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Turkey prices up 40 percent this year due to disease, economy

By DOUG SCHMITZ
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WASHINGTON, D.C. – According to a new analysis by the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), economic factors, combined with bird disease challenges, have driven wholesale turkey prices up about 40 percent this year.

“Higher turkey prices are a direct result of tighter turkey supplies caused by birds lost to highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI),” Bernt Nelson, AFBF economist, told Farm World. “Higher turkey prices mean consumers will likely pay more at the grocery store for their Thanksgiving turkey and other turkey products this year.”

The report said U.S. poultry farmers are battling a combination of diseases impacting the industry. This includes HPAI (a highly contagious and often fatal viral disease that affects birds, including poultry, and wild birds), which has affected more than 18 million turkeys since 2022, as well as avian metapneumovirus (AMPV), a highly contagious, viral upper respiratory disease that affects poultry and wild birds.

While detections of HPAI slowed during warmer summer months, the report said fall waterfowl migration and cooler temperatures have led to detections across the Upper Midwest, impacting about 600,000 turkeys in September.

“Fall waterfowl migration season has started, resulting in 15 total detections in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin poultry flocks this month (September) alone, affecting 3.75 million total birds in September,” Nelson said. “Turkeys accounted for 606,600, or about 17 percent, of the birds affected this month (September). With

much of the migration season still ahead, the industry faces the likelihood of additional HPAI cases in the coming weeks.”

He said the National Turkey Federation estimated AMPV was present in 60-80 percent of turkey flocks in 2024, and continues to be a problem.

“AMPV is less lethal than HPAI, and the USDA’s Center for Veterinary Biologics recently allowed the importation of several vaccines,” he said. “Affected birds can also be treated for any secondary infections caused by AMPV, which may reduce the severity of the disease.”

He said one of the greatest impacts of AMPV is a reduction in egg sets for breeders (fertile eggs for hatching chicks) producing the next generation of turkeys to replace losses from HPAI.

“Breeders face a tough road with the risk of egg-laying birds becoming infected with either HPAI, AMPV or both,” he said. “Excellent biosecurity, cleaning and downtime between flock placements are the best tools for prevention and control outside of vaccination.”

He said the USDA’s Turkeys Raised Report, released Sept. 26, estimates 195 million turkeys were raised in 2025, down 3 percent from 2024, and down 36 percent from a peak of about 303 million in 1996. “This marks the lowest estimate in 40 years when 185 million turkeys were raised in 1985, and will lead to higher prices for consumers.”

He said another key indicator is the USDA’s monthly Turkey Hatchery Report, which contains the number of turkey eggs in incubators on the first day of the report month and poults (young turkeys) placed on feed during the previous month.

“These numbers reflect the pipeline that sustains turkey production, even as HPAI and AMPV pressure flocks and challenge supply,” he said. “In addition, poults hatched and poults placed in June 2025 were both 5 percent higher than June 2024. Eggs in incubators in August 2025 were 24.9 million eggs, up 4 percent from July, and the highest number since April.”

However, he said while this is the highest number of eggs in incubators since April, it’s down about 8 percent from 27.16 million five years ago: “This underscores the impact of HPAI and AMPV on layers’ ability to replenish birds lost to disease.”

Although turkey supplies are lower than historical averages, he said demand is also down over the last few

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Above: Never a good sign in the fields, but equipment failures are bound to occur.. Photo by Leondia Walchle

IFB legislative priorities include supporting farms, rural communities

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS – Securing a brighter future for Hoosier farms and rural communities is the focus of Indiana Farm Bureau’s (INFB) priorities for the 2026 session of the state’s General Assembly, according to the organization.

“Last year we were focused on tax legislation with it being a budget year,” Randy Kron, INFB president, said in a release. “This year, we need the General Assembly to consider legislation that will protect farms and rural communities to ultimately ensure safe, affordable food not just for Hoosiers but for people all over the world.”

The USDA has predicted farm debt will total almost \$592 billion this year, up 20 percent from 2022. Kron said INFB is committed to advocating for policies at the local, state and national levels to ensure farmers can keep farming.

INFB’s legislative priorities include encouraging investment in agriculture and supporting the state’s farms and farmers. Another priority is strengthening rural communities.

Under the category of encouraging investment, Katie Nelson, INFB executive director of public policy, told Farm World the organization would love to see legislation that could help improve the economic outlook for farms like tax reform and creating incentives for agricultural diversification.

“Corn and soybean farmers are looking at a third straight year of loss, and many are just hoping to break even this year,” she said. “With year after year of no profit, passing the farm on to the next generation is becoming more difficult. We’d like to see legislation that increases opportunities for young and beginning farmers.”

As for supporting Hoosier farms

and farmers, Nelson said INFB wants to “encourage any land use or zoning legislation to accommodate modern agriculture, directing renewable projects to be built on marginal farmland rather than taking up prime farmland and start prioritizing nuclear energy over other renewable projects.

“Economic development projects can have clear value-add to rural communities, but we must ensure local governments maintain their voice on what projects come to their communities.”

INFB members are interested in implementing penalties for unauthorized unmanned aircraft systems, or drones, over agricultural land and facilities, Nelson explained. She said there is currently little to no protection if a drone flies over a farmer’s property without consent. The organization will be looking at ways to implement civil and criminal penalties for these situations, Nelson added.

Strong rural communities are important for farm bureau members, the organization said.

“Farms and agribusinesses contribute heavily to Indiana’s economy, and those contributions are only made possible by thriving rural communities with infrastructure that can support the local workforce, and allow families to thrive.” INFB said.

The farm bureau said it will encourage investment in those communities with robust education, healthcare and emergency services.

“State leadership has made it a priority to encourage better access to local food and empower producers to meet those needs,” Nelson noted. “We foresee the need for legislation that removes barriers for local food production while balancing the importance of food safety.”

Nelson said she hopes INFB can

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decades, resulting in plenty of turkey for the holiday season.

"The USDA's latest WASDE (World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates) Report projects 4.49 billion pounds of turkey will be consumed or exported in 2025, down 610 million pounds, or 12 percent, from 2015," he said. "According to the National Turkey Federation, Americans consume around 49 million turkeys, or about 1.4 billion pounds of turkey, during the Thanksgiving holiday. This accounts for more than a quarter of total 2025 U.S. turkey production consumed in one day."

He said international trade also plays a role in balancing U.S. turkey supplies, adding U.S. imports of turkey and turkey products have been very consistent.

"The USDA's latest WASDE Report projects about 36 million pounds of turkey will be imported in 2025, down 1 million pounds from last year, and unchanged from a decade ago," he said. "The U.S. imported about 24 million pounds of turkey from Canada in 2024, along with about 12 million pounds from Chile and 4,000 pounds from Mexico. Canada, Chile and Mexico have been the only source countries for turkey imports since 2021."

He added the WASDE Report forecasts 417 million pounds of turkey exports in 2025, up 5 million pounds from last month's estimates, but down 69 million pounds, or about 14 percent, from 2024.

"Mexico was the largest export destination for U.S. turkey in 2024, receiving over 365 million pounds of turkey, or 75 percent of all turkey exports by volume," he said. "Canada was the second-largest destination, receiving about 11.4 million pounds, or 3 percent by volume."

He said the USDA recently forecast the 2025 national average composite wholesale price for a frozen whole hen turkey will be \$1.32 per pound, up 4 cents per pound from September's forecast and up 38 cents per pound, or 40 percent, from the 2024 price of 94 cents: "The 2025 rise in price is a response to lower production with HPAI pressures, combined with steady demand."

While U.S. poultry farmers are

dealing with the broader economic challenges facing the agricultural economy, he said these production challenges shouldn't have any impact on consumers' ability to get turkey, but stressed again they may translate to higher retail prices this holiday season.

AFBF President Zippy Duvall said, "Poultry farmers have demonstrated their resiliency in facing down challenges, but rising supply costs, trade disputes and avian illnesses have all taken their toll. Despite that, poultry remains one of the most affordable sources of protein and you can bet turkey farmers are ensuring birds will be available for this year's Thanksgiving dinner."

Nelson concluded, "Keep an eye out for the results of this year's American Farm Bureau Federation's Thanksgiving Dinner Survey, which will be released Nov. 19. This survey provides prices for a set basket of goods, including turkey and other Thanksgiving favorites, to give shoppers a snapshot of what they can expect to pay as they head to grocery stores to stock up for the big day."

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see legislative success on some of its priorities.

"With it being a non-budget year, obviously the items that don't involve a fiscal commitment are more likely to get accomplished this year," she said. "There seems to be momentum around local food and also increased protection around drones, so we are hopeful to get a win in those areas."

The priorities began at the county level, with each county farm bureau having the opportunity to make policy suggestions, INFB said. The recommendations were eventually heard during the delegate session in August. The INFB board of directors later identified the key issues.

During the annual Organization Day Breakfast on Nov. 18, INFB said its leaders and staff will meet with legislators to talk about the organization's policy priorities for the legislative session.

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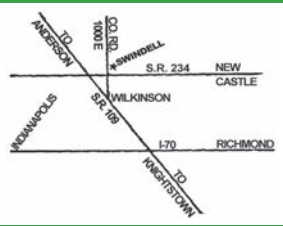
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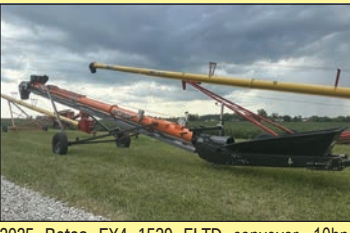
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National FFA Organization receives \$10 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc.

INDIANAPOLIS – National FFA Organization is one of six national organizations to receive a \$10 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. These grants are being awarded through the latest round of Lilly Endowment’s initiative, Character Development Through Youth Programs, which helps youth-serving organizations with a nationwide reach create, test, implement and sustain strategies that support character development in young people ages 5 to 18. This grant will enable National FFA to expand its current efforts of character development to regional and local levels that will benefit states, teachers and students.

“We’re deeply honored to receive this support from Lilly Endowment,” said Ambra Tennery, director of educational programs in the program and events division of the National FFA Organization. “Every day, across all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, our members are learning not just about agriculture, but about responsibility, integrity and service. This grant reinforces the value of those lessons and helps us continue building future leaders who make a difference in their communities.”

In addition to National FFA, other organizations receiving funding in this most recent round of grants were: Camp Fire, Kansas City, Mo.; Outward Bound, Boulder, Colo.; Playworks Education Energized, Oakland, Calif.; Positive Coaching Alliance, Oakland, Calif.; and YWCA USA, Washington,

D.C. In 2024, Lilly Endowment made grants to eight youth-serving organizations through the first round of the Character Development Through Youth Programs initiative.

“These organizations have long histories of supporting young people and helping them grow into healthy, resilient adults,” said Ted Maple, Lilly Endowment’s vice president for education and youth programs. “With their distinctive missions and programs, they are embarking on new creative and strategic approaches to support youth in developing character traits that will enhance their prospects in life and help them develop into responsible citizens who will have a positive impact on the lives of others.”

In 2022, FFA received \$3 million from Lilly Endowment to help strengthen Indiana FFA chapters through teacher professional development, recruitment and retention, curriculum development, and more. With that funding, FFA launched Grow With Us in 2024, a resource for students, parents, guidance counselors, teachers, and administrators interested in learning how agricultural education can positively impact students’ success in school and life after graduation, and how to offer it in their community.



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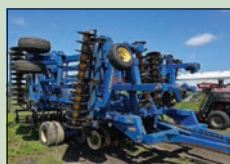
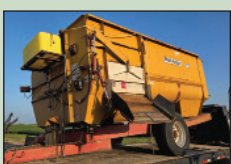
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Soybean supply and demand numbers balance sheets monitored

The U.S. supply and demand numbers for soybeans are starting to get interesting. Many private firms have lowered their soybean crop estimates, with total production coming in closer to 4.2 billion bu. While still a large crop, the USDA is currently indicating a crop of 4.3 bbu, and new crop demand is at 4.351 bbu. What is more notable is this year's soybean carryout is already a tight 300 million bu.

If the U.S. is closer to private estimates, significant rationing will be needed. Right now, only residual usage can realistically be trimmed, and that is a total of 111 mbu. Even export demand outside of China is ahead of average, making the loss of China trade less concerning. The real worry will be if China does start buying soybeans, competing with domestic usage.

The Brazilian planting season is off to a rapid start this year. Dry soils are allowing for a quick planting pace



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

in Brazil, but the need of new crop corn and soybeans is also a likely factor. China has upped its demand for South American corn and soybeans since the start of the trade war with the U.S., and this has cut into those countries' reserves. This came as Brazil has expanded its domestic biofuel capacity, and elevated demand for its own production. As a result, even with expanded plantings this year, additional exports may be limited.

Now that the South American planting season is underway, more attention is falling on weather forecasts in that region of the globe. The Brazilian planting season started out quick on the first corn crop, but soybean planting has been sluggish to advance. Needed rains have failed to develop and farmers are waiting before planting, same as they did last year. Forecasts indicate wetter conditions next week, so any disruption may be limited. This progress is be-

ing closely monitored by China as it may extend the window it needs to make imports for, forcing them to buy from the U.S.

We are also seeing weather concerns build in China, but from excessive rains, not drought. Parts of China have received flooding rains in recent weeks and are now concerned this may impact crop quality. Right now, the greatest concern is mold in standing corn fields. China is reporting better growing conditions for its soybean crop and believe the crop could be larger than currently estimated.

The U.S. attaché in China has revised that country's soybean production estimate, putting the crop at 19.9 million mt. This is just slightly higher than the groups' prior estimate as weather conditions in China have been favorable for soybean production. The attaché held its soybean import forecast steady at 106 mmt this year, 1 mmt less than in the 2024/25 marketing year. China has been cutting the volume of meal it is using in feed rations at the same time the

country starts culling its hog herd, reducing feed demand on a whole.

China has updated its 2025/26 grain production forecasts. China is predicting a corn crop of 298 million metric tons, up 3 mmt from last year's crop. China is only expecting corn imports of 7 mmt this year, well below the 23 mmt the country imported in the 2023/24 marketing year. Consolidation in China's livestock industry is a primary reason for the decline in corn imports, as are improved feeding efficiencies. China held its wheat crop at 140 mmt but raised its imports to 6 mmt, up 1.8 mmt from its last projection.

While the U.S. beef supply is at historically low levels, the market is receiving signs this may start to build. For one, packers are starting to pass along higher costs as their margins have dropped into negative territory. This is coming from the collapse in boxed beef on lower consumer demand.

The United States is also seeing its share on the Chinese beef market drop as tariffs and the expiration of import certificates have greatly impacted demand. Prior to these two events, the U.S. was exporting China a reported \$120 million pounds of beef per month but much of this demand has been replaced with Australian beef. Fortunately, until the U.S. beef inventory gets back to a normal level this loss of demand will have a muted market impact.

The greatest impact on feeder cattle imports is the approval of a vaccine for New World Screwworm. This will speed up the reopening of the border for Mexican feeder cattle imports, which averaged 100,000 head per month prior to the outbreak of that highly contagious disease in Mexican livestock.

We are starting to see U.S. meat packers take extended periods of downtime for much needed maintenance. Many packers have neglected maintenance in recent years as margins were very strong, and they wanted to capture as much as possible. Margins have recently turned negative as the whole sale market is softening while cattle values remain elevated, supported by tight inventories. U.S. supplies of beef and pork remain low, but uncertain demand due to the U.S. economy and export tariffs are becoming more concerning. Given the fact many U.S. packing plants were already running at minimum chain capacity and closures are forecast to be short lived, market reaction may be muted.

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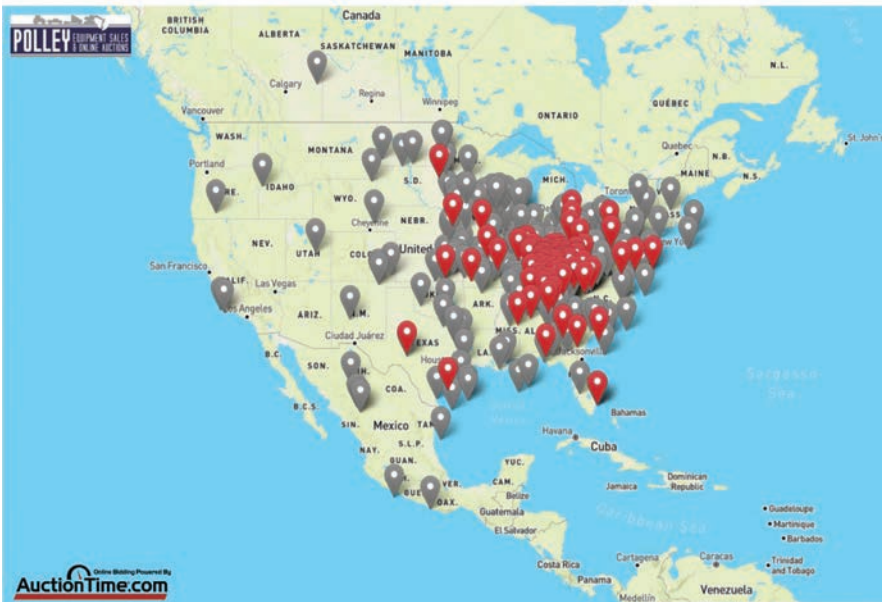
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MARKETS

Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 10/13/2025 - Final AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 10/6/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	906	989	939
Feeder Cattle:	758(83.7%)	830(83.9%)	795(84.7%)
Slaughter Cattle:	142(15.7%)	141(14.3%)	126(13.4%)
Replacement Cattle:	6(0.7%)	18(1.8%)	18(1.9%)

Compared to last Monday the feeder market was stronger with a good quality offering. Feeder steers and heifers 700 lbs and under were 4.00 to 8.00 higher or greater in spots with a good supply, while the yearling steers and heifers were sharply higher with strong demand. Cooler weather conditions and a double digit increase in the futures market has increased buyers interest and the premiums they are willing to pay for weaned and value added feeders. Slaughter cows were 4.00 to 6.00 higher with a good supply and slaughter bulls were steady to 2.00 higher with good demand. Supply included: 84% Feeder Cattle (26% Steers, 0% Dairy Steers, 53% Heifers, 17% Bulls, 3% Beef/Dairy Steers); 16% Slaughter Cattle (2% Steers, 80% Cows, 18% Bulls); 1% Replacement Cattle (80% Bred Cows, 20% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 56%.

Groups of 20 Head or More			
STEERS	HEIFERS		
58 Hd 70% Black/XBRED	744 lbs 398.00	57 Hd Black/BWF	591 lbs 399.00
76 Hd 60% Black/XBRED	662 lbs 368.00		
24 Hd Beef on Dairy	798 lbs 315.00	70 Hd Black/BWF	780 lbs 359.75

FEEDER CATTLE

STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	400-435	418	401.00-412.50	406.99	
10	460-490	482	395.00-421.00	411.43	
2	460	460	453.00	453.00 Fancy	
4	526-540	530	375.00-394.00	389.16	
9	500-540	528	411.00-430.00	420.02 Value Added	
6	580-593	590	359.00-379.00	374.35	
14	550-598	586	391.00-411.00	405.74 Value Added	
4	600-645	615	350.00-365.00	357.52	
9	641-649	645	383.00-384.00	383.44 Value Added	
16	650-695	676	367.00-372.00	369.17	
9	673	673	393.50	393.50 Value Added	
1	730	730	341.00	341.00	
70	720-744	743	371.00-398.00	395.17 Value Added	
3	761	761	389.00	389.00 Value Added	
6	818-835	821	337.00-355.00	350.73	
2	915	915	344.00	344.00	

STEERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	300-335	318	365.00-377.50	370.91	
5	422-445	433	382.00-397.50	389.28	
1	470	470	390.00	390.00	
1	510	510	362.50	362.50	
4	600-620	614	330.00-341.00	334.71	

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	550	550	257.50	257.50	
1	645	645	287.50	287.50	

DAIRY STEERS - Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	450	450	280.00	280.00	
1	1105	1105	146.00	146.00	

BEEF/DAIRY STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
24	798	798	315.00	315.00	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	170	170	405.00	405.00	
1	250	250	385.00	385.00	
1	365	365	372.00	372.00	
8	405-430	412	361.00-382.50	375.62	
4	415-440	428	389.00	389.00 Fancy	
11	450-495	469	355.00-370.00	363.88	
7	460-495	484	380.00-395.00	390.02 Fancy	
4	505-535	519	340.00-359.00	353.08	
14	500-537	518	367.50-380.00	372.86 Value Added	
18	550-585	564	342.50-366.00	356.93	
3	570-597	588	370.00-374.00	372.71 Guaranteed Open	
57	595	595	399.00	399.00 Value Added	
7	600-632	614	325.00-341.00	335.38	
1	605	605	271.00	271.00 Fleshy	
14	605-630	614	354.00-371.00	364.43 Value Added	
3	670-685	675	321.00-342.50	328.27	
76	662	662	368.00	368.00 Value Added	
5	713-730	716	318.00-329.00	320.24	
5	750-763	758	300.00-313.00	305.15	
70	780	780	359.75	359.75 Value Added	
1	875	875	302.00	302.00 Guaranteed Open	
1	925	925	262.00	262.00	
2	960	960	267.00	267.00	
1	1030	1030	245.00	245.00	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	290	290	351.00	351.00	
6	305-335	318	330.00-361.00	342.97	
1	380	380	351.00	351.00	
3	476	476	339.00	339.00	
1	540	540	330.00	330.00	
4	555-575	566	320.00-335.00	327.23	
5	600-645	623	300.00-320.00	311.10	
5	660-672	669	309.00-315.00	311.61	
5	700-715	711	287.50-297.00	290.78	
1	990	990	220.00	220.00	
HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	345	345	297.50	297.50	

1	360	360	310.00	310.00
2	432	432	310.00	310.00
5	560-577	570	280.00-300.00	295.56
HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	495	495	300.00	300.00
1	590	590	290.00	290.00
2	720-745	733	290.00-292.50	291.27
3	888	888	261.00	261.00
2	975	975	245.00	245.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	275-285	282	410.00-437.50	425.18
1	265	265	485.00	485.00 Fancy
1	315	315	395.00	395.00
5	350-392	378	380.00-389.00	385.33
2	425-440	433	397.50-410.00	403.64
11	460-483	479	389.00-407.50	396.66
11	510-540	516	350.00-361.00	355.86
7	545	545	375.00	375.00 Fancy
8	565-595	578	341.00-357.00	345.46
1	550	550	370.00	370.00 Fancy
1	625	625	320.00	320.00
12	665-690	683	313.00-335.00	319.43
7	706-735	716	299.00-326.00	315.57
1	1095	1095	188.00	188.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	215	215	377.50	377.50
1	265	265	392.50	392.50
3	325-340	333	352.50-375.00	363.29
3	360-365	363	350.00-365.00	355.02
4	410-422	419	360.00-371.00	363.95
5	450-480	457	350.00-375.00	367.08
5	505-535	524	312.50-336.00	321.08
4	550-580	569	310.00-331.00	322.93
1	635	635	302.00	302.00
2	765-790	778	282.50-292.50	287.58
1	895	895	212.00	212.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	380	380	340.00	340.00
1	490	490	300.00	300.00
1	510	510	303.00	303.00
2	550-595	573	280.00-289.00	284.32
1	695	695	220.00	220.00

BULLS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	365	365	380.00	380.00
1	595	595	340.00	340.00
1	605	605	280.00	280.00

BULLS - Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	450	450	342.50	342.50 Fleshy

BULLS - Medium 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	535	535	260.00	260.00
1	685	685	231.00	231.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

STEERS - Select and Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
2	1365-1375	1370	181.00-193.00	186.98	Average

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
8	1295-1590	1469	161.00-168.00	164.80	Average
16	1365-1860	1557	170.00-185.00	175.39	High

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
24	1025-1490	1236	158.00-169.00	163.26	Average
18	1025-1610	1261	170.00-188.00	173.71	High

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
17	665-1410	1063	135.00-152.00	144.87	Average
14	810-1340	1084	156.00-175.00	165.30	High
1	1085	1085	185.00	185.00	High
					Return to Feed
1	905	905	127.00	127.00	Low

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
8	1015-1920	1477	180.00-194.00	187.81	Average
10	1510-2250	1824	197.00-209.00	203.71	High
4	1400-1810	1668	153.00-175.00	166.83	Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5	T2	1	1090	1090	2100.00	2100.00
>8	T1	1	1155	1155	1800.00	1800.00
>8	T2	2	990-1050	1020	2025.00	2025.00

BRED HEIFERS - Medium 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T2	1	805	805	1775.00	1775.00

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Shell Egg Report

Report for: 10/05/2025 - 10/11/2025					
National Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
	Price	Average	Price	Last	
Class	Range	Price	Change	Reported	
				(10/3/2025)	
Extra Large	142.00 - 170.00	157.88	0.00	157.88	
Large	141.00 - 162.00	151.69	0.00	151.69	
Medium	133.00 - 154.00	144.00	0.00	144.00	
Midwest Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
	Price	Average	Price	Last	
Class	Range	Price	Change	Reported	
				(10/3/2025)	
Extra Large	142.00 - 151.00	146.50	0.00	146.50	
Large	141.00 - 150.00	145.50	0.00	145.50	
Medium	133.00 - 142.00	137.50	0.00	137.50	
Delivered Store Door, White, Cents Per Dozen					
	Price	Average	Price	Last	
Class	Range	Price	Change	Reported	
				(10/3/2025)	
Extra Large	149.00 - 157.00	153.00	0.00	153.00	
Large	147.00 - 155.00	151.00	0.00	151.00	
Medium	139.00 - 147.00	143.00	0.00	143.00	
Paid to Producers - FOB, White, Cents Per Dozen					
	Price	Average	Price	Last	
Class	Range	Price	Change	Reported	
				(10/3/2025)	
Large	123.00 - 133.00	128.00	0.00	128.00	
Medium	115.00 - 119.00	117.00	0.00	117.00	
Small	51.00 - 57.00	54.00	-2.00	56.00	
Northeast Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
	Price	Average	Price	Last	
Class	Range	Price	Change	Reported	
				(10/3/2025)	
Extra Large	149.00 - 167.00	158.00	0.00	158.00	
Large	143.00 - 157.00	150.00	0.00	150.00	
Medium	135.00 - 148.00	141.50	0.00	141.50	
South Central Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
	Price	Average	Price	Last	
Class	Range	Price	Change	Reported	
				(10/3/2025)	
Extra Large	161.50 - 170.00	165.75	0.00	165.75	
Large	153.50 - 162.00	157.75	0.00	157.75	
Medium	145.50 - 154.00	149.75	0.00	149.75	
Southeast Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
	Price	Average	Price	Last	
Class	Range	Price	Change	Reported	
				(10/3/2025)	
Extra Large	157.50 - 165.00	161.25	0.00	161.25	
Large	150.00 - 157.00	153.50	0.00	153.50	
Medium	143.50 - 151.00	147.25	0.00	147.25	

Explanatory Notes: Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, white eggs in cartons.
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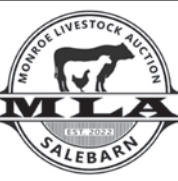
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For Week Ending Friday, October 10, 2025

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs firm and slaughter ewes firm.		Billings: 82.00-88.00.	
All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.		Ft. Collins: 80.00-115.00.	
Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-3		Kalona: 105.00-135.00.	
San Angelo: 70-80 lbs 240.00; 80-90 lbs 205.00-220.00; 90-100 lbs 187.00; 100-110 lbs 172.00. 130-140 lbs 184.00-215.00.		Equity Coop: No test.	
New Holland: 90-100 lbs 285.00-295.00; 100-110 lbs 280.00-285.00.		Sioux Falls: 80.00.	
Billings: No test.		Buffalo, MO: No test.	
Ft. Collins: 40-50 lbs 322.50; 50-60 lbs 300.00-310.00; 70-80 lbs 282.50; 90-100 lbs 245.00-247.50; 100-110 lbs 205.00-217.50; 110-120 lbs 200.00-220.00; 120-130 lbs 207.50-210.00; 130-140 lbs 230.00.		Missouri: 105.00-110.00.	
Kalona: 50-60 lbs 335.00; 60-70 lbs 290.00-305.00; 70-80 lbs 230.00-235.00; 80-90 lbs 245.00-250.00; 90-100 lbs 220.00-235.00.		Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1: No test.	
Equity Coop: No test.		San Angelo: No test.	
Sioux Falls: 50-60 lbs 230.00-245.00; 60-70 lbs 230.00-272.50; 70-80 lbs 230.00-270.00; 80-90 lbs 220.00-245.00; 90-100 lbs 210.00-237.50; 100-110 lbs 210.00; 110-120 lbs 210.00-235.00; 120-130 lbs 225.00-243.00; 130-140 lbs 225.00-243.00; 140-150 lbs 236.00-246.00; 150-160 lbs 215.00-247.00.		Billings: 30-40 lbs 312.50; 40-050 lbs 275.00-305.00; 50-60 lbs 255.00-282.00; 60-70 lbs 244.00-255.00; 70 80 lbs 225.00-247.00; 80-90 lbs 210.00-229.00; 90 100 lbs 195.00-207.50; 100-110 lbs 193.00-197.00; 110-120 lbs 191.00-196.00.	
Buffalo, MO: No test.		Sioux Falls: 40-50 lbs 235.00.	
Missouri: No test.		Buffalo, MO: No test.	
Arkansas: No test.		Missouri: No test.	
Equity Coop: No test.		Ft. Collins: No test.	
Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3: San Angelo: 86.00-118.00. New Holland: 110.00-130.00.		Kalona: No test.	
		Equity Coop: No test.	
		Arkansas: No test.	
		Sioux Falls: No test.	
		Buffalo, MO: No test.	

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 37,000 compared to 35,000 last week and 37,989 last year.
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Pigeons	\$4-\$5.75	81-100# Lambs	Fat Cattle
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	389		20-45#
			46-65#
			63



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Feeder Pigs: N/A	
Boars: 1 \$0.12 High \$0.12 Avg.	
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Bf. /Crs. Vl #2: 12 \$1000 High \$561 Avg.	
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Jersey Cross: 3 \$425 High \$275 Avg.	
Beef Feeders: 5 \$4.10 High \$2.79 Avg.	
Cull Cows: 7 \$1.59 High \$1.38 Avg.	
Bulls: 1 \$1.70 High \$1.70 Avg.	
Fat Cattle: 1 \$1.79 High \$1.79 Avg.	
Brd Cows & Sprgs: N/A	
Sheep Ram: N/A	
Sheep Ewe: N/A	
Lamb 0-60: N/A	
Lamb 86-100: N/A	
Goat Wethers: N/A	
Goat Billys: N/A	
Total_Hd. Cnt: 88	

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Quail: 14 \$2.00 High \$1.87 Avg.
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Senators seek to update commercial driver's license regs for farmers

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Sens. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) are seeking to modernize what they called outdated regulations holding back America's farmers and producers by allowing them to renew their Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs) online and update classifications for farm equipment through their Seasonal Agriculture CDL Modernization Act.

Ernst and Moran are members of the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, and Moran is also a member of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee. The senators said the bill would authorize online renewal for restricted CDLs for farm-related service industries.

Introduced by Ernst and Moran in September, the bill would also alleviate unnecessary restrictions and penalties by clarifying that agricultural-related equipment does not contribute to vehicle weight calculations, the senators added.

"When harvest season comes around, our farmers have enough on their plates," Ernst said. "They shouldn't have to spend valuable time navigating bureaucratic red tape that hinders their work in the field and on the roads.

"My Seasonal Agriculture CDL Modernization Act would update outdated regulations by ensuring seasonal restricted CDL registrations and renewals can be filed online, and providing more flexibility for folks driving vehicles specifically designed for the farm," she added. "Let's hit the gas and remove these regulatory speed bumps to ensure Iowa farmers and agricultural suppliers can easily transport what they need to operate effectively."

Moran said, "Our legislation would modernize the requirements for sea-

sonal agricultural commercial driver's licenses, making it easier for producers to renew their CDL, and safely transport farm equipment and machinery during harvest."

Richard Gupton, Agricultural Retailers Association senior vice president of public policy and counsel, said, "By allowing increased load capacities, it addresses driver shortages, reduces trips, and ensures timely delivery of essential goods – all while maintaining transportation safety."

Julie Kenney, Agribusiness Association of Iowa, CEO, said by providing a federal definition clarifying the use of

agricultural implements of husbandry, "this bill reduces unnecessary regulatory burdens and ensures regulations better reflect the unique needs of today's agricultural industry and equipment."

Mike Steenhoek, Soy Transportation Coalition executive director, told Farm World, farmers have a long track record of being safe, responsible transporters of agricultural products.

"Any opportunity to streamline the process for farmers getting their CDLs would be valuable to the industry," he said. "We appreciate Senator Ernst and Moran for their leadership in promoting tangible solutions for America's farmers."

Ryan Steffensen, Iowa Corn Promotion Board District 4 director, chair of the Iowa Corn Exports and Grain Trade Committee, and Guthrie Center, Iowa, farmer, told Farm World, "As a farmer, having the ability to update my Commercial Driver's Licenses online would save me valuable time that I could instead spend on the farm.

"The updated regulations proposed in the Seasonal Agriculture CDL Modernization Act would streamline the renewal process and modernize classifications for farm equipment, leading to fewer trips and helping to address labor shortages on farms," he said.

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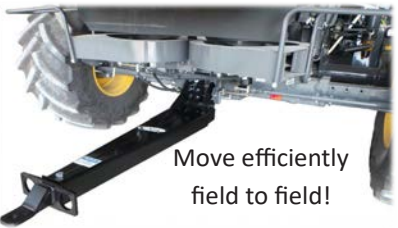
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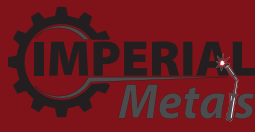


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Kettle corn company a hot FFA fundraiser

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

SALEM, Ohio - Fundraisers by FFA chapters across the country have included tractor pulls, flower sales, raffles, dinners, donkey basketball and Valentine's Day deliveries.

A few years ago, Clay Winland, owner and operator of Winland Catering and Concessions, entered the scene by offering Winland's Crazy Kernel Kettle Corn as a fundraiser for Ohio FFA programs.

Winland, a former FFA student, is a fixture at many county fair across the Buckeye State, selling tenderloins, steak burgers and French fries - and of course, kettle corn.

"My favorite part of the whole entire thing is delivering the kettle corn to see the different FFA programs around," Winland said. "We have some fantastic ag programs in the state, and just to be able to see them - that's probably my favorite part. It's enjoyable seeing programs get excited to make money."

Agriculture was already in Winland's blood. He was a chapter president of West Muskingum FFA in high school and served as an FFA adviser and ag teacher at Philo High School. His wife, Julie, was a member of Tri-Valley FFA. Both were in 4-H as kids.

He began selling food at fairs in 2017, offering up tenderloins and steak from his trailer. In a short time, he expanded, adding three more trailers for French fries, corn dogs and kettle corn. He quit his teaching job in 2019 to pursue his business full-time. But then, COVID-19 struck in 2020.

Many fairs and festivals that Winland catered to were canceled that year, and his business nearly came to a stop. The Winlands also discovered that the pandemic affected FFA chapters in many ways. Chapters' many community events were shelved and many chapters resorted to virtual learning to fill that time. All this led to the couple thinking about FFA programs and what they must be going through. They saw the suffering and wanted to lend a hand.

"When I taught ag, I realized a lot of the corporate fundraising companies don't give the kids back much money," he said. "A lot of schools pump all their money into sports and athletics instead of these programs. We wanted to help these FFA programs."

The Winlands created a fundraiser

through their kettle corn business where 40 percent of the proceeds go back to local FFA chapters. After gaining permission from the Ohio FFA Foundation, he pitched his fundraiser to several FFA chapters. Today, FFA, 4-H and non-affiliated school programs in several Ohio counties are using Crazy Kernel Kettle Corn as their fundraiser.

After receiving orders for the kettle corn, Winland and his family deliver the 20-inch bags to schools within three days of popping the corn. The bags sell for \$10, with four dollars going back to the chapters.

Schools in the Ohio counties of Carroll, Tuscarawas, Guernsey, Noble, Muskingum, Perry, Licking, Morgan, Paulding, Seneca, Clark, Fulton, DeFiance, Holmes, Wayne, Pickaway and Ross are using the kettle corn as their fundraiser.

"We've had 4-H groups as small as 12 kids earn \$1,500 and one 4-H girl from Utica, Ohio, sold 137 bags, raising \$548 for her 4-H group," Winland said.

Winland offers six flavors of popcorn: cinnamon butter, cinnamon roll, original kettle corn, caramel apple, movie

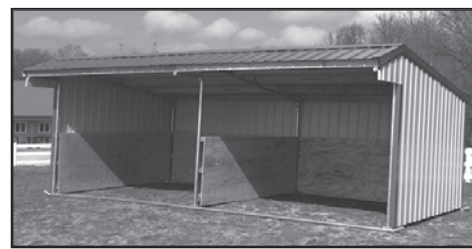
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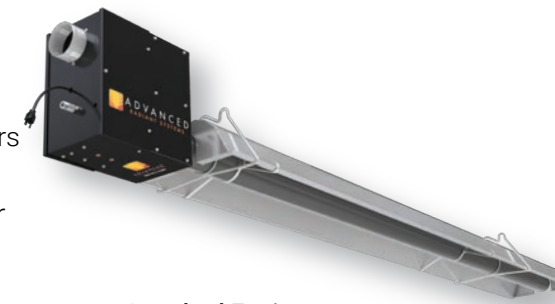
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Above: Winland's Crazy Kernel Kettle Corn is a common sight at county fairs and festivals in Ohio. Now, it's a fundraiser for Ohio FFA programs. (photo submitted)

Kettle

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theater butter (sugar-free) and caramel kettle corn.

"There's not that many groups targeting ag programs like we are, but we're just big fans," Winland said. "I'm hopeful both my kids will join their FFA when

the time comes because it was good to us when we were in school."

According to the National FFA Organization, some frequent and popular FFA fundraisers include online auctions, farm-to-table dinners, yard sales, water bottle fundraisers, bake sales, bingo nights, read-a-thons, tractor rides, pie sales and ugly truck contests.

According to Julie Woodard, senior manager, communications, for the National FFA Organization, various fundraisers in the past have helped FFA chapters in the Farm World readership area.

"In Ohio, the Valley View MVCTC-FFA hosted a school-wide duck hunt to support the local food pantry," Woodard said. "The officers hid ducks around the school and students purchased duck licenses to hunt them. In Illinois, Carlinville FFA collected milk caps to recycle, turning the proceeds into park benches for its school. The Mason FFA Chapter in Mason, Mich., tapped maple trees and collected the sap to make pure maple syrup and sell it."



Above: As if vegetables weren't enough to keep this energetic teenager busy, Lily Roadcap has a small greenhouse on the premise where she tends to an assortment of flowers. (photo submitted)

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Above: This combine is one of a dozen used to harvest the soybean crop for a Michigan farm family grieving the loss of a loved one.

Local farmers gathered to help harvest for family after tragedy

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

LITCHFIELD, Mich. —Farmers in Michigan harvested the entire soybean crop at the Brooks family farm, which had been left shorthanded due to the death of one of the family members.

More than 25 people brought their own combines, trucks and crews and were able to harvest the entire 400 acres in about four hours on Oct. 6.

Steve Brooks, 65, died in late June after falling from a ladder.

Farmer Keith Blonde, who came up with the idea, said the family’s reaction made the effort totally worth it. The farms of Brooks and Blonde are next to each other and have been in the same families for nearly 100 years.

“I feel good about it. They really, really appreciated it,” said Blonde.

Blonde 72, along with his son and grandson raise corn and soybeans on about 3,000 acres along with 12,000 hogs in Litchfield in the south central part of the state near Battle Creek.

“Steve was a really hard worker. He loved to farm. He was a great person,” Blonde said.

Blonde said he came up with the idea to ease the pressure on Brooks’ still grieving father, Addison, who plans to bring in the hundreds of acres of corn at the family farm himself with help from employees.

He has more time to do it now that members of the farming community of about 1,400 people harvested the soybeans.

“I just felt like if there was something we could do for his dad to help so they can get an earlier start on their corn,” Blonde said.

Blonde was pleased at how people reacted when approached about lending the family a hand.

“There wasn’t a single person that said no. They all said, yes, we’d love to help,” he said.

The Andersons, Inc., local buyers of grain with an elevator to store it, bought sandwiches for the volunteers to eat once they were finished harvesting the soybeans.

The company, which also provides seed and has a fertilizer division, sprayed the soybeans for the family shortly after the death of Steve.

Blonde said what stands out to him the most about Brooks was his ability to “fix anything” and his love for working on the several antique John Deere tractors he kept at the farm.

According to his obituary, Brooks was a member of the Litchfield High School Class of 1977 and graduate of Michigan State University’s College of Agriculture.

He and his siblings were also 4-H members through childhood.

Brooks was described by family members in his obituary as being known for having a “goofy personality” and “dry sense of humor.”

He also took part in the annual Mackinac Bridge Tractor Crossing with his father.

Brooks was survived by his wife of 42 years, Dawn, along with three children and 11 grandchildren.

“Very well respected family in the community,” Blonde said.

The family of Steve Brooks would like to thank the following people who helped with the harvest: Randy and Chris Brooks-Brooks Farm Jonesville; Scott Brooks Farms; Terry and Jessie Rice Farms; Terry and Tye Finnegan Farms; Don Sparks; Doug and Kevin Wildt Farms; Brent, Trent, Brandon, and Danny Chamberlain Farms; Bruce and Jeremy Crandall Farms; Keith and Linda K&L Blonde Farms; Brad and Cody C&B Blonde Farms; Bruce and Adam Blonde Farms; Larry Knuth; Mark and Patrick Kies Farms; Colin Munsell; Tom Hughes; Todd and Chris Landis Farms; Adam Towers, and Jim Caldwell.

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"The reason I like that in Indiana and for states similar to Indiana, where you don't have as many cattle, and so there's not a plethora of rates. You can't go to your neighbor and say, well, what are you renting your pasture for? Their neighbor might not have any pasture."

In that scenario, Langemeier suggested looking at states with a lot of cow calf pair rental rates, such as Nebraska and Kansas.

The economists said other things to consider when setting pasture cash rents are who provides upkeep and if water is available.

The first question is always who provides control of noxious weeds and unwanted brush, Jansen said.

"The thing we always tell people in our meetings, from what we can tell based on our phone calls, it's always the other party," he stated. "It's always someone else. It's not me, it's them."

It's easier to negotiate a lease if the property is well maintained, Jansen said. For example, if a fence is already well established, little work needs to be done. But if a quarter mile of the fence needs replaced, those materials are a landowner expense because if

the tenant vacates, that tenant is not going to remove a barbed wire fence, he said.

Landowners might consider offering a discount if tenants use their own equipment, such as a skid steer or tractor, to repair the fence. The cash rent could be discounted over the next year or more, Jansen said.

As for noxious weeds, Langemeier said if the tenant is responsible for maintaining those weeds and there's no cost share on herbicides, the tenant shouldn't be paying as much rent. He mentioned other situations in which a rate adjustment might be necessary.

"If he's responsible wholly for the fencing, he shouldn't be paying as much," Langemeier said. "Another factor that we sometimes talk about (in) various regions, the Corn Belt and also the Plains, is the quality of the grass. We get into is it native, is it improved pasture? But also just some simple things like eyeballing it and say, 'it that fair? Is that good?' and maybe make some (rental) adjustments related to that."

Jansen said other things to be negotiated on grazing land are what happens in the case of a disaster such as fire, hail and drought. Also, would the land be available for hunting.

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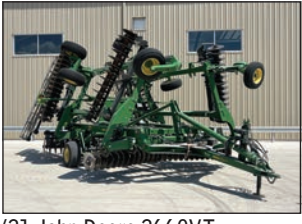


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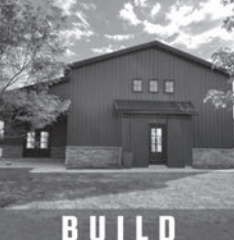




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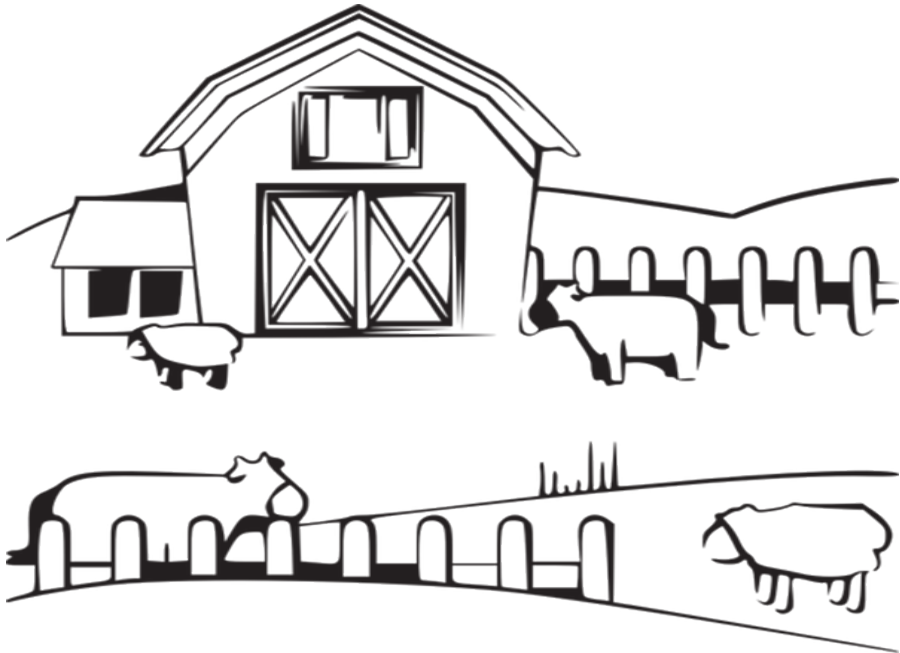
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Northern Ohio farms is now offering you-pick chestnuts

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

CONNEAUT, Ohio – Nearly everyone knows about you-pick strawberries and you-pick apples. But you-pick chestnuts?

Those living in and around Cleveland, Ohio, are already familiar with Northridge Blueberries, a go-to farm along the banks of Lake Erie known for pick-your-own and pre-picked blueberries.

Now, the farm offers you-pick chestnuts, choosing from 100 chestnut trees on the grounds. The business is now called Northridge Blueberries & Chestnuts.

Owners Julia Barton and Patrick Turner are experienced farmers. They have operated Octagon Acres Farm in Conneaut for the past 10 years. Julia and her family raise Soay and American Jacob sheep, grow certified-organic vegetables and seedlings on their farm along the Lake Erie shoreline. And now, add chestnuts to their list.

When they saw the Northridge farm for sale this past summer, they had to check it out. Soon after they became owners.

"It's a really special farm with several acres of chestnut trees," Barton said. "We worked really hard clearing the orchard so we could offer a you-pick chestnut season."

The chestnut season is under way. Barton expects it to run through the end of October as more chestnuts ripen.

No tree climbing is necessary or allowed at the farm. Protective gloves are used by pickers, who can wander among 13 rows of trees over 5 acres, collecting chestnuts from spiny burrs that have fallen from the trees. Sturdy gloves are used to nudge open the tiny outer shells and collect their two or three nuts.

"We're excited to offer a tree-nut crop locally," said Barton, who sells her chestnuts for \$4.70 a pound for pick-your-own or \$5.80 a pound pre-picked.

Beyond her own farm, Barton is the farmer services director at the Organic Farmers Association, where she champions policies that strengthen and support certified organic producers nationwide.

Northridge Blueberries & Chestnuts is open from 4-7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Buckets are provided. The farm is at 497 West Main Road in Conneaut.

About an hour's drive west of Conneaut in Cleveland is Buckeye Chestnuts, another family-run, self-pick and grab n' go Chinese chestnut farm. Operated and owned by Alan and Diane Apelt, the farm has been in production and selling chestnuts for five seasons. Their self-pick season is done, but they have plenty of grab n' go for customers.

In 2000, Alan and Diane turned their greenhouses into a hydroponic cucumber operation after having grown tomatoes for many years.



Above: When roasting chestnuts, the shells curl back, signifying they're roasted long enough. (Paris Wolfe photo)

Their three grown sons chose career paths away from the greenhouse industry, putting the family at a crossroads of sort. That's when the entire family decided to continue to use the land for farming by planting 400 Chinese chestnut trees, and in 2017 started what is now known as Buckeye Chestnuts, LLC.

Some enjoy chestnuts raw and crunchy. Others prefer roasting them in a fire, oven or microwave and enjoy

their heat-sweetened, softer offering. Some prefer to boil the nuts.

"The chestnut trees are the easiest to manage on a day-to-day basis by myself," Alan said.

Due to the maturity of the chestnut trees, 2020 was the first year that Buckeye Chestnuts had a successful harvest. Approximately 100 pounds of chestnuts went to market

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that year. In 2021, they doubled the harvest with continued growth.

Buckeye Chestnuts is at 4555 Grayton Road in Cleveland.

Jennifer Thornton, owner of Buttercream & Olive Oil cooking school in nearby North Royalton, is a huge fan of chestnuts. She uses them to make fillings and doughs.

“Chestnuts have a rich, earthy flavor that to me evokes autumn and the holidays,” Thornton said. “Their natural, slight sweetness goes so well in European desserts. When I lived in France, I would always indulge with one box of organic marrons glaces (a candied chestnut treat) at Christmas. In France, you knew the seasons were changing when you would smell chestnuts roasting from the street vendors.”

Thornton has been ordering chestnut puree from Fance and chestnut flour from Italy, but also sources locally from these two chestnut farms.

“We like to go the extra mile in our



Above: Chestnuts grow in a spiny burr, then fall to the ground when ripe. (photo submitted)

shop, choosing local and pick-your-own seasonal items to incorporate into our specialty pastries,” Thornton said. “It’s certainly more laborious, but folks appreciate the traditions that it brings back.”



Above: Julia Barton and her son, Parker, sell pre-picked chestnuts or a you-pick option Northridge Chestnuts in Conneaut, Ohio. (Photo submitted)

2025 Organic Farming Conference scheduled for November in Ohio

By Susan Mykrantz
Ohio Correspondent

MOUNT HOPE, Ohio – Soil health and dairy farm profitability will be among the topics for the 2025 Organic Farming Conference. The conference is Nov. 6-7 at the Mount Hope Event Center, 8076 SR 241, Mount. Hope.

Again this year, the planning committee focused less on a theme for the conference and more on helping producers find ways to improve their operations, according to Adam Yoder. Yoder operates an organic dairy farm near Charm, milking 35 head of Holsteins and is a member of the conference planning committee.

“The conference is geared toward people who are in the business of production agriculture,” Yoder said. “Agriculture is ever evolving.”

He said the goal of the conference is to help producers be profitable and with that in mind, this year’s conference features a mix of speakers in both

the production side of agriculture and the business side of agriculture.

“We wanted to bring in a mix of speakers from executive level speakers to give a business perspective,” he said. “We wanted people with an agricultural perspective. We also want to bring in a mix of speakers that are local, from surrounding states and from a national level.

“We don’t want to lose our culture, but we are running a business and if we lose that, we are done. We want to support that way of life.”

Yoder added that a benefit of the conference is the opportunity for speakers to share new ideas with producers – the goal is to encourage and motivate them.

“They need to continue to tweak their operation or they aren’t going to make it,” he said.

Yoder said the trade show continues to grow and attract new vendors and new products. A new addition to this

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The conference opens on Nov. 6 at 8:30 a.m. with an overview of the day followed at 8:45 a.m. by a choice of presentations from Greg Bachman on “Starting a Dairy Farm from Scratch” or Direct Marketing by Brian Buckley, Jorgensen Farms. Bachman will share how they grew their operation from a single cow to their current herd of 70 cows, while Buckley will share tips on growing produce for the market and creating a unique experience for the customer.

Other morning sessions include a choice of “Carbonomics-The Amazing

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Afternoon sessions include a dairy panel on farm succession, timber management and how to get started in organic produce.

On Nov. 7, sessions begin at 8:45 a.m. with a presentation by Jordan Settlege on “Grazing Against the Grain” or “Organic Tree Fruit Production” by Isaac Yoder, Sunny Slope Orchards.

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The morning presentations will conclude with sessions on “Living the Life” by Aaron Hershberger, or a panel on growing organic vegetables with Raymond Weaver, James Otto and Marion Otto, with Aaron Weaver as the moderator.

Organic home sessions for the day include The Home Organized, Savory Soups and Freezer Food Prep.

In the afternoon, sessions on such topics as grassfed dairy, dairy economics and record keeping, and organic goats are planned.

The deadline for early-bird registrations is Oct. 25, 2025. The cost of the conference before Oct. 25 for one day is \$25 per person and \$35 per person after the 25th. The cost of the conference for both days is \$40 per person before Oct. 25 and \$50 per person after. Registrations may also be made at the door. Children 5 and under are free. The planning committee wants the conference to be family-friendly with a room available for mothers to feed or tuck their babies down for naps, with sleeping cribs and rocking chairs included.

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Indiana Correspondent

As of press time, HPAI had been found in five flocks totaling more than 22,600 ducks in Elkhart and LaGrange counties. Birds at two of the sites – one in each county – had been destroyed, according to the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH). The first detection was announced by BOAH Oct. 9, the second the next day, and three more were announced Oct. 13.

The five Indiana sites have been placed under quarantine, and 10 6.2 mile control areas and 12.4 mile surveillance zones have been established,

The ongoing HPAI event – which began in Dubois County, Ind., in February 2022 – is the largest animal health emergency in the nation’s history, BOAH

"The Elkhart-LaGrange area is particularly dense in poultry farms, so concern is running high," she said. "Several hundred poultry farms are impacted by the control areas and surveillance zones around the five affected farms. That requires a lot of coordination for surveillance testing and permits to move birds and products on and off of farms to ensure continuity of business."

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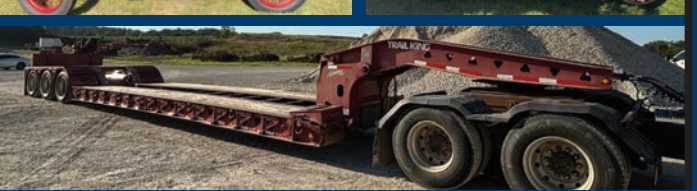
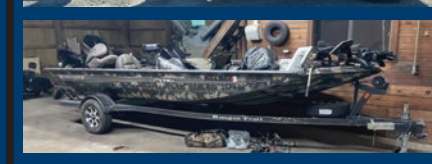
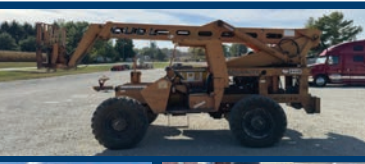
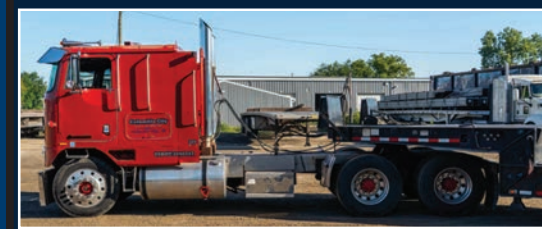
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Barn tour shares history of LaGrange County, Ind.

LA GRANGE COUNTY, Ind. – The Indiana Barn Foundation's LaGrange County Barn Tour was Sept. 13, 2025. Sonya Harman-Nash, the director of Visit Shipshewana, explained a bit about this tour. "We are excited to share the story and rich history in LaGrange County to elevate the stories of families, farms and the farmers and barns that still today provide a livelihood of farming in this community and nation."

The barn tour was sponsored by the Indiana Barn Foundation, which they said is "Preserving Indiana's heritage, one barn at a time."

While the official barn tour took place on the 13th, there were a couple of tours open on the 12th. One was the Stutzman Dairy Barn. you Harry Stutzman, Jr. opened the barn of his Amish dairy for tours. "This building was built with a crane and pushing poles and ropes," he shared.

At one time the barn burned and then they had a barn raising. The Stutzman family took over the oper-



WRENCING TALES
By Cindy Ladage

ation in the 1980s. Everything changed in 2006 when Stutzman talked to his boys about the future of the operation. "We got together and expanded the herd."

They modernized the farm, and it is now part of the Northern Indiana Dairy Trail. Stutzman said, "We had the privilege to live with grandma, Mary Schrock, for 10 years. She passed in 1990, she was 93."

The house was built in 1830, and he said it was rebuilt in 1920, and remodeled in 2000. "The stones came from the basement," he shared.

During the tour, he said they were currently milking 120 cows; they milked 150 at peak. When milk prices went high in 2006, they decided to make, sell and bottle their own milk. They now have several flavors like strawberry and coffee maple, made under the name Amish Country Dairy.

In 2022, they entered the Madi-

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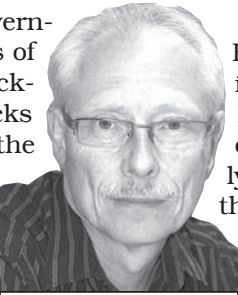


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Milk production remains strong; but government reports missing

It was week three of the government shutdown with both sides of the aisle showing no sign of cracking, outside of some wise cracks or attempts at them. Again, the markets received no input from the various reports provided by the USDA. This week there was no fluid milk sales report, no Dairy Supply and Utilization report, or Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook, and no weekly update on dairy cow slaughter numbers. Next week could mean the loss of the September Milk Production and Cold Storage reports, as well as the monthly Livestock Slaughter report, to name a few.

The Daily Dairy Report's Monica Ganley Quarterra warned in the Oct. 10 Milk Producer Council newsletter: "Dairy markets, both in the U.S. and around the world continue to lean bearish as they digest the status of supply and demand. Milk production remains hefty the world over. Volumes in the European Union and the U.K. were up 3.3 percent in August as strong milk prices and favorable weather supported production. While animal health issues remain present, they have so far not derailed growth. European gains come on top of upbeat production in the U.S., New Zealand, and South America, further contributing to a world that is awash in milk. The global appetite for dairy products is stable to slightly stronger, but current demand is no match for the onslaught of supply," wrote Quarterra.



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY
By Lee Mielke

Rabobank analyst Lucas Fuess echoed those remarks in the Oct. 20 Dairy Radio Now broadcast, saying that output is growing significantly in all key dairy regions of the world, even South America which is easily forgotten as a dairy exporter. He pointed out that U.S. output is measured against a year ago when we were dealing with avian influenza, but milk components are also higher and contributing to plenty of product to convert into cheese, butter, and powder.

October is traditionally New Zealand's peak month, he said, and they've been seeing record output so far this season so October may be a record as well. And, while Europe had a slow start this year, output is climbing now.

Rising milk output has pressured prices lower and Fuess warned that U.S. producers will be seeing that reflected in fourth quarter milk checks. Lower feed costs and strong bull calf prices will help offset lower milk prices somewhat.

Speaking of animal health, the National Milk Producers Federation held its second in-person foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) biosecurity training in Seattle the second week of October. The meeting evaluated the potential use of a bulk tank milk test for FMD surveillance at the herd level during an outbreak.

The meeting was part of a project backed by a USDA cooperative agreement through the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program.

Meanwhile, a new case of New World screwworm has been confirmed in Mexico about 170 miles south of the last confirmed case. The good news is that Agriculture Secretary Brook Rollins reported that cases in Mexico have dropped 28 percent from their peak and more checkpoints have been authorized there.

Cash block Cheddar, after dropping 9 cents last week and closing Friday at \$1.70 per pound, fell to \$1.67 Monday. It was trading Thursday morning at \$1.7675.

The Cheddar barrels held at Friday's close of \$1.71 Monday and Tuesday, then gained 3 cents Wednesday, and added 3 cents more Thursday, hitting \$1.77.

Dairy Market News reports that cheese production was lighter in the Midwest this week as some manufacturers are down for maintenance. Contacts say they are primarily selling spot loads of milk to Class I manufacturers, though some noted sales to other nearby cheesemakers. Class III spot prices ranged from 25 cents under to \$2-over Class at mid-week. Demand for Class III milk was steady from previous weeks but remained light overall.

Export demand is strong, and contacts say they continue to move significant volumes to international markets. Demand for cheese is generally steady in domestic markets, but some contacts reported increased mozzarella sales this week, according to DMN.

Cheese manufacturers in the west are receiving sufficient milk and spot loads are available as output increases seasonally. Cheese production is steady and available for most varieties although mozzarella was on the tight end. Domestic cheese demand is steady while exports are steady to strong. But, cheese prices are generally declining globally, enabling international suppliers to increase their competitiveness with the U.S., says DMN.

HighGround Dairy's Monday Morning Huddle warned: "In early July, European Gouda and Mozzarella were at a 50 cent per pound (or more) premium to CME blocks but in a plot twist, EU prices are now less than those in the U.S. In just over three months, the European Energy Exchange (EEX) Gouda price has plummeted 61 cents per pound or 27 percent, while EEX Mozzarella is down 57 cents per pound or 26 percent. For U.S. manufacturers, the loss of this discount means that exports will likely decrease as

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Meilke

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international buyers look for deals. U.S. cheese exports to South Korea, Australia and Japan have been a big part of the record-high sailings in 2025, and these sales may fall starting in first quarter 2026, as Europe becomes the preferred vendor," says HighGround Dairy.
After closing Friday at the lowest CME price since Aug. 4, 2021, \$1.6050 per pound, cash butter climbed to \$1.67 Wednesday. It lost 4.25 cents Thursday, slipping to \$1.6275.
Cream is available in the Central region, says DMN, but contacts say lighter demand from butter makers and increasing interest from Class II purchasers is pushing multiples higher. Cream multiples at mid-week ranged from 1.05 to 1.27 in the region. Butter production is strong, but some plants report scheduled downtime was contributing to lighter output compared to recent weeks. Domestic butter demand is light. Retail sales are trending higher, but food service remains limited. International interest in 82 percent butterfat butter is strong and inventories are tight while 80 percent butterfat butter remains available, according to DMN.
Milk production and fat components are strengthening in the West, result-

ing in sufficient cream and many butter producers are not bringing in any extra. Cream multiples mid-week were unchanged from the previous week. Butter output is steady for the most part, with manufacturers working to build supplies for holiday demand. Unsalted inventories are reportedly snug but loads of both salted and unsalted butter are available. Domestic demand is steady. Export demand is strong, says DMN.
Grade A nonfat dry milk fell to \$1.1150 per pound Wednesday, lowest since April 26, 2024. It held there Thursday, after closing Friday at \$1.1275.
Powder continued its slide in the Global Dairy Trade's Pulse auction Tuesday where 5.6 million pounds of product was sold, up from 5.4 million the previous week. Prices were down on both.
Dry whey gave up a half-cent Tuesday, slipping to 63 cents per pound. It added a penny Thursday, hitting 64 cents, following a Friday finish at 63.50 cents per pound.
StoneX wrote in its Oct. 14 Early Morning Update: "The main theme of the day for the dairy complex at large, with the exception being dry whey, is that we have plenty of milk and thus both the will and capacity to make plenty of product. Likely more product than demand would require."

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Wrenching

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son Taste Test in Wisconsin. Much to their surprise, their flavored milk placed first in the World's Taste Test.

Besides the Stutzman Dairy, Brown Dairy was also open to tour. On the 13th, the tour kicked off at Pretty Valley Barn. In the barn, there was a lot of educational information sharing details of different types of barns.

The Pretty Valley barn was built in the 1940s to milk 40 Jersey cows. Rather than wood, the entire lower part of the barn (including the ceiling/floor of the hay mow) was constructed of concrete mixed on site and poured using wheelbarrows and ramps. Today the barn serves as a storage and workshop area for the owner of the 7.5-acre farmstead.

Eight barns were included on the tour, all close together. Cook's Bison Ranch is a unique stop in Wolcottville where visitors can get up close and personal with bison. The farm began in 1939 when Everett Cook purchased an 83-acre farm with the house and beautiful barn. Now the 3rd generation is on the farm offering bison meat, meals and group tours.

Crooked Gate Farm in LaGrange offered an Amish school bake sale fundraiser as part of their tour, as well as a hay tunnel and crafts. The Crooked Gate barn is a 19th century bank barn with a large corn crib distinctive to this region. Dr. Randall Miles shared basic barn architecture and rehab during the tour.

The MK Percheron barn had a beautiful barn quilt with a Percheron in the center. At this site, visitors enjoyed seeing the lovely horses up close and personal. Mike Howe said the barn was assessed as being built around 1900. "It was considered an

English barn with a center bay that they used to drive through. Hay lofts were on each side. A four-loft barn, on the west side and one on the east side. The size is 40-by-60, 35 feet tall to the peak. It is hewn lumber pegged. They said there was a renovation where they modified it with steel nails to help beef it up. We bought the barn in 1988. In 1994 they had a wind shear come through. It took our back barn the roof off and the west side came off the foundation."

They fixed the foundation, and the barn was a beautiful addition to the tour. At the Our Heritage Honey Farm, they offered honey sales and tasting. Tommy Kleckner of the Indiana Barn Foundation said the barn was built in 1949 as a Wisconsin Dairy Barn. "But I am referring to it as a Wisconsin Bank Barn because it is set into the slope to allow easy access for hay equipment etc.," he said.

It has rigid asbestos/cement siding. It is the walk inside with the arched ceiling that is so eye-catching. Next to it is a unique narrow wooden corn crib, "You don't see those often, they got replaced by the wire cribs."

Springfield Farm had a fun antique tractor collection along with a Selfie stand. There were miniature steam engines, a cool original TO 35 Ferguson tractor and a whole line up of a variety of brands. There was also a neat Spirit of 76 Case tractor as well.

The Hay Barn also had antique farm equipment on display. The 1903 barn is owned by Jon Bovee and was once slated for demolition. Rather than let that happen, Jon and his wife took it apart, and rebuilt it on their own land, giving it new life.

The last barn listed, Yoder Family Farm, had an Amish bake sale school fundraiser and a fun cow selfie stand. They had cows and a milking room. In late afternoon they had a milking demo.



Above: Amish Country milk from Stutzman Dairy. During the LaGrange County Barn Tour, this was offered as a pre-tour event.



Above: Sonya Harman-Nash, director of Visit Shipshewana, greeted visitors at the Pretty Valley Barn, where the tour kicked off.

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The Moon in October
The Moon is new on Oct. 22
The Moon enters its second quarter on Oct. 29

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.

POOR WILL'S ALMANACK
By Bill Felker

in the upper 20s or lower 30s. But by this late in the season, the chances of a hard freeze have risen past 50 percent, and the odds get better each night for killing lows.

This week is generally a brighter one than last week. Chances of sun are about 70 percent throughout the period, and some of the driest October days are the 26th, 28th and 29th (each having just a 15 percent chance of precipitation).

The sixth high-pressure system of the month usually arrives near Halloween. If it is approaching on the 31st, that evening will be warm, with maybe a little rain. If the front arrives on the 29th or 30th, the eve of All Saints Day is usually brisk

Journal
Often in this warm last week of October, I sat in the backyard and looked up at Lil's maple, full orange-gold, and at the round, clear sky through the opening in my plantings.

Jill and I had just returned from a trip to my nephew's wedding in Lincoln, Neb. We had driven 1,600 miles across great beige plains shorn of their corn and soybeans, and under chilly sun and big sky, and in steady, hard wind.

It was good to be home. I was tired, and I rested next to the last purple asters in the garden, the one cabbage white butterfly, the bees still active, the one monarch butterfly that suddenly appeared.

Here the sky was contained, a port-hole through the suburban landscape. We had seen few birds on our four-day trip, but sitting in the yard, I could watch a vulture watching me, sailing in and out of my window. Small birds passed above me, so high that I had trouble seeing their silhouettes.

They appeared alone or in widely separated pairs or in clusters of maybe half a dozen. They might have been swallows hunting insects, but I couldn't be sure. They might have been migrating, but they seemed, like the buzzard, to be moving too erratically or circling like sandhill cranes sometimes do when they wait for the next crane cohort to catch up with them over Yellow Springs.

Framed by my location and limited perspective, the birds seemed mine. No longer lost in the infinite horizon of Iowa and Nebraska, they and I belonged here. This glimpse of natural history through a tiny looking glass was more revealing than the vast options of outer space beyond my yard. Here I could see enough.

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Wednesday, November 12th

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Sefton Twp., Fayette County, IL
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Wednesday, November 12th

+/- 554.15 acres, 12 Tracts,
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10:00 AM
Thursday, November 13th

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70.6+/- ACRES

MONDAY
NOVEMBER 17TH
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

PROPERTY LOCATION: Southwest corner of the intersection of SR 13 and CR 950 N in Pleasant Township, Wabash County.

68+/- Tillable | 2+/- Non-Tillable | 0.6+/- Other

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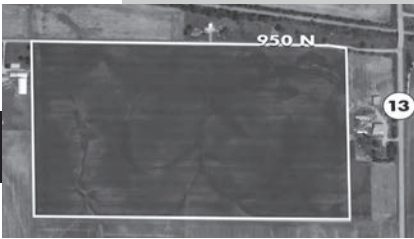
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WED. NOVEMBER 5TH, 4 PM - 6 PM ET

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178.124+/- ACRES • 5 TRACTS • RANDOLPH CO, IN

PROPERTY LOCATION: Approximately 4 miles southeast of Winchester, IN near 4800 E 100 S, Union City, IN 47390 in Wayne Township, Randolph County.

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Monday, November 10th, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm ET

OPEN HOUSES: October 28 & October 30 | 4pm - 6pm

PROPERTY LOCATION: 1135 E 750 N, Camden, IN 46917 in Liberty Township, Carroll County

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Brandon Stroble: 765.499.1170 | Emma Barr: 260.494.0992

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HLS#AJJ-13149

Auctioneer: Russell D. Harmeyer IN Auct. Lic. #AU10000277, HRES IN Auct. Lic. #AC69200019, Seller: Klinker Farm

TRACT 1: 155.4+/- Acres

TRACT 2: 2.65+/- Acres
Frame Barn | Grain Bins
(2) Open Front Sheds

TRACT 3: 135.5+/- Acres

TRACT 4: 14+/- Acres
Home: 5 Bed, 1 Bath
Partial Basement | Garage

TRACT 5: 16.609+/- Acres

324.159+/- ACRES

5 TRACTS

QUALITY FARMLAND | 160+/- ACRES

3 TRACTS | HOME | LARGE SHOP | GRAIN BINS

BOONE CO, IN

ONLINE at halderman.com

Tuesday, November 11th
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm ET

OPEN HOUSE:
October 22 | 5pm - 7pm

PROPERTY LOCATION: 9163 E 750 N, Sheridan, IN 46069 strong agricultural area near the north side of Indianapolis, IN

Todd Litten: 812.327.2466 | Sam Clark: 317.442.0251
Jim Clark: 765.659.4841 | Charlie McCarty: 812.480.9560

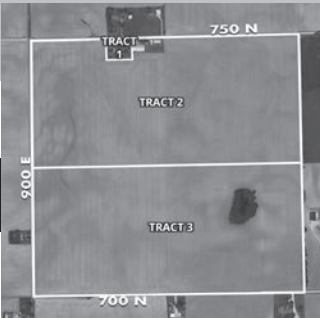
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HIGH QUALITY FARMLAND | 54+/- ACRES | CARROLL CO, IN

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Wednesday
October 29th
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm ET

PROPERTY LOCATION: 1 mile west of Burlington along CR 500 E in Cutler, IN in Burlington Township, Carroll County.

52.43+/- Tillable
1.57+/- Other

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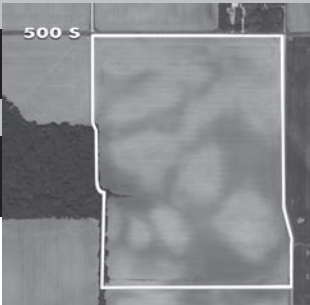
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HIGH QUALITY TILLABLE FARMLAND | PRODUCTIVE SOILS

DEER CREEK TWP (TRACT 1), TIPTON TWP (TRACT 2) | CASS CO, IN

ONLINE at halderman.com

Thurs. November 13th | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm ET

TRACT 1 LOCATION: 5 miles southwest of Walton, IN on the south side of CR 900 S and north side of CR 950 S

TRACT 2 LOCATION: 3.5 miles northeast of Walton, IN on the north side of SR 218 a half mile west of CR 1100 E

TRACT 1: 77.417+/- Acres | TRACT 2: 57.836+/- Acres

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440.2+/- ACRES | 9 TRACTS | JACKSON TWP, RANDOLPH CO, IN

ONLINE at halderman.com

TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 11TH
4 PM - 6 PM ET

PROPERTY LOCATION: Northwest of Union City, IN in the northeast, southeast, and southwest quadrants of the intersection of CR 900 N and 500 E in Randolph County.

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Tractor manufacturers announce new products, features at Farm Progress Show

The annual Farm Progress Show is always a perfect place for tractor manufacturers to announce new products and features. This year was no exception.

DEERE emphasized their “Run It Your Way” program during this year’s show. It addresses the “right to repair” issue. You can learn more at

JohnDeere.com/runityourway.
The new Fendt Vario Gen4 series tractors are new on the market. The paint finish on these tractors resembles that of automobiles.
At the Case IH exhibit, farmers appeared to be focusing more on technology than on inspecting cabs of tractors

ALL ABOUT TRACTORS



BY PAUL WALLEM

and combines. This was age-related, however.
Guests were showing far more interest in drone exhibits this year. They are finding that precision spraying with drones allows applications on small patches and fields surrounded by tall trees and hi-lines. These areas have been off-limits in the past for conventional aircraft.
In addition, producers with their own drones can apply chemicals at the exact right time, without waiting for commercial sprayers. Because drones operate nearer to the ground, wind drift is better controlled.
New drone models have larger carrying capacities. One sprayer on test in Europe can carry over 800 pounds of liquid. Their mapping technology also keeps improving. Cattle feeders are using them more, to closely watch for sick animals and the presence of predators.
More from the Half-Century Show in Rantoul, Ill.
During this year’s biennial event, Caterpillar celebrated 100 years, with a display of early Caterpillar machines from the 1920s when they were more concentrated on agriculture.
Caterpillar Tractor Co. resulted from the 1925 merger of the Holt and Best Co. interests. Holt dated back to 1892. The C.L. Best Co. was organized in 1910. Before Holt, no one had made crawler tractors practical. Holt was the



Above: 263 1206s were on display at Half Century this year.

first to use the name Caterpillar.
The largest ever collection of 263 Farmall & International 1206s was on display at this year’s Half Century. The row stretched about as far as the eye could see.
Some ongoing dealerships are leaving agriculture
An example is DeKane Equipment in Big Rock, Ill. Throughout the 1900s, this dealership was in a totally rural area, serving farms of all sizes.
As Chicago suburbs spread west, urban communities grew around Big Rock. By 2012, the dealership made the decision to terminate their large company agricultural franchise and move into Kubota and other equipment lines to serve their changing market.
Owner Russell Ruh says his market now calls for all sizes of lawn equipment, skid steers and mini excavators. In addition, the demand is for road maintenance equipment and machines for schools and estates.
His transition is not unique. The same is happening near growing cities throughout the country. He misses doing business with farm customers. He does not miss the seasonal pressures of the agricultural market.
Massey Ferguson hydrogen prototype tractor
Massey Ferguson plans to introduce a hydrogen-powered prototype tractor in 2026. A collaborative effort involving Massey and five prominent French entities is developing a high-pressure storage system applicable to tractors. The goal is to shrink hydrogen into a tight space in order to store a sufficient amount for more hours of use. Other off-road equipment would also benefit from this development.
New Holland has developed its prototype H2 Dual Power tractor, which uses a mixture of hydrogen and diesel.
IH history 60 years ago
In 1965, IH introduced three new model tractors: 656, 1206 and 4100. Prior to the public announcement, I presented the 656 to the Chicago press, and one year later, I did the same with the 4100 for South American distributors in Panama City. To encourage attendance, we arranged a tour of the Panama Canal. Every distributor showed up, and the tour was fascinating.
Paul Wallem was raised on an Illinois dairy farm. He spent 13 years with Corporate IH on domestic and foreign assignments. He resigned to own and operate two IH dealerships. He is the author of THE BREAKUP & SUCCESSES & INDUSTRY FIRSTS of IH. See all his books on www.PaulWallem.com. Email your comments to pwallem@aol.com.

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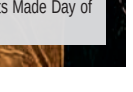
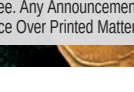
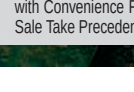
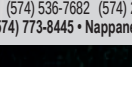
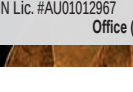
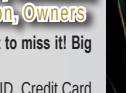
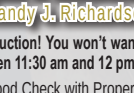
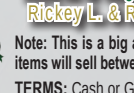
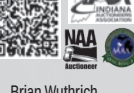
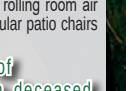
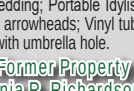
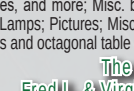
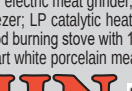
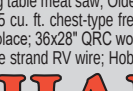
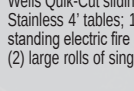
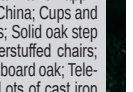
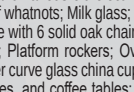
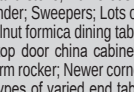
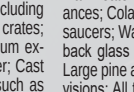
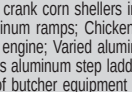
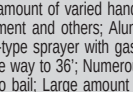
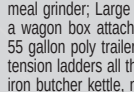
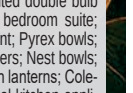
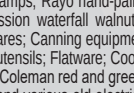
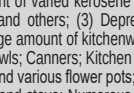
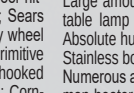
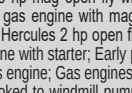
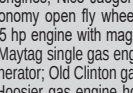
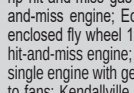
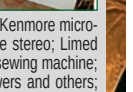
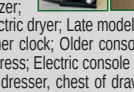
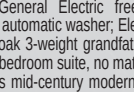
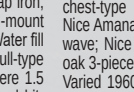
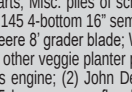
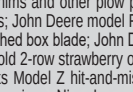
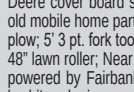
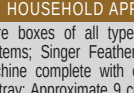
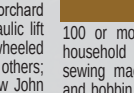
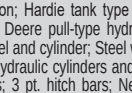
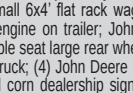
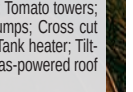
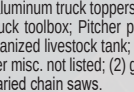
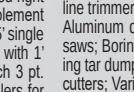
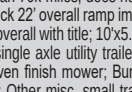
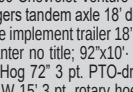
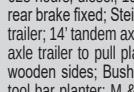
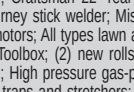
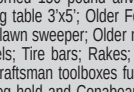
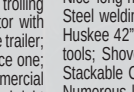
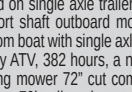
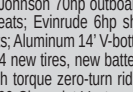
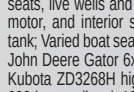
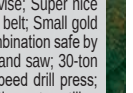
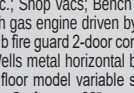
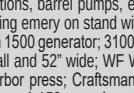
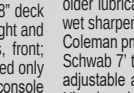
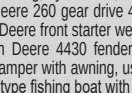
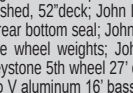
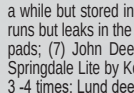
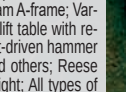
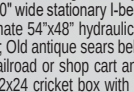
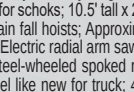
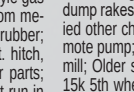
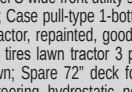
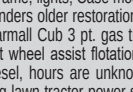
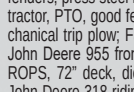
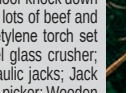
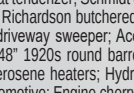
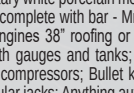
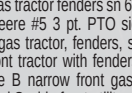
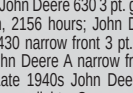
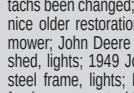
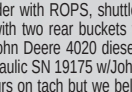
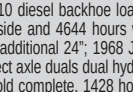
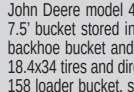
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Smart weaning strategies for calves: balancing stress, health and performance

I know I wrote about weaning and preconditioning a couple of months ago, but I still see many calves on the cow as I travel around the area.

Weaning is one of the most stressful events in a calf's life. How you manage that process can affect calf health and future gains. Research over the past two decades has given us practical tools to reduce weaning stress. Three strategies in particular – fenceline weaning, use of nose flaps (also called two-step weaning) and completely separating cows and calves – each have their own advantages and drawbacks. Understanding those can help you choose the system that best fits your facilities and available labor.

Fenceline weaning How it works:

Cows and calves are placed on opposite sides of a strong fence (often woven wire or electric), where they can still see and hear each other but cannot nurse. Usually, the pairs are in this environment for three-seven days before the cows are moved.

- Pros:
- Numerous studies show less bawling, walking, and weight loss compared to abrupt separation.
 - Calves start eating more quickly, which can improve post-weaning gains and reduce sickness.
 - Cows also show less agitation and maintain better body condition.
- Con:
- Requires good fencing.

I was on a farm recently, and the owner was going to use fenceline weaning for the first time. The pasture

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where the pairs were grazing was getting very short, and he said he was going to leave the calves on that pasture and start feeding the calves some grain. He was then going to move the cows to a fresh pasture adjacent to the calves. Since the goal for the cow at weaning is to dry her up, putting the cows on a lush pasture could lead to an increase in milk production when we want the opposite. This could lead to mastitis and swollen teats.

I encouraged the owner to do the opposite: leave the cows on the already grazed pasture (and feed them very low-quality hay or straw for about a week to help dry them up) and put the calves on the more lush grass pasture along with a limited amount of grain.

Nose flap (two-Step) weaning How it works:

A plastic nose flap is inserted into each calf's nostrils, and the pairs are returned to their pasture. The flap prevents nursing but allows eating and drinking. After four-five days, the flaps are removed, and calves are separated from cows.

- Pros:
- Research shows the lowest stress response of any weaning method – calves stay with their dams during the first “no-nursing” phase and are already used to solid feed when separation occurs.
- A fence as simple as a single or double strand of electric wire can be used to separate cows and calves.

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Cons:

- Requires extra labor to apply and remove flaps.
- Calves need handling twice, which may not be feasible for large herds.

I have used the nose flaps many times, and once the producer commits to the extra labor of walking the calves through the chute twice, they generally stay with this method. Be sure to purchase the flaps that have a solid flap. Do not purchase the anti-nurse rings that have a wing nut to tighten them. Flaps can be cleaned and used for many years.

One caution is that if the water supply is from automatic waterers with a "ball" that must be pushed down to drink, the ball needs to be bolted down. The nose flap will prevent the calves from pushing the ball down to drink.

Abrupt separation/moving cows far away

How it works:

Traditional weaning: calves are left in the home pasture while cows are moved to a distant location – "out of sight, out of mind." Contact is cut off completely on day one.

Pros:

- Simple and familiar; minimal facilities required.
- Less labor upfront – no nose flaps or special fencing.

Cons:

- Highest stress response – more bawling, pacing and fence-walking.
- Calves may go off feed, lose weight, and show higher rates of respiratory disease.
- Cows may lose condition.

- Need to have land far away from calves, and even then, cows can find a weakness in the fence and find their way back to the calves.

This is the method of weaning we used on our farm many years ago. It worked, but you could tell it really stressed out the cows and calves. Cows were hauled about a mile away from the calves, and I distinctly recall one morning, about 5 a.m., being awoken by our cows walking through our front yard as they "came home" to find their calves.

Putting it all together

No single weaning system fits every operation. Consider:

- Facilities: Do you have sturdy adjacent pens or a way to handle calves twice for nose flaps? If so, fenceline or two-step is the way to go.
- Labor: Can your team have time to walk calves through the chute twice? If so, consider two-step.
- Health Risk: The lowest stress weaning methods are two-step and fenceline.

When I have producers that try fenceline or two-step weaning, they almost always stay with one of those methods. These methods pay off in healthier, heavier calves and less stress on both calves and cows.

Key takeaways

- Fenceline weaning: Good compromise of low stress and moderate labor; needs good fences.
- Nose flap (two-step) weaning: Lowest stress but requires more labor and handling.
- Abrupt separation: Simplest but highest stress; move cows far away for best results.

By matching your weaning strategy to your resources, you can reduce stress and protect calf health.

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