Farm to Fashion: Natural fiber footprints and futures” event to discuss the future of a natural fiber industry in the state. (photo submitted)

Fiber producers, artisans looking to grow their market; finding local mills a challenge

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Ohio is home to a number of wool-bearing animals and there is an abundance of fiber being produced in the state. However, there is not an abundance of mills for farmers to take the fiber to.

This need was the topic of discussion at Ohio State University’s College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences’ “Farm to Fashion: Natural fiber footprints and futures” event last spring where Ohio farmers and natural fiber advocates discussed the future of a natural fiber industry in the state. And they agreed on one thing: Ohio needs more mills to process the large amount of fiber from small producers across the state.

“Local mills are becoming harder to find,” said Laurel Shouvin, an alpaca farmer and owner of Bluebird Hills Farm in Springfield, Ohio. “Many wool producers in Ohio used to send their fiber to Mid-States Wool Growers Cooperative, and then ship it off to be processed into yarn or fabric. But after more than a century of business, that company closed its doors in 2023, citing there was no market for wool.”

Shouvin and Celeste Navarre Stewart, a fashion and fiber artist, are at the forefront of promoting this natural fiber. The pair began traveling across

the country in 2018 to promote sustainable fibers for clothing at conferences and fiber events, looking for more mills willing to process their fiber as there are few options in Ohio.

Shouvin has been raising Huacaya and Suri alpacas on her farm since 1998. She sends her fine fiber, mostly

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Above: Laurel Shouvin, of Bluebird Hills Farm in Springfield, Ohio, is spearheading efforts to finding a large market for the fiber that she and others produce. (photo submitted)

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Land AUCTION

Wednesday, October 8th • 6pm (EST)

• 1.5 miles West of Ladoga • 8.5 miles South of Crawfordsville • 30 miles Northwest of Indianapolis

• 170.68[±] Tillable Acres • Productive Montgomery County Farmland • Blacktop Road Frontage

DIRECTIONS TO FARM: *From Ladoga, IN:* Travel west on SR 234 for 1.5 miles & turn north on CR 350E. *From Crawfordsville, IN:* Travel south on US 231 approx. 7 miles to SR 234, turn east, drive 4 miles to CR 350E & turn north. The farm is a half mile north on the west side of CR 350E. Watch for auction signage.

AUCTION LOCATION: Montgomery County 4-H Exhibit Hall, 400 Parke Ave., Crawfordsville, IN 47933

TRACT DESCRIPTIONS:
Tract 1: 80 ± acres - 1300' ± of rd frontage on CR 350E. Reesville-Fincastle & Xenia-Birkbeck soils.
Tract 2: 80 ± acres - 1300' ± of rd frontage on CR 350E. Reesville-Fincastle & Xenia-Birkbeck soils.
Tract 3: 25 ± acres - "Swing Tract" (see note*). Reesville-Fincastle & Ragsdale soils. *This parcel must be purchased as part of auction tract #2 or by an adjacent landowner.

INSPECTION DATE:
Friday, September 26th
11:00am - 1:00pm
Meet a Schrader representative at the farm on Tract #2

ONLINE BIDDING AVAILABLE
OWNER: Wilda G. Timmerman Trust, Angela Fremder Trustee

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Above: America's Natural Fiberworks sells some of the yarn it produces. Here, skeins of yarn hang on a display wall in the mill's office, located in Somerville, Ohio. (Doug Graves photo)

Fiber

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made from Suri fleece, to a small local mill in Oxford, Ohio, to be made into yarn. When she gets the yarn back, she uses plants like goldenrod, ragweed, nettle and pokewood to naturally dye the yarn, in addition to other dyes, and weaves the yarn into products for sale. She also sells dyed yarn. Shouvlin sells her products at fiber festivals and local stores, but like most wool producers and other natural fiber farmers, finding a local mill that will skirt, pick, card, dye, scour and blend is a needle in a haystack. Most fiber enthusiasts like Shouvlin will say that all this is time-consuming and shipping to out-of-state mills can be expensive. Ohio does have a few mini mills still operating, however. Carrie Davis and her husband, Robbie, own and operate America's Natural Fiberworks, a small mill in Somerville, Ohio, where they process fiber into yarn. Shouvlin often sends her raw fiber to this mill, which is inundated with work.

The Davises remain quite busy. Clear plastic bags and cardboard boxes of fiber are stacked against the wall of a room at their mini mill. They receive fiber from Colorado, Arkansas and other states in addition to Ohio. "We get batches of fiber from a wide variety of animals," Carrie said. "We have sheep, bunny, yak and even Persian cat." Since 2015, Ron and Dianne Ganslein have been operating Ohio Valley Farm & Fiber Mill in Peebles, Ohio. The couple utilizes refurbished, antique milling equipment, some dating back to the 19th century. There's enough mohair from Angora goats in the Buckeye State to produce things like sweaters, hats and even upholstery. And there are roughly 119,000 sheep and lambs raised annually in Ohio alone, indicating a significant presence of wool producers in the state. The lack of mills in the state hasn't put a dent in the fiber enthusiasm, however. There are many fleece and fiber shows across Ohio each year and more artisans and farmers are getting involved.

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION
4.288 Acres - Vacant Land
0 Herman Rd. - Celina, OH 45822
Bidding will end on Friday
October 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Property will be offered
Online Only at www.HiBid.com

4.288 Ac

4.228 acres of currently not tilled vacant land, positioned conveniently between Celina and Rockford, just minutes from both communities. Located within Parkway School District, this parcel is classified as 'Residential Vacant Platted Land' and offers strong potential as a residential building site. The property features substantial road frontage along Herman Road and is bordered to the east by the Dennison drainage ditch. Parcel ID: 250029000300.

TERMS: Selling with a 10% buyer's premium added to the final bid to establish the final contracted sales price. \$5000 escrow deposit required day of auction w/ balance due in 45 days. There will be no contingencies accepted with the sale of this property. Please make all inquiries regarding land use, building permits, etc. prior to the closing of the auction and placing your bid. You must register & bid online for this auction. If you have any questions please call our office at 937-548-2640. www.Midwest-Auctioneers.com

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION
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DARKE CO. FAIRGROUNDS RACETRACK

1143 Ft. Jefferson Ave. - Greenville, OH 45331

Bidding is Open - BID NOW!
Bidding Ends: Wed.- Oct. 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Open Houses:
Tues. Sept. 23rd 5p - 7p / Sun. Sept. 28th 1p - 3p

Nestled beside the Darke County, Ohio Fairgrounds with the racetrack literally in your backyard, this charming property sits on just over an acre and has been meticulously maintained by the Riegle family for over 50 years! The spacious home boasts plenty of living space with 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, open kitchen, dining, and living areas, and a den. Equestrian enthusiasts will appreciate the eight-stall horse barn featuring a fenced paddock, complete with a bathing stall, finished hard surface aisle-way, water, and separate electric. Extras include a detached oversized 2-car garage and storage building. This rare property blends comfort with country living just minutes from downtown Greenville. Also conveniently located in close proximity to the following top racing facilities:

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- Harrah's Hoosier Park, Anderson, IN ~ 63 mi.

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION
80 Acre Homestead
4810 Otterbein-Ithaca Rd.
Arcanum, OH 45304
Live & Onsite Public Auction:
October 30, 2025 at 6:00 PM

11.136 Acres
67.26 Acres Tillable
1.80 Acres Homestead

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Terms: \$20,000 escrow deposit required down on day of auction w/ balance due and closing within 30 days. Taxes to be prorated to day of closing, occupancy on land will be after removal of current standing crop w/ occupancy of home & buildings at closing.

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