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# Ohio farmer begins term as National Corn Growers Association president

By DOUG GRAVES Ohio Correspondent

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, Ohio – Jed Bower, a fifth-generation corn and soybean farmer from Washington Court House, began his term as president of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) on Oct. 1.

Bower brings extensive advocacy and leadership experience to the role. He has served the last year as the vice president of the organization's board while contributing as a member to several key NCGA committees, including the finance committee. Bower is also a board member for the Ohio Corn Marketing Program and a former president of the Ohio Corn & Wheat Growers Association. Now, he's at the helm of the NCGA.

"I don't think it's completely sunk in yet," Bower said. "Even being the first vice president the past year, it's been humbling. When we go into meetings we don't think about that, though. We think about corn, where is corn and where does corn need to be and have this conversation and explain to people why it's so important to promote corn."

Bower, who farms with his wife Emily and children, Ethan and Emma, begins his presidency as corn growers face the largest three-year decline in net cash receipts in history because of declining crop farm profitability associated with lower prices and elevated input costs. This challenging rural economy, he said, will be his top priority in the year ahead.

"It's been a lot of years fighting for corn farmers in Ohio and now we're looking forward to fight for corn farmers across the nation," he said. "I think the farm economy overall is huge and we're going to dive into that. We have to make farming profitable. Obviously,



**Above:** Jed Bower, a corn and soybean farmer from Washington Court House, Ohio, was recently named president of the National Corn Growers Association. (photo submitted)

we've heard a lot of key words about sustainability and things like that the past few years, but farmers don't have that opportunity if they're not profitable so I think that's going to be the number one thing for me as I dive into this. We need to keep farmers profitable and there's a lot of ways to do this."

Bower said E15 is a first step. An economic study released Sept. 15 by the NCGA and the Renewable Fuels Association shows that expanding year-round, nationwide consumer access to fuels with a 15 percent ethanol blend would provide a boon to the American economy, benefiting farmers, communities and consumers alike.

The study comes as Congress considers the Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act of 2025, which would remove a provision in the Clean Air Act that restricts the summertime sales of fuel with 15 percent ethanol blends, often referred to as E15.

"The one thing we have to get across the threshold right now is the E15," Bower said. "That's easy to do, it doesn't cost taxpayers anything. If anything, it saves them at the pump. I think that's a great way to generate some corn grind and put a little bit of money back in the farmers' pockets.

"Next, we need new markets to help alleviate the economic crisis that is threatening the survival of countless family farms across the country. That's

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**Above:** The harvest was in full swing in central Illinois last week with farmers alert for crop fires due to dry conditions. Photo by Tim Alexander

# Antique farm equipment stolen from an Indiana ag museum

By Stan Maddux Indiana Correspondent

LAPORTE, Ind. – Many Allis-Chalmers items were stolen from the Rumely Allis-Chalmers Heritage Center sometime within the last month.

"Somebody knew what they were going after," said Paul Rymer, of Mill Creek, who serves on the museum's board of directors and who was also the owner of the stolen equipment.

The museum is located along Indiana 2 next to the LaPorte County Fairgrounds, about 20 miles from Lake Michigan.

Rymer, a long time Allis-Chalmers collector, said the stolen items included an Allis-Chalmers G model tractor probably from the 1950s and a lawn mower tractor likely produced in the late 1970s or early 1980s.

He said the G model tractor had a full set of cultivators on it.

"It was kind of rare. You don't find them usually together," he said.

Also taken were two sickle bar cutters once commonly used to cut hay, a front axle assembly from an Allis-Chalmers 7000 series tractor, a portable power unit and a two row planter.

The power unit was basically the front end of an Allis-Chalmers tractor containing an engine with a pulley Rymer was planning to use like a generator to power his residence during outages.

Rymer said he purchased the items from an auction in June of last year and took them to the museum about a year later to display in a show dedicated strictly to Allis-Chalmers equipment.

Rymer told investigators the items were at the museum in mid-September but were gone when he showed up at the museum again two weeks later.

"Every piece was gone," he said.

Since there were no drag marks on the ground, police said heavy equipment was likely used to pick up the pieces and place them on a trailer for transport away from the site.

Rymer said none of the engines on the tractors were running since they were strictly for display.

"They had to spend some time out

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**Above:** A collection of Allis-Chalmers equipment was on display outside a museum prior to every piece being stolen.



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**Above:** A power unit to a tractor was among the pieces of Allis-Chalmers farm equipment stolen from an Indiana agriculture museum.

#### **Theft**

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there to load this stuff up and take it away," he said.

Rymer estimated the value of the stolen items at roughly \$10,000.

Police are hoping to find surveillance video that may have been taken during the theft to provide a major break in the case.

LaPorte County Police Capt. Derek Allen said other investigative strategies include searching for the items on websites offering merchandise like eBay and Facebook Marketplace along with scrap yards.

Another possibility is the items were stolen just for the parts to sell to collectors. "I wish we had all of the answers," he said.

Allen is hoping someone can provide a tip to uncover who was responsible. "Nothing is off the table at this point," he said.

Rymer said his love for Allis-Chalmers equipment dates back to when his wife, who grew up on a farm, worked at the plant in LaPorte for 10 years before the doors shut in the early 1980s.

He also visited the plant on a regular basis to work on the telephones as an employee of GTE, the General Telephone and Electronics Corporation.

The museum also features tractors and other machinery produced by Rumely, a once leading producer of farm machinery in LaPorte starting in the late 1800s.

The museum is open every first Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

why we will continue to encourage Congress to act immediately to pass legislation that expands consumer access to higher blends of ethanol year-round and urge the Trump administration to move quickly to develop new foreign markets.

"And there's more. We're going to look at input costs, we're going to look at new ways to grind corn and find new uses for corn. It's kind of a shame right now as we're literally at record levels of exporting corn and we're not seeing it at the market, so I think we need to continue that push and continue these conversations with the administration and always look for new ways to export corn in any form, anywhere in the world, and then of course new ways to use corn right here at home."

According to the NCGA, the value of corn in the U.S. is significant, with corn farming generating an estimated

\$123 billion in total economic output in 2024. Corn farming contributed \$7.3 billion in tax revenues at federal, state and local levels.

"The numbers also show we're representing over a half million corn farmers," Bower said. "That's very humbling. Again, my goal is just to promote corn and make the Ohio corn farmer and the national corn farmers profitable again and drive that corn demand. Yeah, when you sit back and think about the numbers it gets a little overwhelming."

Founded in 1957, NCGA represented more than 36,000 dues-paying corn growers in 48 states, and the interests of more than 500,000 farmers who contribute through corn checkoff programs in their states. NCGA and its affiliated associations in 27 states work together to help protect and advance corn growers' interests.

The NCGA board chooses a member from the governing body to serve as president each year. The term begins on Oct. 1, the start of NCGA's fiscal year.



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# Corn, soybean crop quality and yields are being questioned

The U.S. corn inventory on Sept. 1 was 1.532 billion bu, 13 percent less than a year ago. This total indicates a fourth quarter corn usage of 3.11 bbu, 120 million bu less than a year ago. Of these corn stocks, 643 mbu were being held on-farm, 18 percent less than a year ago. Off-farm stocks were down 10 percent on the year at 888 mbu. The USDA MARKET ANALYSIS also bumped up the 2024 corn By Karl Setzer production by 25 mbu due to higher harvested acreage.

The U.S. soybean supply on Sept. 1 was 316 mbu, 8 percent less than a year ago. Fourth quarter soybean usage was 691 mbu, a year-to-year increase of 10 percent. The on-farm soybean supply was down 18 percent from 2024 at 91.5 mbu, and off-farm soybean inventory was 225 mbu, down 3 percent. The USDA added 7.74 mbu of soybeans to the 2024 crop from higher harvested

The U.S. wheat inventory on Sept. 1 was 2.12 bbu, a 6 percent increase from a year ago. Even with elevated stocks, June to August wheat consumption was up 5 percent from last year at 715 mbu. On-farm wheat stocks were up 4 percent at 692 mbu and off-farm stocks were up 7 percent at 1.43 bbu.

The USDA also released its total U.S. wheat production data for 2025, putting the crop at 1.98 bbu. This was up less than 1 percent from the 2024 crop. Total wheat plantings in the U.S. were down 4 percent from 2024 at 37.2 million acres. This was offset by a 2.1 bushel per acre increase in wheat yield to 53.3 bpa for a national average.

As harvest spreads across the Corn Belt, so will seasonal basis pressure. While corn production will be down from initial predictions, the crop is still going to be record sized. While this is accurate,

the expansion to storage across the U.S. is worth noting. Between both permanent and temporary storage construction, we may see no more fall movement than in an average year, and possibly less. This could easily limit fall deliveries to for-

> ward contracted bushels. With carry building in the corn market there is even less interest in cash market sales. We are now hearing reports the White House is considering a farm

subsidy payment from tariff revenue. If farmers do receive these funds, any interest in cash sales of either crop will be greatly reduced, straining cash market inventories.

Not only are this year's yields being questioned, but so is crop quality. This is on both corn and soybeans as reports indicate both crops struggled to mature properly this year, and in many cases, the crops simply died. This is being attributed to crop disease, summer heat, and both a lack of moisture and excess rainfall at the same time. This condition tends to impact grain quality, mainly test weight on corn and protein and oil content in soybeans. Importers are closely monitoring this as well, and will adjust their bids accordingly.

Another factor impacting both the U.S. cash and export market is lower water levels on the Mississippi River. Drought conditions in the Ohio Valley have reduced the volume of water flowing from that contributory, impacting the entire river level. This led to draft restrictions being placed on the Mississippi, and these are now being lowered. Southbound tows are now being held at a 10 ½ foot draft, and northbound drafts to 10 feet. Tows may also be no more than 6 barges wide. This has caused barge rates to firm, cutting into river bids and interior basis both.

The Brazilian firm CONAB has released its projections for the country's 2025/26 corn and soybean crops. CON-AB is predicting a corn crop of 138.3 mmt this year, down slightly from last year's 139.7 mmt crop. Corn acreage for 25/26 is estimated at 55.8 million acres, up slightly from last year's 54 million. A return to normal yields is the reason for the lower estimate. Brazil's total grain crop is projected at 353.8 mmt, up 3.6 mmt from last year. Brazil's soybean crop is estimated at 177.7 mmt compared to last year's 171.5 mmt. Soybean acres are estimated at 121.28 million this year, up 4.2 million from last year.

On the demand side, CONAB is predicting corn exports of 46.5 mmt this year, up from last year's 40 mmt. The country's 2025/26 soybean exports are forecast at 112 mmt, up 6 mmt from last year. These numbers are being heavily debated though, as Brazil's domestic demand keeps rising and may limit any increase in export sales.

Brazil's planting season has started earlier than in recent years. This is giving trade the indication we may see export competition from Brazil earlier than normal. While this is possible, Brazil may need these sovbeans to satisfy domestic crush that is expanding to meet biofuel demand, same as in the U.S. It is not out of the question this added demand will impact Brazil's exports all marketing year.

Now that the Brazil planting season is underway market analysts are putting more attention on the country's weather conditions. Analysts are predicting larger Brazilian crops on limited acreage ex-

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1959 JD 730 diesel, power steering, 3pt, 1 hyd., 540pto, rear weights...



1964 Oliver 770, gas, 1 hyd. remote, 540pto, all new rubber, rear weights



1974 Oliver 1755, diesel, 2 hyd. remote, 3pt, 540pto, 2,780hrs.. \$9,000



2013 JD 7180, 4wd, kernel processor, IntelliGuard, Silo-King, auto lube, 698/354 hrs, (4 row corn & 12' pickup .....\$175,000



2015 Hagie STS12, 1,200 gal. SStank, 120' booms, fenders, rinse & eductor tanks, 15" nozzle spacing, 5,421hrs, 1-owner ...... \$100,000



2011 Case SV250, cab, ISO or H pattern controls, 2spd, hyd. QA, 78" bucket, 1,405 hrs......



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2006 JD 2305, 4x4, diesel, hydrostat, 62" cut, 3pt, pto, 880hrs... \$6,750(IL)



Excavator tree saw, 48" blade, 3' mounting pins, ran on Deere 200 excavator..



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This Week Last Reported Last Year

9/22/2025

	This Week	Last Reported 9/22/2025	Last Year		
Total Receipts:	1,358	1,538	1,010		
Feeder Cattle: Slaughter Cattle: Replacement Cattle:	1,244(91.6%) 109(8.0%) 5(0.4%)	1,327(86.3%) 196(12.7%) 15(1.0%)	864(85.5%) 94(9.3%) 52(5.1%)		

Compared to last Monday the feeder market was mostly stronger with a good, but highly variable quality offering. Feeder steers were mostly steady to 4.00 higher or greater in spots with a good supply and good demand, while the yearling steers appeared firm but with limited head to head comparisons. Feeder heifers were unevenly steady today, bouncing from 3.00 lower to 3.00 higher across the weight classes with a good supply and good demand for weaned groups and guaranteed open heifers. Today was a typical fall market with buyers willing to pay premiums for quality and value added feeder cattle, while increasing the discounts on bawling calves, and plainer quality feeders severely. Slaughter cows and bulls were mostly steady with a good supply and good demand. Supply included: 92% Feeder Cattle (23% Steers, 67% Heifers, 9% Bulls); 8% Slaughter Cattle (1% Steers, 84% Cows, 15% Bulls); 0% Replacement Cattle (67% Bred Cows, 33% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 54%.

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STEER	S - Medium a	and Large	1-2 (Per Cwt / Act	tual Wt)
<b>Head</b>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
13	351-395	381	420.00-442.50	430.69
3	407-420	411	412.50-440.00	430.64
5	437	437	470.00	470.00 Fancy
8	459	459	443.00	443.00
2	455	455	475.00	475.00 Fancy
6	510-545	526	370.00-395.00	383.92
15	510-545	537	401.00-420.00	409.67 Value Added
4	565-590	582	370.00-386.00	381.23
16	555-588	568	390.00-403.00	397.28 Value Added
12	620-646	636	343.00-369.00	359.12
11	607-645	634	377.50-392.50	383.36 Value Added
8	660-672	664	344.00-368.00	354.19
41	652-668	659	384.00-393.00	387.78 Value Added
4	737-740	739	331.00-344.00	337.49
26	720-734	730	358.00-361.00	360.20 Value Added
17	775-797	787	333.00-355.00	348.61
5	805-810	806	336.00-344.00	342.39
2	885	885	337.00	337.00
16	935	935	334.00	334.00
2	987	987	311.00	311.00
2	1002	1002	297.00	297.00
1	150	1150	290.00	290.00
STEER	S - Medium		2 (Per Cwt / Actu	
lead	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	270	270	400.00	400.00
6	348	348	410.00	410.00
4	350-395 3	81	400.00-410.00	407.06
3	415	415	404.00	404.00
2	490-495	493	391.00-405.00	397.96
1	600	600	337.50	337.50
1	695	695	318.00	318.00
2	705-715	710	300.00-317.50	308.81
2	760	760	325.00	325.00
1	880	880	304.00	304.00
1	1105	1105	247.00	247.00
STEER	S - Large 1-2			
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	595	595	341.00	341.00
STEER	S - Medium	1-2 (Per Cv	vt / Actual Wt)	
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	377	377	302.50	302.50
HEIFE	RS - Medium	and Large	1-2 (Per Cwt / Ac	ctual Wt)
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	301-347	319	365.00-380.00	371.52
15	350-391	367	370.00-392.50	379.44
4	376	376	407.00	407.00 Fancy
12	405-445	430	362.50-385.00	368.55
15	450-495	466	357.50-380.00	372.00
26	482-491	488	389.00-390.00	389.34 Fancy
17	505-545	534	340.00-365.00	351.82
13	503-521	512	371.00-380.00	374.37 Value Added
21	551-590	570	345.00-363.00	356.26
1	560	560	321.00	321.00 Full
21	555	555	367.00	367.00 Guaranteed Ope
88	575	575	395.00	395.00 Value Added
24	610-645	643	317.50-331.00	330.00
-	660 670	666	210 00 221 00	210.70

319.00-321.00

367.50-383.00

303.00-313.00

334.00

309 00-314 00

249.00-310.00

290.00-302.00

Price Range

335.00-353.00

337.00-360.00 335.00-355.00 341.00-351.00 315.00-335.00

310.00-330.00

319.79

309 26

207.00

Avg Price 373.89

348.80

347.01

377.38 Value Added

334.00 Value Added

312.78 Guaranteed Open

300 34 Guaranteed Open

	0.40	0.40	000.00	000.00
1	640	640	290.00	290.00
2	715-735	725	280.00-290.00	284.93
6	767-770	769	255.00-280.00	271.69
HEIFER	RS - Medium	and Large	2-3 (Per Cwt / Ad	ctual Wt)
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	315	315	302.50	302.50
1	435	435	302.50	302.50
1	495	495	281.00	281.00
1	500	500	300.00	300.00
3 578		578	578 282.50	
1	795	795	245.00	245.00
HEIFER	RS - Large 1-	2 (Per Cwt	: / Actual Wt)	
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	495	495	350.00	350.00
1	565	565	330.00	330.00
3	813	813	269.00	269.00
HEIFER	RS - Medium	1-2 (Per C	wt / Actual Wt)	
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	365	365	240.00	240.00
BULLS	- Medium ar	nd Large 1	-2 (Per Cwt / Actu	ıal Wt)
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
		420 00 42		

ad	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	296 296	420.00 42	0.00	-
9	362-385 3	70	447.50-470.00	456.85
7	402-447	416	442.50-462.50	450.40
13	451-487	465	379.00-400.00	391.54
1	495	495	320.00	320.00 Fleshy
5	512-535	523	360.00-380.00	368.13
3	530	530	393.00	393.00 Fancy
9	563-582	573	361.00-371.00	365.56
8	610-630	614	315.00-332.50	320.75
2	727	727	317.00	317.00
1	750	750	265.00	265.00
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	700	700	200.00	200.00
ULLS	- Medium an	d Large 2	(Per Cwt / Actual	l Wt)
ead	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	375-382	380	425.00-430.00	428.35
1	410	410	400.00	400.00
6	500-537	520	300.00-320.00	310.09
1	560	560	301.00	301.00
4	626	626	288.00	288.00
3	696	696	271.00	271.00
3	702-715	706	262.50-280.00	274.10
2	825-840	833	211.00-215.00	213.02
ULLS	- Medium an	d Large 2	-3 (Per Cwt / Actu	ıal Wt)
ead	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	355-390	369	380.00-382.50	381.06

1	790	790	193.00	193.00							
BULLS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)											
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Pric							
1	550	550	310.00	310.00							
BULLS	- Medium 1-	2 (Per Cwt	/ Actual Wt)								
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Pric							
2	335-340	338 3	00.00	300.00							
2	360	360	320.00	320.00							
1	465	465	275.00	275.00							

#### SLAUGHTER CATTLE STEERS - Select and Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

300.00-315.00 307.73

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Head 1	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing			
	1260	1260	229.00	229.00	Average			
COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)								
<u>Head</u>	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing			
11	1310-1960	1547	154.00-163.00	159.50	Average			
2	1525-1630	1578	166.00-179.00	172.28	High			
1	1890	1890	149.00	149.00	Low			
COWS	- Boner 80-85	% (Per Cw	t / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing			
18	1005-1530	1235	150.00-164.00	157.27	Average			
9	885-1645	1179	165.00-170.00	166.98	High			
1	1010	1010	191.00	191.00	High			
Return	to Feed				· ·			
4	1215-1410	1303	145.00-149.00	147.20	Low			
COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)								
CONS	- Lean 65-907	O (PEI CWL	/ Actual Wil)					
Head	Wt Range		Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing			
		Avg Wt		Avg Price 139.80	Dressing Average			
Head	Wt Range	Àvg Wt	Price Range		Average			
Head 10	Wt Range 765-1265	<u>Avg Wt</u> 999	Price Range 132.00-147.00	139.80	Average High			
Head 10 13	Wt Range 765-1265 790-1375 935	<u>Avg Wt</u> 999 1096	Price Range 132.00-147.00 149.00-159.00	139.80 153.64	Average			
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Head 10 13 1 Return 7 2	Wt Range 765-1265 790-1375 935 to Feed 760-1045	Avg Wt 999 1096 935 936 698	Price Range 132.00-147.00 149.00-159.00 170.00 125.00-129.00 99.00-101.00	139.80 153.64 170.00 126.55	Average High High Low			
Head 10 13 1 Return 7 2	Wt Range 765-1265 790-1375 935 to Feed 760-1045 685-710	Avg Wt 999 1096 935 936 698	Price Range 132.00-147.00 149.00-159.00 170.00 125.00-129.00 99.00-101.00	139.80 153.64 170.00 126.55	Average High High Low			
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3	945-1	205	10/3	160.00-1	/5.00 °	68.60	LOW				
			REPLAC	EMENT	CATTLE						
	BRED COWS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)										
			Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price R	ange	Avg Price				
	T2		925	925	2350	.00	2350.00				
			m 2 (Per Un								
\ge	Stage H	lead	Wt Range	Avg Wt			Avg Price				
	T1	1	970	970	1300		1300.00				
			Medium 1-2								
Age	Stage H	lead	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price R	ange	Avg Price				

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Explanatory Notes:
Stage (Cattle) - Represents pregnancy stage (O = open; T1 = 1st Trimester, 1 to 3 months; T1-2 = 1st/2nd trimester, 1 to 6 months; T2 = 2nd Trimester, 4 to 6 months; T2-3 = 2nd/3rd Trimester, 4 to 9 months; T3 = 3rd Trimester, 7 to 9

months; T1-3 = all trimesters, 1 to 9 months)
Age - Numerical representation of age in years.

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#### Daily Livestock and Poultry Slaughter

Report for Thursday, October 2, 2025 - Final

			Cı	ırrent Day	/ Slaughte	er			
					Prev Week	Last Year	2025	2024	YTD
Thurs., Oct. 2, 202	<u>25</u>	Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD	% Change
Calves	1,000	1,000	385	4,000	4,000	2,629		159,027	-94.3%
Cattle	113,000	115,000	122,143	461,000	466,000	491,285		23,801,846	-95.7%
Hogs	490,000	485,000	482,306	1,939,000	1,934000	1,942,558		97,159,546	-95.4%
Sheep	7,000	6,000	7,725	31,000	30,000	32,107		1,441,656	-95.4%
Chicken (Young)	35,524,000	35,654,000	35,063,000	142,329,000	142,217,000	139,552,000	7,167,893,000	7,198,065,000	-0.4%
			Pre	vious Dai	ly Slaugh	ter			
					Prev Week	Last Year	2025	2024	YTD
Wed., Oct. 1, 2025	<u>.</u>	Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD	% Change
Calves	1,000	1,000	782	3,000	3,000	2,244		158,642	-95.0%
Cattle	115,000	120,000	124,496	348,000	351,000	369,142		23,679,703	-96.2%
Hogs	483,000 R	484,000	485,027	1,449,000	1,449,000	1,460,252		96,677,240	-95.9%
Sheep	6,000	6,000	7,053	24,000	24,000	24,382		1,433,931	-95.9%
Chicken (Young)	35,523,000	35,645,000	34,905,000	106,805,000	106,563,000	104,489,000	7,132,369,000	7,163,002,000	-0.4%

#### Previous Day Breakdown

Wed., Oct. 1, 2025 tle Steers/Heifers ...95.00

Steers/Heifers ...95,000 Cows/Bulls ...20,000

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

Poultry references young only. Year to Date calculation is based on week 1 of calendar year R = Revision WTD = Week to Date YTD = Year to Date

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# 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 dryness. 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. Luckly 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)

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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 Mixed Grass - Premium (Ask/Per Ton)	125.00-150.00
Medium Square 3x3	150.00-200.00
Mixed Grass - Good/Premium (Ask/Per Ton)	100 00 150 00
Large Round Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Ton)	100.00-150.00
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)	3.00-7.00
Large Round	20.00-50.00
STRAW (Conventional)	
Wheat - (Ask/Per Bale) Small Square	4.00-7.00

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			Octobe	r 3, 2025			
Corn	Delivery Month Dec 25 Mar 26 May 26 July 26 Sep 26	<b>Last</b> \$421-4 \$438-2 \$447-6 \$455-0 \$453-2	Change - 0-2 + 0-2 UNCH + 0-2 UNCH	Wheat	Delivery Month Dec 25 Mar 26 May 26 July 26 Sep 26	Last \$ 515-6 \$ 533-2 \$ 545-2 \$ 557-6 \$ 570-2	Change + 1-0 + 0-6 + 0-6 + 0-4 - 1-0
Soybeans	Nov 25 Jan 26 Mar 26 May 26 July 26	\$1027-0 \$1045-0 \$1059-2 \$1072-4 \$1083-2	+ 3-2 + 3-2 + 3-0 + 2-2 + 2-4	Oats	Dec 25 Mar 25 May 26 Jul 26	\$ 298'4 \$ 322'0 \$ 330'2 \$ 332'2	- 1-2 + 1'0 -
Soybean Meal	Oct 25 Dec 25 Jan 26 Mar 26 May 26	\$ 272.0 \$ 281.4 \$ 285.7 \$ 291.3 \$ 296.7	+ 0.7 + 2.1 + 2.3 + 2.0 + 1.5	Live Cattle	Oct 25 Dec 25 Feb 26 Apr 26 June 26	\$ 230.125 \$ 233.300 \$ 235.300 \$ 236.075 \$ 229.600	- 0.400 - 0.175 - 0.650 - 0.825 - 0.775
Soybean Oil	Oct 25 Dec 25 Jan 26 Mar 26 May 26	\$ 49.82 \$ 50.29 \$ 50.65 \$ 51.05 \$ 51.25	UNCH - 0.15 - 0.17 - 0.15 - 0.13	Lean Hogs	Oct 25 Dec 25 Feb 26 Apr 26 May 26	\$ 98.800 \$ 87.100 \$ 88.900 \$ 91.525 \$ 93.600	+ 0.125 + 0.425 + 0.450 + 0.375 + 0.275

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#### Kentucky Daily Grain Bids

#### Grain Report for Thursday, October 2, 2025 - Final

<b>FUTURE SETTLEMENTS</b>	6
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<u>Exchange</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 10/2/2025					
CBOT	Corn	421.75 (Dec 25)	438.00 (Mar 26)	447.75 (May 26)	454.75 (Jul 26)	453.25 (Sep 26)	464.50 (Dec 26)
CBOT	Soybeans	1023.75 (Nov 25)	1041.75 (Jan 26)	1056.25 (Mar 26)	1070.25 (May 26)	1080.75 (Jul 26)	1078.25 (Aug 26)
CBOT	Wheat	514.75 (Dec 25)	532.50 (Mar 26)	544.50 (May 26)	557.25 (Jul 26)	571.25 (Sep 26)	589.75 (Dec 26)
CBOT	White Oats	299.75 (Dec 25)	321.25 (Mar 26)	330.25 (May 26)	332.25 (Jul 26)	348.00 (Sep 26)	346.25 (Dec 26)
KCBT	Wheat	499.00 (Dec 25)	520.00 (Mar 26)	535.00 (May 26)	550.00 (Jul 26)	565.25 (Sep 26)	584.75 (Dec 26)
MGE	Wheat	560.50 (Dec 25)	580.25 (Mar 26)	594.00 (May 26)	608.00 (Jul 26)	624.00 (Sep 26)	642.75 (Dec 26)

#### US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK) Country Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>
Pennyrile	50.00Z to 110.00Z	UNCH-UP 60.00	4.7175-5.3175	UP 0.0525-UP 0.6525	5.0175
Pennyrile	95.00Z	UNCH	5.1675	UP 0.0525	5.1675
Barge Loading Elevato	rs - Conventional				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>
Ohio River - Lower KY	80.00Z	UP 10.00	5.0175	UP 0.1525	5.0175
Purchase	95.00Z	UP 5.00	5.1675	UP 0.1025	5.1675
Purchase	104.00Z	UP 3.00	5.2575	UP 0.0825	5.2575
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Country Elevators - C	Conventional				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>
Purchase	-10.00Z	UNCH	4.1175	UP 0.0525	4.1175
Purchase	10.00Z	UNCH	4.3175	UP 0.0525	4.3175
Green River	0.00Z	UNCH	4.2175	UP 0.0525	4.2175
Green River	15.00Z	UNCH	4.3675	UP 0.0525	4.3675
Pennyrile	-30.00Z to 5.00Z	UNCH-UP 5.00	3.9175-4.2675	UP 0.0525-UP 0.1025	4.0342
Pennyrile	-30.00Z to 12.00Z	UNCH-UP 1.00	3.9175-4.3375	UP 0.0525-UP 0.0625	4.0315
Louisville	-50.00Z to -39.00Z	UNCH	3.7175-3.8275	UP 0.0525	3.7725
Louisville	-39.00Z	UNCH	3.8275	UP 0.0525	3.8275
Bluegrass	-35.00Z	UNCH	3.8675	UP 0.0525	3.8675
Bluegrass	-20.00Z	UNCH	4.0175	UP 0.0525	4.0175

Bluegrass	-20.00Z	UNCH	4.0175	UP 0.0525	4.0175
Barge Loading Elevato	rs - Conventional				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>
Ohio River - Upper KY	-14.00Z to -10.00Z	UP 2.00-UNCH	4.0775-4.1175	UP 0.0725-UP 0.0525	4.0975
Ohio River - Upper KY	0.00Z to 4.00Z	UNCH	4.2175-4.2575	UP 0.0525	4.2375
Ohio River - Lower KY	-10.00Z to 3.00Z	UP 3.00	4.1175-4.2475	UP 0.0825	4.1925
Ohio River - Lower KY	-16.00Z to 18.00Z	UP 2.00-UNCH	4.0575-4.3975	UP 0.0725-UP 0.0525	4.3042
Purchase	-12.00Z to -5.00Z	UP 2.00-UNCH	4.0975-4.1675	UP 0.0725-UP 0.0525	4.1500
Purchase	7.00Z to 20.00Z	UP 15.00-UNCH	4.2875-4.4175	UP 0.2025-UP 0.0525	4.3550
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		US #1 SOYB	EANS (BULK)				
Country Elevators - Conventional							
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>		
Purchase	-35.00X	UNCH	9.8875	UP 0.1075	9.8875		
Purchase	-25.00X	UNCH	9.9875	UP 0.1075	9.9875		
Green River	-20.00X	UNCH	10.0375	UP 0.1075	10.0375		
Green River	-20.00X	UNCH	10.0375	UP 0.1075	10.0375		
Pennyrile	-75.00X to -19.00X	UNCH-UP 9.00	9.4875-10.0475	UP 0.1075-UP 0.1975	9.6246		
Pennyrile	-75.00X to -19.00X	DN 5.00-UP 9.00	9.4875-10.0475	UP 0.0575-UP 0.1975	9.6246		
Louisville	-115.00X	UNCH	9.0875	UP 0.1075	9.0875		
Louisville	-115.00X	UNCH	9.0875	UP 0.1075	9.0875		
Bluegrass	-65.00X	UNCH	9.5875	UP 0.1075	9.5875		
Bluegrass	-80.00X	UNCH	9.4375	UP 0.1075	9.4375		

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional								
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>			
Ohio River - Upper KY	-38.00X	UNCH	9.8575	UP 0.1075	9.8575			
Ohio River - Upper KY	-38.00X to -25.00X	UNCH	9.8575-9.9875	UP 0.1075	9.9225			
Ohio River - Lower KY	-27.00X to -10.00X	UP 8.00-UP 3.00	9.9675-10.1375	UP 0.1875-UP 0.1375	10.0358			
Ohio River - Lower KY	-26.00X to 8.00X	UP 8.00-UNCH	9.9775-10.3175	UP 0.1875-UP 0.1075	10.1592			
Purchase	-35.00X to -27.00X	UP 5.00-UP 3.00	9.8875-9.9675	UP 0.1575-UP 0.1375	9.9325			
Purchase	-35.00X to -14.00X	UP 5.00-UP 3.00	9.8875-10.0975	UP 0.1575-UP 0.1375	9.9650			

#### US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Country Elevators - C	Conventional				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>
Pennyrile	-35.00Z	UNCH	4.7975	UP 0.0550	4.7975
Pennyrile	10.00N	UNCH	5.6725	UP 0.0475	5.6725
		US #2 SOFT RED WII	NTER WHEAT (BULK)		
Country Elevators - C	Conventional				
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>
Green River	-75.00N	UNCH	4.8225	UP 0.0475	4.8225
Pennyrile	-50.00Z	UNCH	4.6475	UP 0.0550	4.6475
Pennyrile Pennyrile	-50.00Z -60.00N to -55.00N	UNCH UNCH	4.6475 4.9725-5.0225	UP 0.0550 UP 0.0475	4.6475 5.0100

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional						
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	<u>Average</u>	
Ohio River - Upper KY	-35.00N		5.2225		5.2225	
Ohio River - Lower KY	-35.00N to -15.00N	UNCH	5.2225-5.4225	UP 0.0475	5.3475	
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Explanatory Notes: Price & Basis Values quoted are for Current Delivery, unless otherwise noted

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Market Report October 1st 2025 21st Auction

This Report is the Actual High and Average Prices.

Feeder Pigs: N/A Butcher Hogs: 3 \$.60 High \$.51 avg. Bf. /Crs. VI: 13 \$1450 High \$1185 Avg. Dai. V: 53 \$1100 High \$956 Avg. Jersev Cross: 7 \$400 High \$303 Avg. Beef Feeders: 9 \$4.40 High \$2.80 Avg. Cull Cows: 20 \$1.60 High \$1.36 Avg. Bulls: 2 \$1.11 High \$1.25 Avg. Fat Cattle: N/A Brd Cows & Sprgs: 4 \$2900 High \$2690 Avg. Sheep Ram: 1 \$.95 Sheep Ewe: 1 \$1.07 Lamb 0-60: N/A

Lamb 61-85: 12 \$2.46 High \$2.28 Avg. Lamb 86-100: 3 \$2.29 High \$2.09 Avg. Goat Nannies: N/A

Goat Billys: N/A Hd. Cnt:129

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Ducks: N/A Rabbits: 13 \$4.50 High 2.26 Avg. Turkey: 5 \$12.00 High \$9.80 Avg. Guinea Pig: 11 \$5.00 High \$2.55 Avg. Quail: 12 \$6.75 High \$3.08 Avg. Pigeon: 14 \$3.50 High \$3.07 Avg. Guinea: 6 \$9.00 High \$9.00 Avg.

Guinea Pig: N/A Total Head Count: 117

Hay: Large: 34 \$85 High \$73.24 Avg. Straw Lg: 36 \$55 High \$36.94 Avg. Straw Sm.: 122 \$3.25 High \$3.12 Avg.

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#### Weekly National Sheep Summary

#### For Week Ending Friday, September 26, 2025

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs traded 5.00-7.00 lower and slaughter ewes

All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-3: 60-70 lbs 262.00; 70-80 lbs 240.00; San Angelo: 80-90 lbs 214.00; 110-120 lbs 197.00.

50-60 lbs 230.00-250.00; 60-70 lbs New Holland: 230.00-255.00; 70-80 lbs 220.00-255.00; 80-90 lbs 225.00-247.00; 90-100 lbs 230.00-255.00: 100-110 lbs 220.00-247.00; 110-120 lbs

235.00-245.00.

Billings: 60-70 lbs 244.00; 70-80 lbs 217.00-Ft. Collins: 229.00: 80-90 lbs 222.50-240.00: 90-100 lbs 206.00-225.00.

Kalona: 50-60 lbs 280.00-315.00; 60-70 lbs 300.00-345.00; 70-80 lbs 222.50-265.00; 80-90 lbs 205.00-255.00: 90-100 lbs 205.00-260.00. **Equity Coop:** 130-140 lbs 240.50-244.50.

Sioux Falls: 60-70 lbs 235.00-245.00; 70-80 lbs 220.00-227.50; 80-90 lbs 235.00; 90-100 lbs 217.50-225.00; 100-110 lbs 215.00-235.00: 110-120 lbs 227.50-236.00; 120-130 lbs 231.00 243.00; 130-140 lbs 230.00-244.00; 140-150 lbs 237.00-246.00; 150-

160 lbs 245.00-247.00. Buffalo, MO: 100-110 lbs 175.00; 110-120 lbs 175.00. Missouri: No test.

Arkansas: No test. Equity Coop: No test. Good 2-3: Slaughter Ewes: San Angelo: 100.00-138.00. New Holland: 130.00-140.00. Billings: 86.00-90.00. Ft. Collins: 80.00-125.00 Kalona: 90.00-145.00. **Equity Coop:** No test. 90.00-115.00. Sioux Falls:

Buffalo, MO: 125.00-142.00. 137.50-142.50. Missouri: Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1: San Angelo: No test.

Billings:

40-50 lbs 270.00-290.00; 50-60 lbs 255.00-275.00; 60-70 lbs 225.00-245.00; 70-80 lbs 215.00-226.00 80-90 lbs 202.00-219.00: 90-100 lbs 198.00-209.00; 100-110 lbs 192.00-200.50; 110-120 lbs 187.00-196.50.

40-50 lbs 285.00-310.00; 50-60 lbs Sioux Falls: 260.00-280.00; 60-70 lbs 255.00-270.00; 80-90 lbs 235.00.

Buffalo, MO: No test. Missouri: No test. Ft. Collins: No test. Kalona: No test. **Equity Coop:** No test. Arkansas: No test.

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: No test. Middle aged open 130-170 lbs Billings:

89.00-99.00. Ft. Collins: No test. South Dakota: No test. Kalona: No test. Young exposed 80-130 lbs 150.00-Missouri:

255.00. Arkansas: No test. Aged and open 90-100 lbs 90.00. Sioux Falls: Buffalo, MO:

No test.

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 35,000 compared to 34,000 last week and 37,000 last year.

Source: USDA Livestock. Poultry and Grain Market News

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#### Weekly Combined Regional Shell Egg Report

Report for: 09/19/2025

National Shell Eggs - Caged Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	<u>Price</u> Range	Average Price	Price Change	Reported (9/19/2025)
Extra Large	159.00 - 186.00	174.75	-70.00	244.75
Large	158.00 - 179.00	168.69	-70.00	238.69
Medium	138.00 - 159.00	149.00	-15.00	164.00

Midwest Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	<u>Last</u> <u>Reported</u> (9/19/2025
Extra Large	159.00 - 168.00	163.50	-70.00	233.50
Large	158.00 - 167.00	162.50	-70.00	232.50
Medium	138.00 - 147.00	142.50	-15.00	157.50

Delivered Store Door, White, Cents Per Dozen

<u>Class</u>	<u>Price</u> <u>Range</u>	Average Price	Price Change	Reported (9/19/2025)
Extra Large	166.00 - 174.00	170.00	-70.00	240.00
Large	164.00 - 172.00	168.00	-70.00	238.00
Medium	144 00 - 152 00	148 00	-15.00	163.00

Paid to Producers - FOB. White. Cents Per Dozen

				<u>Last</u>
	<u>Price</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Price</u>	Reported
Class	Range	Price	Change	(9/12/2025)
Large	140.00 - 150.00	145.00	-70.00	215.00
Medium	120.00 - 124.00	122.00	-4.00	137.00
Small	59 00 - 65 00	62 00	-10.00	72 00

Northeast Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	<u>Last</u> <u>Reported</u> (9/19/2025
Extra Large	166.00 - 183.00	174.50	-70.00	244.50
Large	160.00 - 174.00	167.00	-70.00	237.00
Medium	140.00 - 153.00	146.50	-15.00	161.50

South Central Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen Last **Price** <u>Average</u> <u>Change</u> -70.00 -70.00 <u>Price</u> 251.75 Class Range (9/19/2025) 251.75 244.75 170.50 - 179.00 244.75 Large

154.75

-15.00

169.75

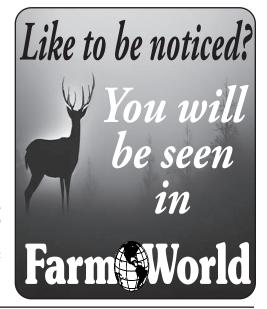
150.50 - 159.00 Southeast Shell Eggs - Caged Delivered Warehouse White Cents Per Dozen

200.00	,			Last
	<u>Price</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Price</u>	Reported
Class	Range	Price	Change	(9/19/2025)
Extra Large	175.50 - 183.00	179.25	-70.00	249.25
Large	174.00 - 170.50	240.50	-70.00	240.50
MA additional	440 50 450 00	450.05	45.00	407.05

152.25 Explanatory Notes: Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, white eggs

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

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Small Animals Chickens Bantys Ducks Pigeons	<b>9/30/2025</b> \$2-\$11 \$2.50-\$10 \$2-\$10 \$3.25-\$5	Sheep Ewes 40-60# Lambs 61-80# Lambs	\$0.90-\$1.45 \$2.25-\$3 \$1.50-\$2.55	Cows Cull Cows Bulls Fat Cattle	\$1-\$1.60 \$1.75-\$2.15 <b>17</b>
Eggs Rooster Turkey	\$1-\$3.75 \$2-\$20 \$26	81-100# Lambs  Goats Billys	\$1.75-\$2.55 <b>89</b> \$55-\$340	Holstein Colored	\$1.95-\$2.00 \$2.15-\$2.25 <b>14</b>
Peacock Rabbits	\$3-\$15 <b>1060</b>	Nannies Kids	\$45-\$215 \$20-\$40 <b>115</b>	Pigs Fat Hogs Sows Boars	\$.70-\$90 \$.35-\$.80 \$0.13-\$0.35 <b>31</b>
Veal Calves		Feeder Cattle Dairy and Beef		Feeder Pigs	
Holstein (80# and UP) Beef Cross (80# and UF)		200-500# 501-800#	\$1.40-\$4.20 \$1.30-\$2.20 52	20-45# 46-65#	\$25-\$50 \$30-\$60 <b>41</b>

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# Class III milk price up from August, but down from a year ago

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By Lee Mielke

The USDA announced the September Federal order Class III milk price at \$17.59 per hundredweight, up 35 cents from August, but is a whopping \$5.75 below a year ago. The Class III average stands at \$18.46, up from \$18.37 at this time a year ago, and compares to \$17.13 in 2023.

Wednesday's Class III futures settlements portend an October price \$17.53; November,

\$17.40; December, \$17.47; and January 2026 at \$17.20.

The September Class IV price is \$16.17, down \$2.33 from August, \$6.12 below a year ago, and the lowest Class IV price since August 2021, when it stood at \$15.92. The nine-month Class IV average now stands at \$18.53, down from \$20.69 a year ago, and compares to \$18.65 in 2023.

Meanwhile, the federal government began a partial shutdown Wednesday as lawmakers kept failing to reach a budget agreement. Congress has not passed any of the 12 appropriations bills needed to fund the government.

StoneX says the National Agricultural Statistics Service alone has 501 employees and 456 are furloughed. Many USDA generated reports that the dairy industry relies on will cease. The Oct. 1 Daily Dairy Report says, "The last and longest shutdown began in 2018 and ended in 2019 af-

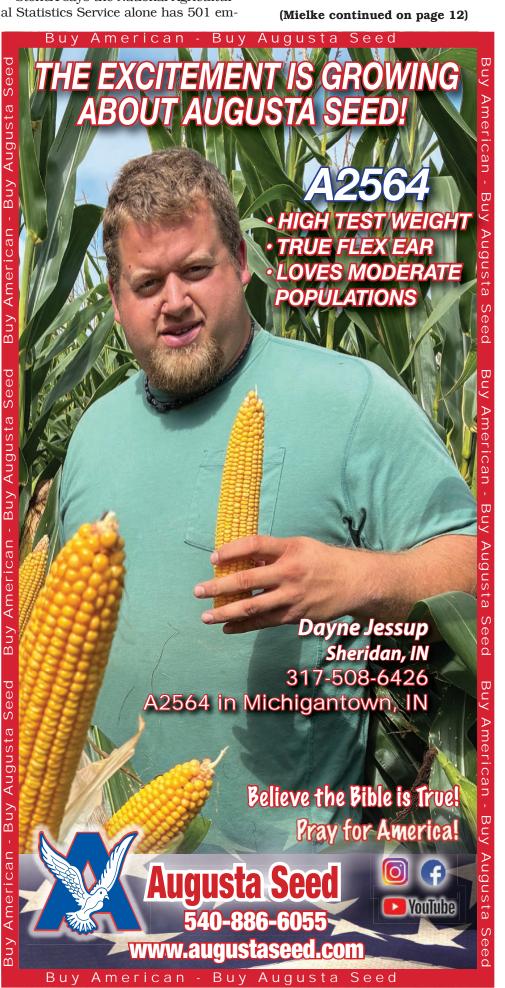
ter 35 days. For dairy producers, the resulting information blackout and closure of USDA agencies will be more than an inconvenience."

U.S. butter stocks in August were down from July and a

year ago while cheese stocks were up slightly, according to the latest Cold Storage report. The Aug. 31 butter stock pile fell to 305.9 million pounds, down 25.6 million pounds or 7.7 percent from July, and down 18.5 million or 5.7 percent from August 2024.

American type cheese stocks grew to 818.2 million pounds, up 4.7 million or 0.6 percent from the July level, and up 24.6 million or 3.1 percent from a year ago. The July total was revised up 5.2 million pounds.

The "other" cheese category inventory came in at 578.2 million pounds, down 14.8 million pounds or 2.5 per-



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When grass greens back up, the temptation is to try to get as much grazing in as possible by grazing pastures tighter. I get it - we all want to stretch what's out there. But grazing down to the nubbins usually does more harm than good. Plants need four inches of stubble to keep a solar panel working, to catch dew and to keep the plant alive and healthy. If you graze it too short, the plant has to dip into root reserves, and that slows down recovery and reduces what you'll get in the future. Once those forages go dormant, you can come back and graze them with less long-term harm, but right now they need rest. Protecting that leaf area and soil cover is the best investment we can make in our pastures.

So, what can you graze instead to buy that rest? If you planted any late summer annuals, those fields could really help. The amount of growth depends on when you planted and how much soil moisture you had during planting and after. Warm-season annuals like sorghum-sudan, sudangrass and Johnsongrass are another option if present, but be careful around frost. Those forages can produce prussic acid, which is toxic to livestock. They're best grazed before frost or two weeks after a killing frost once they've dried down. Millets and certain new sorghum varieties don't carry that risk, but it's always worth being cautious.

One of the best opportunities we've got this fall is corn residue. A dry fall is perfect for grazing stalks and doing so not only stretches out grazing but also takes pressure off pastures that desperately need recovery. When cows are turned into a stalk field, they'll go straight for any grain left, then husk and leaf and lastly the stalks themselves. The nutritional value follows that same order, starting out fairly high and declining as the weeks go by. Stalks typically begin around 8 percent protein with a relative feed value (RFV) of 80-90, and over the next 60 days drop to about 5 percent protein with an RFV in the 60s. That makes them suitable for dry cows or mid-gestation cows, but growing calves or lactating fall cows will need supplementation to meet energy and protein requirements.

Figuring out how much stalk ground you'll need isn't too hard and it's worth running the numbers. An average cow eats about 3 percent of her body weight in dry matter each day. For a 1,100-pound cow, that's 33 pounds per day or about 231 pounds a week. If you've got 50 cows, you're looking at 11,550 pounds of dry matter each week. On the supply side, a 180-bushel corn crop will leave around 4,032 pounds of usable dry matter per acre. Divide demand by supply – 11,550 divided by 4,032 - and you come up with right around 3 acres of stalks needed each week



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for 50 cows. That's a good conservative number, and in practice, you may stretch it a little more with good management

How you manage stalk grazing makes all the difference. If you just open the gate and let them have the whole field, they'll clean up the grain first, leave a lot of residue behind and spread manure in a few favorite spots. Strip grazing with a polywire gives you a lot more control. By only letting



Of course, for stalks to be practical, a few things need to line up. Cows need water, whether that's already in the field or brought in with a portable system. Fences have to be good enough to hold them where they belong - neighbors and drivers don't appreciate loose cows. Dry falls are ideal for grazing stalks and reducing any possible impact of compaction. If you can, follow up with a cover crop like cereal rye or wheat to trap nutrients, reduce erosion and improve soil health. On highly erodible land, make sure you're maintaining enough residue to stay in line with your conser-Don't forget the mineral program

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time, you keep the feed quality more

consistent, lower the risk of cattle

gorging on leftover corn, spread manure more evenly and extend the graz-

ing season. Step-in posts and a reel

of wire make this pretty simple and

moving the fence once or twice a week

is usually enough.

Corn stalks are low in calcium and phosphorus. A good free-choice mineral is essential and should include sufficient potassium if grazing lush fall forage. Depending on the class of livestock, you may also need protein or energy supplements. Keep an eye on body condition and adjust as needed - it's cheaper to keep cows on track than to play catch-up later.

Hay is the other big piece of the puzzle this year. With the weather extremes, quality is all over the place. Some hay may have issues drying and lost feed value: some may have been cut too late and is stemmy and low in protein. Guessing isn't good enough. A simple forage test will tell you exactly what you've got and an idea on what you'll need to supplement. One number that helps put hay quality in perspective is RFV. Think of RFV as a "miles-per-gallon" rating for forage: the higher the number, the more nutrition animals get per pound. Good hay will often run 120 or better, fair hay may be closer to 100 and anything much below that is just belly fill. This year, with so much cloudy, wet weather, many hay fields grew tall and stemmy, which pushed those numbers down, sometimes 20 to 40 points lower than normal. That drop means animals get less usable energy, so you'll likely need to supplement with some extra protein or energy. For cows on low-RFV hay, a couple pounds of something like corn gluten feed each day can often make up the difference. Your local nutritionist or veterinarian can help vou figure what

This season has tested all of us. It may be too wet in some places, too dry in others and now timely rains have brought a much-needed rebound. The best path forward is to protect those pastures from overgrazing, use annuals and crop residues to buy rest time, make the most of corn stalks with smart allocation and test hay so you can balance rations instead of guessing. Every day we can keep cattle grazing instead of eating hay saves money, keeps nutrients cycling and gives our pastures the breather they need. If we carefully manage our pastures this fall, we'll be setting ourselves up for healthier forages and better livestock performance when spring comes back around.

It's not about maximizing a single grazing event but optimizing the entire grazing season. Observe, plan and keep on grazing.

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#### Mielke

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cent from July, but was up 649,000 pounds or 0.1 percent from a year ago. The July total was revised up 7.7 million pounds.

The total August cheese inventory slipped to 1.417 billion pounds, down 10.9 million pounds or 0.8 percent from July, but was up 23.4 million or 1.7 percent from a year ago. The July total was revised up 12.0 million pounds. Total stocks were above the prior year for the second time in 17 months.

"Arguably the cheese price in August was exactly where it should have been given the growth in inventory," says StoneX. Regarding butter, there were reports that a lot of imported butter was sitting in bonded warehouses and hadn't cleared through customs yet, "So our guess is that the lower than expected Cold Storage number is because imports are still on the weak side. Butter is still ridiculously cheap compared to the stocks/use ratio," according to StoneX.

CME Cheddar block cheese saw daily gains this week, climbing to \$1.7750 per pound Thursday morning, highest it has been since Aug. 29, after closing Friday at \$1.65.

The barrels made it to \$1.7250 Wednesday, highest since Sept. 4, but were trading Thursday at \$1.72, following their Friday finish at \$1.6225. This week a year ago, both plunged 34.25 cents and were trading at \$1.9475 and \$1.9550 respectively.

A total of 111 loads of block traded hands in the month of September, up from 74 in August. Barrel sales totaled 8 for the month, down from 12 in August.

Cool fall temperatures are contributing to increasing milk output in the Central region, according to Dairy Market News. Some of the extra milk was going to Class I. Spot trades were light as cheesemakers have sufficient internal volumes. Mid-week Class III milk prices ranged \$1-under to \$1-over Class. Cheese production is steady in the region. Domestic demand is steady from retail and food service. International interest is strong, and some contacts said demand was up slightly from previous weeks.

Milk production in the West is strengthening from summer dips. Cheese production varies from steady to stronger. Domestic demand is moderate to steady. Export demand remains more robust than domestic demand despite a competitive international market, according to DMN.

CME butter jumped 4 cents Monday, hitting \$1.76 per pound. It lost a nickel Tuesday, regained 1.50 cents Wednesday, and added 2.50 cents Thursday, hitting \$1.75. It had closed Friday at \$1.72. There were 185 loads of butter that found new homes in September, up from 86 in August.

Central region milk production and components remain above a year ago and cream is plentiful with multiples as low as 0.85 this week. Demand for cream is steady to lighter, with some butter makers saving they are not in the market for more as they use internal volumes to keep churns active. Domestic butter demand is steady from week-to-week, but sales remain light. International demand for 82 percent butterfat butter is strong and contacts say inventories are tight.

Cream is readily available in the West and more affordable this week with below flat market multiples reported. Butter production is steady to strong with plenty of cream to churn and the focus on retail more than bulk. Retail sales are more robust than food service sales. Salted and unsalted inventories are meeting demand. Domestic demand is mixed and exports are strong,

says DMN.

StoneX stated in its Sept. 30 Early Morning Update: "The market is now on a path to converge the spot price and the nearby futures price. We expect that to be somewhere higher than where spot sits today (\$1.7600) and likely closer to \$2, but it may take a few weeks to get there. A butter price bounce does not change the current dynamic of strong milk production and plenty of cream. Those dynamics are expected to persist well into fourth quarter."

Grade A nonfat dry milk was trading Thursday at \$1.15 per pound, after closing Friday at \$1.1550. Sales amounted to 117 for September, up from 89 in August, and the highest monthly total since October 2024.

Dry whey lost a quarter cent Wednesday, slipping to 64 cents per pound, and stayed there Thursday, after finishing Friday at 64.75 cents per pound. Trades totaled 18 for September, down from 43 in August.

Strength is coming back into the markets as we start the new quarter and new month, says StoneX broker Dave Kurzawski in the Oct. 6 Dairy Radio Now broadcast. "People underestimate how powerful the fall season going into winter and the holidays is for dairy.

"We had some drastic down movements in prices, especially on butter, but now we've adjusted the price and I think we're attracting a more substantial bid," he explained. "Butter can be exported in a very significant way now that prices have adjusted, even though the world market has come down a little bit."

That's not the case on cheese, he admitted, but domestic cheese demand may be better right now and he believes we're seeing a different tone now than the rather bearish or negative tone of September. "We have plenty of milk, we have plenty of cream, and yet prices are becoming a little more buoyant," he said.



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**By TIM ALEXANDER** Illinois Correspondent

DECATUR, Ill. — Pros and cons from the Big, Beautiful Bill were a prime topic for discussion at the Farm Progress Show (FPS) in Decatur this year. Enacted on July 4, the federal funding bill will provide certain farmers with greater tax relief, along with reward incentives to expand or improve their operations. On the other hand, the BBB takes a major bite out of food assistance funding — a major sticking point for food producers — and reduces overall funding for the farm bill's Agricultural Title over the next decade.

Among the proponents of the BBB was FBi Buildings, a steel shed manufacturing company that offers pole barns and other structures. At FBi's display booth, representatives spent the three-day FPS informing customers about how they can take advantage of the BBB to improve their farm operations.

Among the changes brought through the BBB, IRS Section 179 now allows farmers and ranchers to deduct up to \$2.5 million in qualified expenses for the construction of a pole barn. Additionally, the phaseout threshold for this deduction has been increased to \$4 million, with annual adjustments for inflation, according to FBi's marketing associate Nettie Grubb.

"This means if you have been putting off building a new agriculture shop or cold storage shed, 2025 is your year to build. You will be able Office estimates that the bill's Agriculto write off 100 percent of your pole barn this year, without it being deducted over several years," noted Grubb, in a recent blog shared with FPS visitors and posted online.

In addition, there are estate tax benefits within the BBB that can benefit farmers, Grubb said. They are:

- LLCs and S corporations will be treated as general partnerships for farm payments;
- Gains from equipment sales, agri-tourism, and direct marketing count as farm income;
- State and local tax limits in-
- Additional deduction for farmers 65 and over.

"Additionally, Section 199A made the 20 percent small business deduction permanent, allowing farmers to deduct a portion of their business income," she added.

In general, the BBB enacts many provisions typically authorized and funded through the farm bill, which expired in 2023 and is now considered unlikely to pass in 2025. For instance, the Act served to sustain crucial commodities programs and increased spending for programs by an estimated \$66 billion over 10 years.

However, the Congressional Budget

tural Title as a whole will reduce spending by \$120 billion, primarily through cuts to the Nutrition subtitle. This is according to the Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation at Iowa State University, which explained that cuts from the Nutrition subtitle would accrue as the onus of administering the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is shifted to states.

"The Act reduces the federal share of the cost of administering SNAP from 50 percent to 25 percent, beginning in Fiscal Year 2027. The Act thus increases the state's administrative costs to 75 percent," according to the Center.

The Act also extends the PLC, ARC, and Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) safety net programs through 2031, while increasing the ARC coverage guarantee for a crop year to 90 percent of the benchmark revenue (up from 86 percent). It also increases the ARC-CO benchmark revenue cap to 12 percent from 10 percent.

The Agricultural Title of the Act includes other provisions, including:

Funding a program to encourage the accessibility, development, maintenance, and expansion of commercial export markets for United States agricultural commodities;

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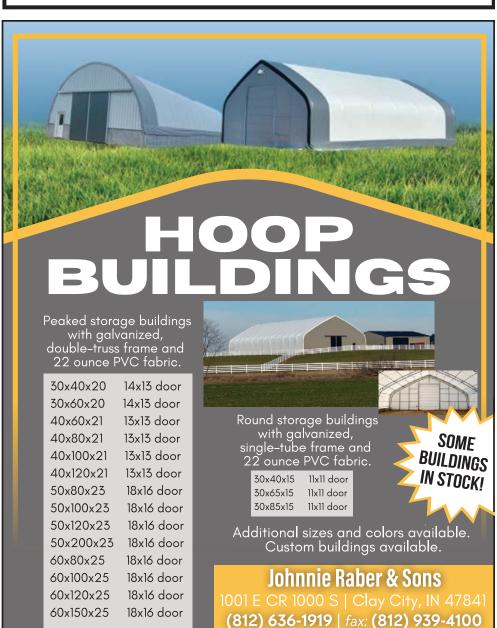
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- Funding agricultural research, including a specialty crop research initiative
- Increasing funding for programs supporting specialty crops and US-DA-certified organic agriculture;
- Funding for animal disease prevention and management;
- Funding for the National Animal Health Laboratory Network, the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program, and the National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasure Bank. (Iowa State University)

The BBB has particular benefits for livestock producers, according to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. These benefits are:

- Permanent extension of itemized deductions for disaster-related personal losses:
- Livestock Forage Disaster Program now pays after four weeks of drought and provides two monthly payments;
- Livestock indemnity: 100 percent for predation losses, 75 percent for weather-related losses, including unborn livestock;

Animal health funding raised to \$233 million per year for disease prevention and cattle health.

Farmers are still eligible for tax credits related to the installation of solar on their barns, but must begin construction by 2026 before funding is rescinded. In addition, construction must be completed before the end of 2027, as designated within the BBB.

"We will watch to see if a pared-down farm bill is introduced in the weeks to come. Legislation will be required to extend the Conservation Reserve Program beyond 2025," observed the Center for Ag Law and Taxation. "Many legislators have also discussed passing federal legislation to restrict states from controlling the production practices of producers from other states (in response to Proposition 12 and similar state legislation)."



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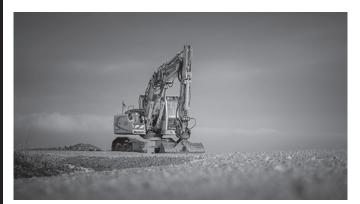
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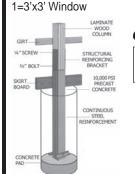
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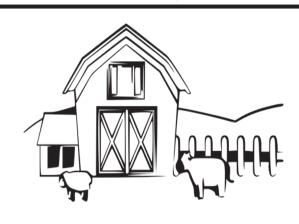


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# **SECTION B**

Friday, October 10, 2025

# Iowa State ag students broaden horizons on Puerto Rico trip

By DOUG SCHMITZ lowa Correspondent

AMES, Iowa – A group of six Iowa State University (ISU) students and two faculty members recently traveled to Puerto Rico for ISU's "For the Love of Food and Puerto Rico" study abroad program where they visited chocolate and guava (tropical fruit) farms, and Vaca Negra, an artisan cheese business.

Erica Beirman, ISU teaching professor in food science and human nutrition, led the study abroad to Puerto Rico in May, alongside Karla Boetel, ISU professor of practice in food science and human nutrition.

"The Puerto Rico program was created as an idea to help students take a trip that has what we would consider low barriers to entry," Beirman told Farm World. "This program did not require students to have a passport, the cost was lower than other study abroad trips, and the travel itself was easier as the students did not have to travel across time zones and deal with jet lag."

The nine-day trip was made possible through Study USA, ISU's scholarship program for students wanting to travel abroad, which was developed to give students opportunities to travel abroad that contributes directly to their area of study.

"The hope was that if students participated in the Puerto Rico program, they would more likely develop a fondness for travel and possibly participate in a study abroad trip in the future," Beirman said. "These trips deepen the knowledge and appreciation for the food industry around the world."

During the Puerto Rico trip, currently offered every other year, students learned about the island's culinary heritage, food processing industries and agricultural practices, while considering how they differed from those in the United States.

The group visited a cacao (chocolate) farm (in Hacienda Chocolat in Fajardo), and a guava farm in Aguas Buenas, where they sampled a few guava products like guava juice, and snack bars that they make and sell at the farmers market.

Another stop was at Vaca Negra in Hatillo, where the group made artisan cheese, which will be shipped to them this fall. "They also had a cheese tasting and learned why different cheeses have different flavors, and how to pair them with other foods and drinks," Beirman said.

She said they also visited a chocolate, snail, coffee and vanilla farm in Finca La Espranza in San Sebastian.

"We toured the farm and learned about the new business venture they have in raising snails for the caviar and the cosmetic applications the mucus has," she said. "This is a US-DA-approved operation and the only one on the island. We also toured the coffee farm and the processing center where they roast the beans."



**Above:** ISU students and faculty touring Vaca Negra (an artisan cheese company) in Hatillo, Puerto Rico, left to right, were Karla Boetel, ISU professor of practice, food science; Rachel Hager, ISU senior in culinary food science; AJ Garcia, ISU freshman in food science; Gracie Venerable, ISU senior in dietetics; Jaritza Gomez, ISU junior in culinary food science; Heidi Jahn, ISU senior in culinary food science; Erica Beirman, ISU teaching professor, food science; and Rachel Rydl, ISU senior in agriculture communications. (submitted by Erica Beirman)

She said the cacao grown on the farm is processed and sent to La Chocolateria (a chocolate farm) in Aguadilla: "We toured the chocolate store, had a tasting, and learned how they market and sell the coffee and chocolate from the farm. Both the farm and the chocolate store are owned and operat-

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Graci Venerable, an ISU senior in dietetics, said she and the group learned about the scientific process of making chocolate, and how her background in food science gave her a deeper appreci-

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#### Puerto Rico

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ation for the food: "This experience has given me a new appreciation for where food comes from, and the many hours people contribute to produce a quality product."

For Jaritza Gomez, an ISU junior in culinary food science, this trip was the first time she had ever traveled outside the United States, choosing to participate in the program to learn how different foods are made in other parts of the world, and explore potential career opportunities.

"I really enjoyed the community in Puerto Rico," she said. "Everyone we met was charming. At every company we visited, the people talked about their work with such passion. It just seemed they really loved what they do."

In addition, Beirman said, they worked with Sagrado University in San Juan, where the university hosted their group in the dorms on campus.

"Our main mission for this trip was to introduce the island agriculture and help them (the students) to understand the wide array of challenges the agriculture industry faces, both regarding government policies and environmental conditions," she said.

The group also visited AgroInnova, an agribusiness incubator organization (that creates and grows new companies by offering resources in the early stages of product development) in Caguas that helps small farmers with start-up businesses to sell their goods.

"This group shared how they help farmers with all the paperwork and licensing that is required for them to sell their goods at local markets, and in stores on the island," Beirman said. "There were small businesses producing hot sauces, kimchi, sandwiches,



**Above:** A cacao (chocolate) tree from Hacienda Chocolat (a chocolate farm) in Fajardo, Puerto Rico. (submitted by Erica Beirman)

and dressings in the licensed space that AgroInnova runs, which supports the incubator work."

She said she also wanted the students to understand the innovation and entrepreneurial mindset of the Puerto Rican people, and how they are able to make the most out of what few resources they have: "I hope this study abroad program acts as a springboard to encourage students to get out and see other parts of the world."

Plans for the next 'For the Love of Food and Puerto Rico' program are already in the works, where up to 11 students are expected to go in May 2027.

If you are looking for a trip with beautiful scenery, delicious food, and a chance to learn about local agriculture, this is the one," Venerable said.



**Above:** The corn maze at Regal Vineyards in Madison features the "Ohio, The Heart Of It All" state logo. (photo provided)

# 46 Ohio corn mazes are listed on free map from TourismOhio

By Michele F. Mihaljevich Indiana Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Forty-six corn mazes across Ohio are included on a map available from TourismOhio, part of the Ohio Department of Development.

The map of the Ohio Corn Maze Trail may be downloaded for free by visiting ohio.org and clicking "learn more" on the trail banner on the main page. The website includes links to each corn maze, with hours, cost and additional information.

The idea of the Corn Maze Trail came about after Regal Vineyards in Madison, ohio, told state officials about their corn maze that celebrates all things Ohio, said Sarah Wickham, state tourism director of Ohio. The maze includes the agency's "Ohio, The Heart Of It All" logo cut into a field, she noted.

"We thought, why not showcase mazes statewide?" Wickham explained. "We're always looking for ways to highlight agriculture and agritourism, and this was a perfect fit. Ohioans love fall, and corn mazes are the perfect way to get outside, support family farms and make memories.

"And it connects to something bigger, too – corn is one of Ohio's largest crops, a \$2.4 billion industry, according to USDA. These mazes not only celebrate the season, they also highlight the farms that are feeding our economy and our communities."

This is the state's first corn maze trail and mazes in every region of the state are included, Wickham said.

"Fall is the big season for agritourism," she pointed out. "Corn mazes, pumpkin patches, u-pick apples, and all sorts of fall-themed festivals help

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## Annual report highlights UK Dining's efforts to source food locally

By DOUG SCHMITZ lowa Correspondent

LEXINGTON, Ky. – The University of Kentucky's (UK) The Food Connection, an applied food systems center, recently released its 12th annual report, highlighting UK Dining's efforts to source food locally, according to officials.

"UK's land-grant mission calls us to strengthen communities across the Commonwealth," said Laura Stephenson, UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment (CAFE) dean and vice president for land-grant engagement. "The Food Connection and UK Dining partnership demonstrates how we can live out that mission by connecting Kentucky farmers and food businesses with our campus community."

Under the dining contract, UK is required to meet annual Kentucky Farm and Food Business Impact purchasing goals, which mandate buying food from Kentucky farms and locally based food businesses, officials said.

Kentucky Farm and Food Business Impact is a program, largely spearheaded by UK's The Food Connection, to support local Kentucky farms and food businesses by increasing procurement of their products by large institutions, such as the UK dining services.

Officials said this initiative aims to foster local economic growth, provide technical assistance to farmers, and create a strong agro-food system within the state, although it has faced challenges from federal funding cuts to similar programs.

Created as part of the Aramark (a national food service company based in Philadelphia, Pa., and UK's dining service provider) contract and housed in the UK Martin-Gatton CAFE, The Food

Connection leverages local food systems expertise to support the growth of the local farm and food economies across the Commonwealth of Kentucky in keeping with UK's land-grant mission, as part of contract negotiations, officials said.

"Our team works closely with UK Dining to identify new Kentucky farm impact items to bring to campus and provides tailored technical assistance to Kentucky farmers who are interested in selling to large food service operations like UK Dining," said Ashton Potter, The Food Connection executive director.

The report's analysis tracks local food purchasing against predetermined benchmarks set forth by UK in partnership with Aramark: "The Food Connection and the UK Dining Partnership was borne out of a contractual relationship between the University of Kentucky and Aramark in 2014," Potter told Farm World.

"This unique public-private partnership serves as a national model for successful farm-to-institution procurement by demonstrating that a clearly defined, contractual commitment to farm impact purchasing can have a significant positive benefit to the freshness and quality of food served on campus, and can have a tremendous economic impact on our local and regional food and farm economy," she said.

She said The Food Connection regularly works with Kentucky farmers in a variety of ways: "Our Culinary Team at The Learning Kitchen (a student-run program where participants prepare healthy, balanced meals for the community) routinely sources ingredients from Kentucky farmers and provides education about finding, cooking, preserving and enjoying Kentucky-grown



**Above:** University of Kentucky's The Food Connection recently released a report highlighting UK Dining's efforts to source food locally, officials said. (courtesy of UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment)

ingredients.

"The Food Connection's Cultivate Kentucky Partnership, launched in 2016 in response to a request from UK Dining to identify more options for third-party, GAP (Good Agricultural Practices)-audited Kentucky-grown produce, provides one-on-one produce food safety technical assistance to specialty crop growers who are interested in obtaining an audit so that they can sell into larger, wholesale and food service market channels," she added.

In addition, she said The Food Connection's Kentucky Value Chain Collaborative provides technical assistance to all Kentucky growers who are looking to expand their markets – particularly to restaurants, K-12 schools, colleges and universities, hospitals and retailers.

"The Cultivate Kentucky and Value Chain Coordinators collaborate closely with UK Dining and other institutions across Kentucky to identify Kentucky farm products that would work well in their food service operations," she said. "As a part of the partnership, The Food Connection also tracks and reports on UK Dining's progress toward its Kentucky Farm and Food Business Impact spending."

Since 2014, The Food Connection and the UK Dining's partnership has resulted in over \$31 million of direct investment in Kentucky farms and food businesses, and has drawn national recognition and awards, she added.

She said this partnership remains committed to local purchasing to benefit stakeholders across campus, and the Commonwealth: "The Food Connection and UK Dining Partnership continues to be a national model for institutional local procurement."





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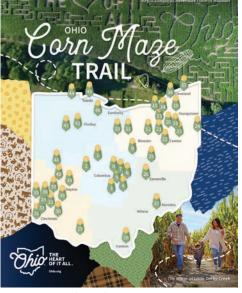
sustain family farms and bring visitors - and spending - into nearby communities. That's why we put so much focus on promoting trails and event guides that shine a light on places that might not always get statewide attention."

The agency worked with local partners statewide - such as county visitor bureaus – to make sure mazes that are open and ready for visitors this season were included on the trail, Wickham said. Officials paired their recommendations with farms previously featured on Ohio.org, giving the agency a well-rounded trail that has options for families across the state, she added.

Wickham said she hopes the trail can be updated yearly. She encouraged people to contact TourismOhio (email: askohiotourism@development. ohio.gov) if they have a favorite maze not included in the trail.

As for her personal favorites, Wickham said Regal Vineyards has to be at the top of her list. "They literally cut our state logo into their cornfield. Talk about knowing the way to our heart. Plus, the idea of a corn maze at a vineyard is such a fun twist.

"I also have a soft spot for Van Buren Acres. It's exactly the kind of place I want to take my 8-year-old son. He's got energy to spare, and with the maze, the jumping pillows, putt-putt, ropes course, pig races, hay rides, and the animals – it's a perfect day for us. And just down the road is Dupler's Pumpkin Land, where they hand de-



**Above:** The Ohio Corn Maze Trail map is available to download for free from Ohio. org. (image provided)

sign their corn maze every year. Their pumpkins are incredible and are (a) great destination for fall décor.

"That's what makes the Corn Maze Trail so special: two family owned farms, totally different vibes, within 20 minutes of each other. You don't have to travel far to find a new favorite this

Ohio has plenty of creative corn mazes, she said. For example, Blooms & Berries Farm Market in Maineville added a train-themed maze to go with their brand new train. Honey Haven Farm in Ashland is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a special themed maze, and Sweetapple Farm in Vincent has a "This Little Piggy" maze with three different games that teach kids about pigs, Wickham said.



**Above:** Pigs are the theme of the corn maze at Sweetapple Farm in Vincent, Ohio. Photo courtesy of Sweetapple Farm Facebook page.

### Webinar on search for the optimum cow is scheduled for October 23

tle Consultants team on Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. EDT for a webinar, "Building A Forage-Efficient Cow: The Continued Search For The Elusive Optimum Cow. The speaker, Dr. David Lalman, is one of the most well-respected beef cattle animal scientists in North America.

Lalman was one of MBCC team member Chris Muegge's professors at Oklahoma State University, and his work as the supervisor for the Range Cow Research Center is focused on the interaction of beef cow nutrition, this free virtual seminar.

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# Orionid Meteor Shower expected October 20-21

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The Moon in October

on Oct. 29

Poor Will's Almanack By Bill Felker

on Oct. 14 The Moon is new on Oct. 22 The Moon enters its second quarter

The Moon enters its final quarter

#### The Morning and Evening Stars of October

Venus in Virgo and Mars in Libra are the morning stars. They remain in the daytime sky until evening when they can be seen as the evening stars. Jupiter in Gemini follows Orion across the sky, appearing in the east before dawn.

#### **Meteors in October**

The Orionid Meteor Shower will occur in and around Orion in the early morning of Oct. 20-21.

#### The Stars

June's brightest star, Arcturus, sets before 9 p.m. The Milky Way moves overhead, and the Pleiades, followed by the Hyades and Aldebaran, have come up in the west by midnight. Orion is fully visible then and is centered in the south by 5 a.m.

#### The Cold Fronts of Middle October

Oct. 17: Chances of freezing tem-

October fronts advance. Lows in the 20s or 30s are most likely to occur on the mornings of the 19th and 20th, with the latter date carrying the highest chances of a freeze so far this season.

> Oct. 23: This system almost always produces rain or snow. After it passes through, however, the 26th, the 28th and the 29th are often some of the best days of the month

for harvest. But the morning's most likely to bring a killing frost during the month's final week are the 25th and the 26th. Both have a 35 percent chance of a low only in the 20s along the 40th Parallel, the first time this season the odds have risen so high.

Oct. 27: The high-pressure system that arrives near this date often preempts the Oct. 30 front, chills Halloween and brings down the foliage of the most brittle maples.

October 30: When this cold front moves in late, it brings mild south winds under which to finish harvest. Between today and the arrival of early winter, there should be up to 20 days of relatively benign, dry days for fertilizing, harvesting, wood cutting, planting spring crops, raking leaves, transplanting and digging in spring bulbs.

#### First Snows in Southwestern Ohio

Oct. 5, 2014: A few snow flurries noticed as I drove to Dayton.

Oct. 12 of 1988 and 2006: The first flurries of the season in my garden.

Oct. 18, 2022: First flurries in the sleet.

Oct. 19, 1989: First light snow in town. October 23, 2013: This morning, the first snow of the winter, light and wet. Oct. 27, 2017: Jill sent me photos

peratures continue to grow as the from the first snow of the year on High November. On the news tonight, de-Street.

> Oct. 30, 1993: The first snow of the year is falling, accumulating up to four inches deep by the roadside, sticking on the newly plowed fields. By the riverbank down in South Glen: the sound of the snow dropping from branches, plopping into the water.

Oct. 31, 2019: First snow of the year, wind gusts up to 30 miles an

Nov. 3, 1991 and 1999: First flurries of the year.

Nov. 5, 1982: The first snow covered Yellow Springs at 5 a.m. with heavy, fat flakes.

Nov. 6, 1988: First snow, one inch, as Late Fall pushes through with a sudden plunge in barometric pres-

Nov. 11, 1984 and 1986: First snow and first snowball made.

Nov. 13, 2021: First snow in the night, half an inch.

Nov. 15, 2008: The first snowfall came today covering the ground for an hour or so.

Nov. 27. 2018: First snow of the year, accompanied by sandhill cranes.

Nov. 29, 2011: The first snow of the year late this afternoon, the ground covered for a few hours before the wet grass soaked it up. More worms stranded from the earlier rain.

Nov. 30, 2020: First snow, three inches.

December 5, 2007: First snow of the season last night and this morning, four to five inches. The alley bamboo is full of snow, bowing and blocking half my path there.

Dec. 19, 2009: The first snow of the year covered all the branches this morning, showing off the daffodil spears that had grown up in the warm

tails about a huge storm moving toward the Northeast.

Dec. 31,1998: The first snow of the year overnight, maybe half an inch.

#### Journal

It is as bad to study stars and clouds as flowers and stones....

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Henry David Thoreau, Journal, Sept. 13, 1852

As the Sun moves across the late autumn sky, it shines further and further into my south-facing window. Paying attention to where and when it enters my house allows me to track the seasons toward and away from winter solstice.

When I watch the sunlight move across my walls, I feel like I am not only following time made visible, but I am also finding myself in relation to the tilt of Earth.

My relationship with the sun is different when I am outside. Out in the vard or the woods or on the road, the Sun is diffuse, has no limits. It shines everywhere, belongs to everything and to every creature. Even the warmth of the Sun on my face on cold mornings seems accidental and impersonal.

But when I am inside watching it on the wall in my room, the Sun feels more intimate. Shaped by the frame of my south windows, its light is not only tame but mine. It has come to me. I am the only one who sees it here now. It is not so vast and almighty as it appears filling the sky. It is not the indifferent prime mover of the day and night.

Instead, it seems a bright blessing and a personal ally against the winter ahead.

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### Eastern Indiana provides many opportunities to find fun on the farm

ELWOOD, Ind. - Collectors can find an array of agricultural stops in Eastern Indiana's Madison and Wayne Counties. Ag stops in Madison County include Kelly Caldwell of Simple Goodness Soaps in Elwood, Ind. Kelly makes her own hand-crafted goat milk soaps, lotions and more. She uses goat milk from goats on her farm. "I started 18 years ago making WRENCHING TALES laundry soap for my daughter," **By Cindy Ladage** Caldwell said.

"I wondered what else I could

make for her. I was born and raised on a farm and had goat milk. I made items first for my family, then took them to the local farmer's market. After two years, I opened this store. I make everything but the candles."

Caldwell began with one employee and now has 12. Each one specializes and makes one of her creations. This is a great agricultural spot to stop, see and purchase handmade agriculture-based products.

Sometimes agricultural stops are found at an event like the Pendleton Fall Creek Heritage Fair, and the Pendleton Fall Festival that is held in Pendleton the first part of September. At the event, collectors checked out the antique tractor show. Jay McAllister and his father Austin were set up with their 1958 John Deere 520. "I've had it for about 10 years," he said that he purchased from a friend's estate.

Alan New had his 1925 Model T Ford and a rare Indiana tractor. Anderson, Ind., is famous for the Indiana tractor. New added a bit more agricultural history. "The Lambert car company made a tractor called the Trundaar. I have one of those. There was also a Bull tractor. They were made here for a while."

> The Trundaar tractor was made in 1918 in Anderson by the J. W. Lambert Buckeye Manufacturing Co.

> Even the park where the event was held had ag roots. According to a placard Falls Park had a glori-

ous past, then it fell on hard times. "After decades as a milling center and stone quarry, the area around the falls was, by 1918 an eyesore. Pendleton hardware store owner and town board member B.F. Phipps felt the area should be more than a town dump."

Fellow town leaders donated funds in 1919, cleaned up the area and created a park. They dammed the water, built a swimming pool and Falls Park opened in 1920. The nearby Pendleton Historical Museum opened in 1981 and is housed in the old Falls Park pool bathhouse. In the museum, there are cool agricultural aspects. There was cider press, and wooden grain bin formed from a sycamore log. The center was burned out, then it was scraped down. A sign states this was a common means of storing grain during the pioneer days. There is

also a cool hay rope hook used to stack hay. Farming tools were mixed in with household items along with the quilt show taking place.

In nearby Wayne County there is Fountain Acres Amish Market. Auctions selling mostly produce in bulk, take place on Mondays and Fridays yearround. During the summer months they add in a Wednesday auction. The Wayne County area has a great agritourism trail as well.

In the Cambridge City countryside there is Dougherty Orchard, Indiana's oldest family-owned orchard. Established in 1883, the orchard is owned by the 6th generation Andra Solis. She runs it with her husband Junior. Fall means apple and pumpkin picking and busy days! For those that don't want to pick, they have already picked fruit available. Dougherty's grows 33 varieties of apples, as well as pumpkins, pears, and sunflowers.

Also outside of Cambridge City, Pilgrimage Vineyards is owned by Scott Eckart. The winery sits on farmland that Scott's grandfather owned. With

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Right: At the Pendleton, Indiana antique tractor show. Jay McAllister and his father Austin were set up with their 1958 John Deere 520.

Above: Picking grapes at Pilgrimage





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# program connects farmers, wholesale buyers

**BV DOUG GRAVES Ohio Correspondent** 

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - Throughout Indiana, a group of value chain professionals is working to bring farm-fresh food to schools, restaurants and other venues.

FARMWISE Indiana (Food and Agricultural Resilience through Markets, Wellness, Innovation, Stewardship and Engagement) aims to connect farmers and food producers with institutional buyers, schools, universities, restaurants, retail outlets and healthcare providers by increasing access to value-based procurement pathways.

Program leaders said that buyers in Indiana spend more than \$500 million annually on food, and even a small share of that directed to local farms could make a big impact on the economy.

"It's really, really hard for a farmer who might be used to direct-to-consumer sales, or they might be used to working with a distributor, to then walk down the street to the school and say, 'Hey, I'd like to serve to your school," FARMWISE founder Jodee Smith said. "Farmers don't have a lot of time, buyers don't have a lot of time, and there's a lot of coordination and conversations and relationship building that needs to happen before that transaction can occur."

Last month the organization received new funding and launched as a program within Indiana University's Environmental Resilience Institute. It is powered by Builders Initiative.

"Every county has a school system. Every county has wholesale buyers. They have restaurants, we have hospitals, we have universities and colleges," Smith said. "Everyone works in their sort of geographic region with stakeholders there. The launch of FARMWISE Indiana is sort of this new way of pro-

fessionalizing value chain work. FARM-WISE Indiana is about building relationships that benefit everyone from farmers and food producers to the communities they nourish. We're focused on making local food a bigger part of Indiana's economy and identity."

The program's network of 12 value chain professionals aims to build bridges and create opportunities for farmers within different markets across Indiana. Two of the professionals work in partnership with the Indiana State Department of Agriculture and Indiana Department of Health.

According to the USDA Census of Agriculture, sales from farmers to wholesale buyers increased 280 percent from 2017 to 2022, totaling more than \$305 million. More than 50 percent of food service buyers surveyed define local as being grown or made in Indiana. Substituting food grown and made in Indiana can boost the food economy.

"We know that those kinds of buyers spend well over \$500 million a year in Indiana alone, and so we think that if we can just get a small percentage of that going to our regional local farmers, then that can really help the local economy, the local food system," said Greg Koehler, a value chain professional with FARMWISE.

One farmer benefiting from the program is Ryan Lee, owner of Lee's Edible Acres in North Liberty. His farm produces asparagus, blackberries, tomatoes, eggplants, squash and other crops. FARMWISE has helped connect him with new wholesale buyers, including university chefs preparing for the next growing season.

"FARMWISE specifically has connected me with wholesale buyers, establishing relationships and setting the groundwork in so that I can continue those relationships and develop customers to the farm," Lee said.

Lee said that although some relationships are still in the planning stage, farmers and buyers are already discussing crop needs and quantities for upcoming seasons. Lee is now planning and preparing for his next growing season and communicating with an Indiana University South Bend chef about their future produce needs. This forward planning ensures that farmers can grow exactly what buyers require, reducing waste and improving efficiency.

Surveys have shown that buyers are motivated to buy local because of quality, freshness and taste. However, lack of time and challenges buying local through distributors are the top barriers for buyers.

"Our bottom line is we really want to keep farmers farming, and to sort of shift how we think about buying food," Smith said. "It's really not just the home consumer that needs to be part of this conversation, but our institutional buyers and our wholesale buyers of food. We've currently got a research project that is highlighting the achievements



Above: Ryan Lee, owner of Lee's Edible Acres in North Liberty, Ind., looks at FARM-WISE to help him connect with buyers large and small. FARMWISE works to bring local food to local plates. (photo submitted)

of chefs and buyers in Indiana who are purchasing local. It all takes years of planning and years of conversation."



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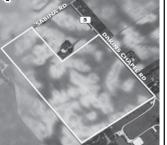
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In the faint light on the river, we saw an island looming up ahead. It will be our home for the night.

Pulling the canoe ashore, I began to set up the tent while my good friend Steve Owen began gathering firewood. I lit the Coleman gas lantern, and we soon had a small campfire going. I got out the iron skillet and bacon and proceeded to fry enough for a couple of sandwiches for each

We were really tired from the first day on the river and once we were in our sleeping bags, we nodded off quickly.

In the early hours of dawn, I looked out of the tent and thought I was dreaming. There was Steve, bare-chested and wearing only his cutoffs poking at the fire. He was

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smeared from head to toe with Calamine lotion. Walking out of the tent, I soon realized why Steve was covered in pink Calamine lotion... the island was covered with poison ivy and I mean covered! To this day, I have never seen such a proliferation of poison ivy. It was across the ground and up every tree. It was everywhere.

Steve was very allergic to By Jack Spaulding poison ivy. Fortunately, I had outgrown an extreme childhood allergy to poison ivy but it was getting put to the test.

> Packing up camp and loading the canoe, we both got in the river and washed ourselves thoroughly from head to toe with river water. Urishiol, the irritant in poison ivy is slightly water soluble and can be washed off.

> Without further ado, we bid farewell to Poison Ivy Island and continued on our way to Columbus, swearing we would find a better campsite before dark.

#### Bonus antlerless bag limits lowered in seven Indiana counties

Because of the impact of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) on the deer herd in southern Indiana this year, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources is reducing the county antlerless bag limits in Bartholomew, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Martin, Scott and Switzerland counties.

Jennings County's antlerless bag limit is reduced from four antlerless deer to two antlerless deer for the upcoming hunting season.

Jackson, Scott and Jefferson counties' antlerless bag limit is reduced from four antlerless deer to three antlerless deer per county for the upcoming hunting season.

Bartholomew, Martin and Switzerland counties' antlerless bag limit is reduced from three antlerless deer to two antlerless deer per county for the upcoming hunting season.

The statewide antlerless bag limit remains six. Changes to the county antlerless bag limit will not affect the Deer Reduction Zones. For more in-

formation on the county antlerless bag limit reduction, see on.IN.gov/

EHD-quotas. Humans are not at risk for contracting EHD. EHD is a viral disease commonly affecting white-tailed deer and is transmitted by biting midges, aka "no-see-ums." Cases typically occur during late summer and early fall, and there is evidence outbreaks can be more severe in years when there is a wet spring followed by a hot, dry summer. EHD is often fatal to deer, but some can recover and develop immunity.

Deer infected with EHD may display unusual behaviors such as lethargy, excessive salivation or disorientation. EHD also causes fever in deer, which can cause them to seek water. As a result, many deer dying from EHD are found in or near open water sources like ponds and rivers.

Anyone who finds a deer showing signs of EHD or found dead in water is asked to report it at on.IN.gov/ sickwildlife.

DNR monitors for EHD annually; however, the severity of EHD in a single year depends on weather, immunity, location and other factors.

The effects of EHD will be evaluated after deer hunting season, and additional changes will be considered for the 2026-2027 hunting season. EHD detections can be continually monitored at on.IN.gov/EHD.

Not every deer in an affected area will contract EHD. One sign a deer has recovered from EHD is sloughing or breaking on their hooves. DNR asks successful hunters use the Deer After Hunt Survey to report the condition of their deer's hooves, including both normal hooves and hooves showing evidence of sloughing or damage.

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# Dougherty Orchards, Indiana's oldest family-owned orchard

By Cindy Ladage Illinois Correspondent

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind. – A bit of agricultural adventures can be found at Dougherty Orchards, Indiana's oldest family-owned orchard. Established in 1883, the orchard is owned by the 6th generation Andra Solis. She runs it with her husband Junior. Besides running the orchard, Andra is also a preschool teacher, and the primary decorator for the shop which is filled with a colorful array of décor and family heirlooms.

Fall means apple and pumpkin picking and busy days. For those that don't want to pick, they have already picked fruit available. Dougherty's grows 33 varieties of apples, as well as pumpkins, pears and sunflowers.

The orchard began when William Henry Dougherty returned home after the Civil War and purchased 160 acres of land, now known as Dougherty Orchards, where he planted 5 acres of apple, cherry and peach trees.

Over the years, the orchard was passed down through the family, improved and expanded. It eventually grew to 300 times its original size. Improvements included additional buildings, an irrigation system, automatic grading system and a cooler capable of holding 15,000 bushels of apples. The upgraded cider press can press 25,000 gallons of cider in the fall season.

Dougherty Orchards was officially recognized as the oldest family-owned orchard in Indiana in 1983, their 100th anniversary. Andra's parents, Sandy and Joan, were awarded the Hoosier Homestead Award and the Centennial Business Award. With their unexpected deaths in 2004, the orchard was left to their children Andra, Shannan, and Tyler. In 2016, Andra bought the orchard

from Shannan and Tyler.

That was a busy year for Andra and Junior as they added their 1883 Winery and Bar. "We decided how to make it better slowly," Junior said about the orchard. "Apples are not enough."

They added pumpkins, and acquired their wine, grocery and restaurant and liquor license to offer taste tests for both wine and bourbon. A table from the courthouse where Andra's grandpa worked was their first bar. Junior built the next bar. The courthouse table, though, is still a staple.

Cider donuts, a lunch menu and more bring in customers and encourage them to linger. On their website, they share, "In 2016, Dougherty's introduced apple wine made from homegrown ap-

#### (Dougherty continued on page 12B)



**Above:** The greenhouse and cut flowers are a new addition.

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**Above:** Junior with their GMC truck that serves as a photo op.

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# Northern Indiana man breaks world record for tallest sunflower again



Above: World record breaker Alex Babich and his tallest sunflower when the official measurement was taken in early September.



Above: Alex Babich with the tallest sunflower certificate from Guinness Book of World Records.

**By Stan Maddux Indiana Correspondent** 

FORT WAYNE, Ind. - An Indiana man now holds the world record again for growing a sunflower more than three times the standard height of a basketball rim.

The sunflower raised by Alex Babich measured 35 feet, 9 inches, shattering the previous Guinness Book of World Records mark from 2016 by more than 5 feet.

He told ABC's Good Morning America being a world record holder for raising the tallest sunflower is "as good as it comes for an extreme grower.'

Stephen Goodwin, a professor in the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at Purdue University, said, "That's quite an achievement. Pretty amazing."

The 47-year-old Babich, of Fort Wayne, was previously the U.S. record holder for growing a sunflower that reached just over 26 feet tall in 2023, breaking his previous U.S. record by 11 inches.

He credits things like seed genetics for achieving such heights.

Goodwin said he did not know how much taller a sunflower could grow through genetics and other factors, but feels a ceiling will be reached at some point.

"What that limit would be, I have no idea. He's definitely pushing it," he said.

Last year, Babich had 10 sunflowers reach slightly more than 20 feet tall, but none of them were close to his previous heights.

Disappointed, "I went back to the drawing board and drew up a plan for this season," said Babich, when quoted in a recently published Guinness Book of World Records article on his achievement.

His strategy included the use of a seed from a sunflower topping 28 feet in height last year in Germany.

His sunflower, named "Clover," was planted in late April and for a while grew up to 10 inches a day.

He grows his sunflowers inside a wooden scaffolding type structure he built in his backyard to support the heads and promote extension of the plants as they're growing. The sunflowers are fastened to metal rods within the structure that he climbs to take care of the plants once they're beyond his reach

from the ground.

This year, his world record-breaking sunflower grew so fast that Babich added an extension to make his structure taller to prevent the possibility of the head from drooping and the top of the plant getting blown over by strong winds.

Babich wasn't into gardening much until just over a decade ago when he planted three tomato plants and three butternut squash plants to simply show his daughter how to grow produce.

Five years later, he planted his first sunflower after learning it was the national flower of his native Ukraine, where he and his family lived until migrating to Fort Wayne when he was 14.

The height of his sunflowers rose each year from 13 feet to 15 feet and 19 feet before setting the U.S. record for the first time the following year.

Babich also credited a mulch he developed from a compost of leaves, grass and other materials such as mushrooms for the height of his sunflowers, along with giving them daily attention.

Now that he's broken the world record, seeds of doubt have been sewn on his future of raising gigantic sunflowers given the amount of work and more of a balance he prefers to have with his job schedule.

According to the Guinness Book of World Records article, his wife, Nanette, prayed for him to break the record this year so he could take a year off from competitive growing so they could go camping more during the summer.

He promised to do just that but now seems to be having second thoughts.

"I'm usually a man of my word but the kids have been asking me a lot lately will I grow next season? I told them they'd have to talk to mom, but I would love one more solid growing season with Clover's seeds before I take a break," he said.

On average, sunflowers reach anywhere from 2 to 12 feet in height but some variations can exceed 15 feet.

Eventually, Goodwin said he believes Babich and others trying to break the mark could run out of the type of genes needed in their seeds for sunflowers to grow even taller.

"You can get to a point where you got all of the best gene combinations in there. There's just no more variations to select from depending on how many genes are involved and all of that," he said.



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#### Dougherty

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ples. Since then, we have expanded and now offer 15 different wines and a variety of craft beer. Enjoy a glass of wine, wine slush, or beer as you stroll through the petting farm or purchase a bottle to enjoy at home."

In 2017 they added an event tent for venues. "Then we built a pavilion, we just built it last year," Junior said.

The store that customers enter at the onset has always been part of the mix. "We added on, the original store was at the house. They sold cider out of the back yard. The house burned, then they had to rebuild. They lived in a barn until it was finished," Junior shared about family resiliency.

After adding the pavilion, they got busy with weddings and more events, so they added restrooms and changing rooms. This offered a place for the wedding party to dress. They have space for a group of around 200 in the pavilion. There is a little chapel area for weddings. Open until the end of October they are talking about adding on

"Three years ago, we added a greenhouse," Junior said. They celebrated their 140th year as a family-owned Indiana orchard by adding a greenhouse and butterfly garden. This year, they added 500 lavender plants behind their new pavilion.

Dougherty Orchards are family friendly with photo opportunities everywhere. With a 1964 GMC out back and a cool Allis Chalmers crawler out front, there are lots of places for family photos. Today the orchard consists of apples and pears. "The crawler was used to spray apple trees," Junior shared about the vintage machine.

Kids will especially enjoy the petting zoo. They have a highlander sheep named Lavender, a ValaisBlack Nose sheep named Ollie that goes for rides on the gator, and sika deer and more. On their website they detail, "Meet and interact with a variety of friendly farm and exotic animals, including goats, sheep, alpacas, miniature donkeys, and more. You'll have the chance to feed and pet many of the animals."

Dougherty Orchards, 1117 Dougherty Rd, Cambridge City, IN 47327. Contact them via email at doughertyorchards@gmail.com or call (765) 478-5198.



Above: Lavender the highland cow.

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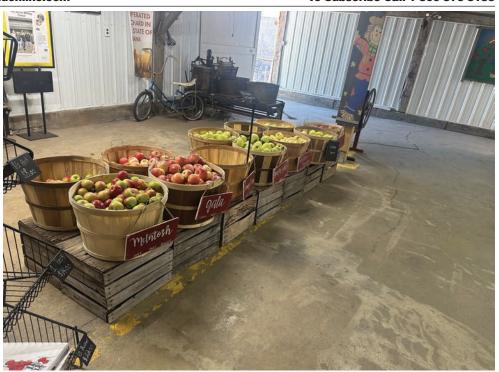
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4-H show box; misc yard and garden tools; misc hardware; Char Broil smoker; Echo CS 370 chain

saw; ext ladders; small tiller; PTO 3 pt 55 gal sprayer; Massey Ferguson hay mower cycle bar;

Millcreek manure spreader - ground driven; 35,000 BTU Reddy Heater; power tools; ladders; misc

hand tools; 2 picnic tables; patio furniture; metal wheelbarrow; B&D battery powered weed eater;

Hardi power lawn and garden sprayer; corn hole board; Werner Little Giant ladder; Craftsman stock

HORSE/TACK: Saddles: McClellen 1904 Army saddle; youth saddle; Saddle King Texas saddle;

Endurance-Competitive saddle; water troughs; outside hay manger; saddle pads and blankets;

COCA-COLA ITEMS/COLLECTIBLE: "O" gauge train set (1989 era, like new, still in

box); original Coca-Cola uniform; Metal cooler; 3 Coca-Cola machines (2) works; 4'x12' metal

Coca-Cola sign; thermometer; small salesmen anvil; wood rocking horse; Longaberger baskets;

small stamp collection; RC car and parts; old TV cabinet; Approximately 20 collectible sewing

HOUSEHOLD: Leather rocker recliner; hospital bed; stereo equipment, Spinnet desk; walker;

2 wood book shelves; 3 pc King size bedroom suite; quilt rack; pine table w/4 chairs; glass front

cabinet; (2) La-Z-Boy Classic matching chairs; love seat couch; coffee table w/glass top; Hoover

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# How your digital life can impact faith and connection

Verses from Mama

By Sandra Sheridan

Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God."

Never underestimate the power of relationships. Every human being was created to connect with others and, on a deeper level, with God Himself. From the beginning, sin separated us from God and complicated all other relationships. Today, technology, instead of solving our intimacy problem, has often made it worse.

The tools we thought would make the world more connected have actually weakened our ability to build meaningful relationships. Instead of bringing peace, technology has often produced more loneliness and anxiety. And I believe it has even hindered our relationship with God.

Research shows that social media often causes heartbreak. While it may appear that we have hundreds of "friends," these interactions are often shallow and unsatisfying.

Many of our "friends" never see our content. Algorithms decide what appears, and even when people do respond, the connection often lacks depth. Despite being more connected than ever, loneliness has become an epidemic.

Face-to-face conversations create a level of intimacy that digital screens cannot duplicate. But the more we rely on technology for relationships, the less capable we become at navigating in-person interactions.

Online, there's no need to read emotions. If we dislike what someone says, we can simply ignore them, or worse, respond with harsh words.

Another challenge is authenticity. Online, we can project a carefully crafted image, hiding our real struggles behind cheerful pictures and clever quotes.

This not only prevents people from truly knowing us, but it also fosters jealousy, comparison and insecurity.

As harmful as technology can be to our human relationships, it also threatens our relationship with God. The constant stimulation of reels and endless scrolling rewires our brains and shortens our attention spans. Information overload can dull our ability

to think deeply, and instant gratification undermines the patience needed to grow spiritually.

But God calls us to something different. He doesn't provide quick reels to keep us entertained. He invites us to meditate on His Word. The Holy Spirit reveals truth through time and stillness. If our brains have been conditioned for speed and distraction, how can we engage in the slow, patient work of knowing Him?

God also calls us to persistent prayer - waiting on His timing and trusting His wisdom. In His economy, there are no shortcuts or self-help hacks. Instead, He promises that those who wait on Him will renew their strength.

We can't turn back the clock, but we can take intentional steps to limit our dependence on technology and create space for God:

- Establish a quiet, technology-free time with Him daily.
- Read from a physical Bible, meditate on Scripture, and memorize verses.
- Pray persistently, waiting on God's timing instead of searching for instant solutions.

We were created for relationship with God and with others. Don't let the enemy win. Choose today to disconnect from the constant noise of technology and reconnect with your Creator and the people around you.

# Spaulding

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#### Wrenching

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the vineyard spreading across 8.5 acres. Scott and his wife Emma have planted 10 different varieties.

The Ekharts met as military pilots during their tenure in the Navy. It was wine tasting in Sicily where their interest in wine peaked. "The Italian countryside is our inspiration," Scott shared.

Back in the Midwest, trying wine was an eyeopener. Scott said he had not realized wine was made here, learning of the grapes that could be grown in this climate, the Ekharts decided to open a vineyard on their farm. "We planted our first set of vines in 2019," Scott said. "This is our seventh year."

On the farm it was fun to see Scott's Massey Ferguson 231 that Scott's dad bought from his brother. They use it for mowing on the farm.

At the winery, they have a tasting room, and outside area where on the weekends they often have a food truck and artists that are touring. Last year, Pilgrimage Wines won seven medals at the Indiana State Fair.

Another agricultural stop is Jones Family Farm located outside of Milton. Pam Jones said they have a pumpkin patch and vegetables fresh from the farm. On their website is the motto they go by. "Be good to the land and the land will be good to you."

After Pam and Adam Jones married, they settled in the house on Pam's family farm. "We came to live in this house. I grew up with uncles that farmed sweet corn."

Remembering that sweet taste that she could never replicate, Pam decided to plant sweet corn at different times, staggering it to make it last. They opened a farmstand. "Everything we sell here, we grow here."

In 2017 Pam decided to go full-time

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with their family farm. They added green beans and tomatoes in 2018. "I got to talk to the customers," she said, loving the face-to-face interaction. Before this, they just had a pickup and paid by honor.

"People like the heirloom tomatoes," Pam said. Growing items for their groceries for her family, she also expanded for her customers. In the spring they offer U-Pick pick strawberries. "This will be our third year for U-Pick."

While they used to sell at farmers' markets Pam said they made the decision to only sell from home, a decision she has never regretted. "We start with green tomatoes and flowers in the spring and fall. We have U-Pick, and I make bouquets."

Like many other farms, they also have vintage equipment like the 1946 GMC truck in the pumpkin field. "I used to take it to the farmer's market," Pam shared adding, "we have a little 8N Ford we use around the farm. Why get new if the old is fine?"

That's how most antique tractor and equipment folks feel about their old iron. Whether checking out agriculture at a farm where they make products, a show at a festival, a museum, orchard, vineyard or farm, there are a variety of ways to enjoy the beauty of fall at ag stops in Eastern Indiana.



**Above:** Scott Eckhart on the family Massey.

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