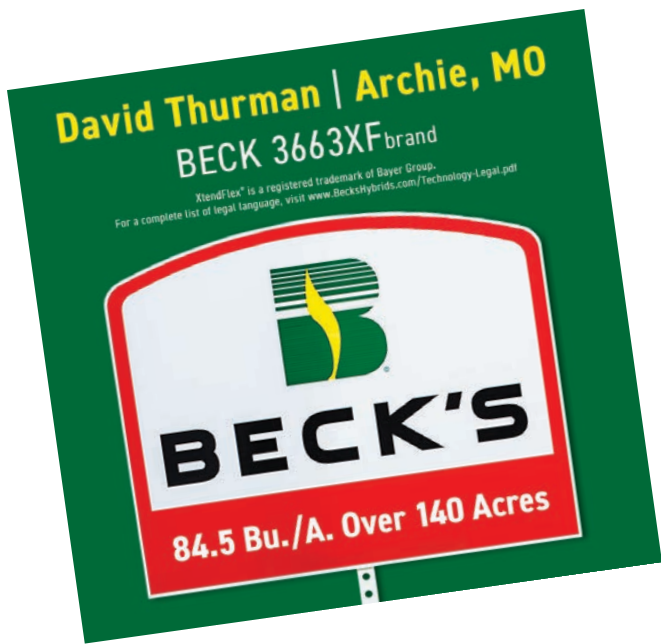




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As government shutdown continues more farm reports are being delayed

By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

URBANA, Ill. — Farmers and investors remained without key federal crop reports and market indicators as the government shutdown stretched to 23 days on Thursday, October 23. On that day, the University of Illinois College of ACES farmdoc team offered an impromptu live webinar discussion titled “Government Shutdown and Agriculture,” during which panelists talked about how the shutdown has already impacted data and reports for the sector, as well as farmers’ finances and access to services. The webinar’s panelists also looked ahead at future impacts on farm families if the shutdown continued.

“So far in October there are two reports from NASS that have not gone out, and they are what’s called principal economic indicator reports. These include the monthly crop production report and cattle-on-feed report, but there are other, smaller principal reports, including the weekly broiler report, monthly egg production report and monthly milk production report,” said Mark Schleusener, retired Illinois State Statistician for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

Even if USDA workers were to return to work as early as the next day (October 24), it would be unlikely that end-of-month USDA commodity reports could be prepared in time, according to Sarah Low, who worked for USDA’s Economic Research Service in Washington, D.C. for 10 years, including during the 16-day government shutdown of 2013. “Then we (would be) scrambling to get personnel and resources and machinery back online.

Every time there is a shutdown there is a lot on the front end and the back end in addition to the time the shutdown is occurring,” she said.

Schleusener, who issued state-level crop reports out of the USDA office in Springfield, Illinois, extrapolated on the data collection-to-publication process, which can take up to two weeks to complete. “The data collection process is typically contracted out to people who are not federal employees. For an October crop report you like to have your data collected by October 1, so your data collection starts a few days prior to October 1. Then there is processing and tabulation, maybe making a callback to someone who reported something unusual. Eventually we get to around the 12th of the month when we can release a crop production report,” Schleusener said.

“At the end of this month there should be a monthly prices report, but that also involves data collection from the grain elevators, from the ethanol plants and places that buy grain from farmers. That data collection should be ongoing now; it’s not. All the data collection has stopped as well as the federal employees’ efforts have stopped,” he added.

Nick Paulson, an agricultural economist with the University of Illinois who was consulting in D.C. at the time of the shutdown, said he witnessed USDA offices with “bare bones” staffing before he returned to Illinois. “There was no one left there for me to really work with or be directed by,” said Paulson. “Work is piling up in these offices, which will create some delays.”

Another U of I economist on the panel, Joe Janzen, noted that the reports issued by USDA can have a profound effect on commodity markets. “We don’t know what would have happened to prices if there was an October WASDE (World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates) report. The effect on price levels is difficult to say because the directional impact of the report changes from month to month, so there tends to be a lot of price action because the markets are reacting to the report,” said Janzen. “Basically what happens during a shutdown is that the markets keep trading; they just have nothing to react to. Price volatility may be actually lower, or gets shifted around. It tends to concentrate around USDA reports.”

The next set of USDA reports farmers will not receive due to the shutdown are the December quarterly hog

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Above: Lincoln Ridge Farms in Convoy, Ohio hosted its 38th Pumpkin Festival this year. There were more than 30 attractions ranging from the traditional corn maze, straw mountain, hay ride, u-pick pumpkin patch to pig races, clown show, and a foam cannon party. Photo by Leondia Walchle

Alltech builds first biofertilizer manufacturing plant in Kentucky

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

NICHOLASVILLE, Ky. — Alltech broke ground Oct. 14 on a \$4.6 million, 15,000-square-foot manufacturing facility at its global headquarters in Nicholasville that will produce biological fertilizers and crop inputs, providing farmers with alternatives to traditional chemical fertilizers, company officials said.

“This facility represents the next phase in scaling our biological innovations for agriculture,” said Steve Borst, vice president of Alltech Crop Science (a division of Alltech), who leads the project. “By expanding production here in Kentucky, we can bring farmers natural, science-based solutions that improve soil health, strengthen crops and reduce reliance on synthetic fertilizers. We’re grateful to the USDA and to our state and local partners for their support in making this vision a reality.”

The expansion is partially funded by a \$2.34 million award from the USDA’s Fertilizer Production Expansion Program: “Alltech’s nearly \$4.6 million expansion into Jessamine County is going to create more new jobs for our people, and I am grateful to this long-standing Team Kentucky partner for their continued investment in our state and workforce,” Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear said.

Company officials said the new facility will be Alltech’s first U.S. manufacturing plant, dedicated solely to producing crop science solutions, biological fertilizers and crop inputs, with over 66,000 gallons of biological fertilizer products per shift per month, creating six new manufacturing jobs.

Modeled after the company’s crop

science production facilities in Brazil and Spain, company officials added the new manufacturing plant will produce more than 30 products that help farmers enhance soil and crop vitality, and reduce chemical inputs.

Borst told Farm World the idea for the biofertilizer manufacturing plant grew from the company’s goal to bring farmers natural, science-based solutions that improve soil health and strengthen crops, while reducing reliance on imported synthetic inputs.

“The support of the USDA’s Fertilizer Production Expansion Program grant allows us to play a major role in strengthening domestic production of fertilizers, while delivering reliable and sustainable natural alternatives,” he said.

According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), biofertilizers are organic products that contain specific microorganisms obtained from plant roots and root zones, boosting plants’ growth and yield by 10 to 40 percent. They not only add nutrients to the soil to improve soil fertility and crop yield, but they also protect the plant against pests and diseases, NIH added.

Made from the fermentation process of beneficial microorganisms, the company’s biofertilizers improve soil fertility, stimulate root development and enhance nutrient uptake, Borst said.

“They support a healthier soil microbiome (the community of microorganisms, including bacteria, fungi and viruses, that live in the soil), enabling farmers to maintain productivity, while reducing environmental impact,” he said.

“Through microbial fermentation (the process where microorganisms

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like bacteria, yeasts and molds break down carbohydrates in the absence of oxygen to produce acids, alcohols and gases) and nutrigenomics (a scientific field that studies the interaction between genes, nutrition and health) research, Alltech Crop Science develops biological solutions that restore soil balance, maximize yields, and promote stewardship across the food chain,” he added.

Ultimately, he said, the company’s focus is supporting soil health, “because all plants depend on soil to survive and grow. Our biological technologies promote healthy microbial populations, helping nutrients and soil metabolites (fatty acids, amino acids, lipids, organic acids, sugars and volatile organic compounds that often contain essential nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus and sulfur) work more effectively. In essence, we

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report and cattle-on-feed report, according to Schleusener. Importantly, USDA NASS, Farm Service Agency, Risk Management Agency and other employees will not be able to attend an important annual data users conference in 2025 due to the shutdown, he added.

With changes to federally subsidized crop insurance scheduled to be rolled out in 2026, U of I economist Gary Schnitkey said he was concerned about the lack of information around the new products from USDA to date. “Could the shutdown impact the release of 2026 (crop insurance) rates? Will we know what the changes are to be to crop insurance? We don’t know, but crop insurance agents would rather have this information sooner than later,” he said.

A poll showed that 37 percent of farmers attending the webinar had so far been “slightly” impacted by the loss of USDA commodity reports, while 25 percent reported no impact. When asked if they’d had any issues accessing needed USDA services, 16 percent reported they had experienced problems, while 40 percent said they had issues with at least one USDA service. 41 percent reported they “hadn’t needed anything” from USDA since the shutdown began.

Farmers received a break on October 23 when USDA temporarily re-opened over 2,000 FSA offices in order to facilitate the distribution of around \$3 billion owed to farmers since last year

are stimulating what’s already there to help the soil and the crops it sustains to thrive naturally.”

He said the new facility will deliver many meaningful benefits to farmers: “By producing our crop science technologies here in Kentucky, we’re expanding access to high-quality, domestically-made biological solutions that help farmers overcome their specific challenges. Local production means greater reliability, lower transportation costs and less exposure to the supply chain disruptions we’ve all seen in recent years.”

At the same time, he said, the new facility enables the company to tailor its biosolutions (products and processes derived from biology and technology) for specific crops and growing conditions, supporting farmers as they adopt more sustainable and regenerative practices.

“Globally, this expansion allows us to scale our new innovations with our research team at Ideagro (a Murcia, Spain-based agri-food research and development company Alltech acquired in January 2023), enabling us to continue developing new technologies that restore soil balance, maximize yields and promote stewardship across the food chain,” he said.

“Ultimately, it will strengthen the resilience of our agricultural system and provide farmers with effective, environmentally-friendly options to enhance soil and crop vitality, boosting farm productivity and profitability,



Above: Company officials said the new facility will be Alltech’s first U.S. manufacturing plant. Pictured from left to right: David West, Jessamine County (Kentucky) judge-executive; Dan Haney, Alltech vice president of operations; Mark Lyons, Alltech president and CEO; Rocky Adkins, senior adviser to Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear; Deirdre Lyons, Alltech co-founder and director of corporate image, design and construction; Mike Castle, Alltech chief operating and financial officer; and Steve Borst, Alltech Crop Science vice president. (courtesy of Alltech)

while supporting sustainable growth,” he added.

Nicholasville Mayor Alex Carter said Alltech’s expansion is a win for Nicholasville, and for the future of sustainable farming in America.

“This investment brings a new facility that will create good jobs, drive in-

novation and provide our farmers with the tools they need to thrive,” he said. “I’m proud to support a project that strengthens food security and promotes innovation right here in Nicholasville, Ky. We are excited to celebrate Alltech’s expansion and presence in Nicholasville.”





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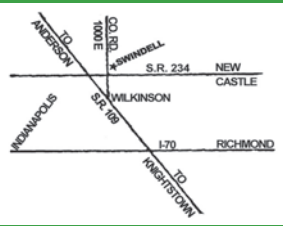
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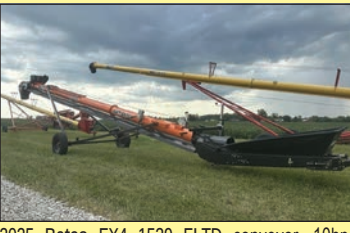
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Questions continue about US corn, soybean production

Basis values across the United States have tightened in many regions. This is especially the case for soybeans as the harvest of that crop is already in its later stages and terminals are seeing very light receipts. Unattractive basis values ahead of harvest limited farmer selling interest and instead farmers stored soybeans wherever they could. Not only has soybean basis firmed across the interior market, but at the Gulf and Pacific Northwest as well. Corn basis is also firming in several areas, but with more of that crop to harvest there is less

buyer urgency on extending coverage at this time. Water levels on the lower Mississippi River have risen from early fall lows, and this is supporting basis as well. While farmers have in fact stored more soybeans on-farm this fall, there are questions rising over total production. Soybeans were excessively dry across the U.S. this year, with reports of soybeans coming out of the field at 7 percent moisture, well below the desired 11-12 percent. Soybeans this dry shatter when harvested, and some

farmers are reporting yield loss of 5 to 7 bushels per acre. There are also more reports of pods not filling all the way, with several claiming just two soybeans per pod, further cutting into production potential. The soy complex has no room for production losses with current balance sheets.

We are also seeing adjustments to corn yield estimates as harvest progresses. Some analysts have the US corn yield down to 181 bushels per acre for a national average. While this would be up from a year ago, it is 5.7 bushels per acre lower than the USDA's September estimate. If correct, this would cut 513 million bu of corn from the US supply. With no changes to demand this would take ending stocks to 1.6 billion bu, which would still be a year to year build, but would be very close to a rationing level.

Not only have analysts trimmed corn yields, but more are raising questions over the quality of that crop as well. The greatest concern right now is test weight, with some later planted fields coming in below average. Reports of corn averaging between 52 and 54 pounds per bushel are not uncommon this year. While this may not impact the entire Corn Belt, it may be enough to

drag U.S. overall production lower. China's ag Minister released its September soybean import data and the total came in as the 2nd highest on record. For the month China imported 12.87 million metric tons of soybeans, a 13 percent increase from the same month in 2024. China's cumulative soybean imports for the first three quarters of 2025 now stand at 86.18 mmt, a year to year increase of 5 percent. China has also booked a large volume of soybeans and product from Argentina, which is now just starting to be shipped. China has roughly 400 million bu of soybean needs to cover from now to the end of the year, and the U.S. is quickly becoming the only source with exportable reserves.

China also released its meat imports for September. China imported a total of 544,000 metric tons of meat in September, up 39,000 mt from the August total. Year-to-date Chinese meat imports now total 4.79 mmt, down from last year's 4.94 mmt by this date. China's economy continues to struggle, as does its meat demand. The Chinese government is now starting to push feeders to cut their hog inventories, which will undoubtedly lead to more culling and further depress the need for meat imports, especially at today's market values.

China has also published its grain import quotas for 2026, leaving them unchanged from 2025. This will hold China corn imports to 7.2 million metric tons and wheat at 9.6 mmt. China feels domestic production will be enough that additional imports should not be needed. A contraction in China's hog herd will also temper China's corn demand. This was verified by comments from the China Ag Minister, who put the country's 2026 corn imports at 6 mmt, 1 mmt than its previous estimate.

The Brazilian firm CONAB has released its initial 2025/26 crop estimates. For soybeans, CONAB is forecasting a crop of 177.64 million metric tons compared to last year's 171.47 mmt. This is mainly from a 5 million acre increase to planted area. Soybean exports are estimated at 112.1 mmt, up 6 mmt from last year. Soybean carryout this year is estimated at 13.4 mmt, up 3.1 mmt from last year.

This year's Brazilian corn crop is estimated at 138.6 mmt, down 1 mmt from a year ago. CONAB sees Brazil corn exports of 46.5 mmt vs 40 mmt last year. Corn carryout is still expected to increase to 13.36 mmt, up from last year's 12.8 mmt.

The country's wheat crop is estimated at 7.7 mmt, up from the prior 7.54 mmt. Brazil is still expected to increase its wheat imports, from 6.4 mmt last year to 6.63 mmt this year.

The USDA is currently predicting Brazilian crops of 175 mmt on soybeans, 131 mmt for corn, and 7.5 mmt for wheat.

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Grain Report for Thursday, October 23, 2025 - Final

FUTURE SETTLEMENTS								
Exchange	Commodity	Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 10/23/2025						
CBOT	Corn	428.00 (Dec 25)	441.25 (Mar 26)	449.25 (May 26)	455.25 (Jul 26)	450.50 (Sep 26)	461.00 (Dec 26)	473.75 (Mar 27)
CBOT	Soybeans	1044.75 (Nov 25)	1062.00 (Jan 26)	1075.25 (Mar 26)	1087.50 (May 26)	1097.25 (Jul 26)	1093.00 (Aug 26)	1077.50 (Sep 26)
CBOT	Wheat	513.00 (Dec 25)	528.25 (Mar 26)	538.75 (May 26)	549.50 (Jul 26)	562.50 (Sep 26)	580.00 (Dec 26)	593.25 (Mar 27)
CBOT	White Oats	307.50 (Dec 25)	325.25 (Mar 26)	333.75 (May 26)	333.00 (Jul 26)	348.75 (Sep 26)	343.50 (Dec 26)	347.00 (Mar 27)
KCBT	Wheat	500.00 (Dec 25)	517.75 (Mar 26)	530.75 (May 26)	544.50 (Jul 26)	558.75 (Sep 26)	576.50 (Dec 26)	590.25 (Mar 27)
MGE	Wheat	558.00 (Dec 25)	576.00 (Mar 26)	589.50 (May 26)	602.75 (Jul 26)	619.75 (Sep 26)	639.50 (Dec 26)	650.00 (Mar 27)

US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	50.00Z to 120.00Z	UNCH	4.7800-5.4800	UP 0.0500	5.1300
Pennyrile	120.00Z	UNCH	5.4800	UP 0.0500	5.4800

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	120.00Z	UNCH	5.4800	UP 0.0500	5.4800
Purchase	105.00Z	UNCH	5.3300	UP 0.0500	5.3300
Purchase	115.00Z	UP 5.00	5.4300	UP 0.1000	5.4300

US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	10.00Z	UNCH	4.3800	UP 0.0500	4.3800
Purchase	10.00Z	UNCH	4.3800	UP 0.0500	4.3800
Green River	15.00Z	UNCH	4.4300	UP 0.0500	4.4300
Green River	20.00Z	UNCH	4.4800	UP 0.0500	4.4800
Pennyrile	-30.00Z to 14.00Z	UNCH-DN 1.00	3.9800-4.4200	UP 0.0500-UP 0.0400	4.1117
Pennyrile	-30.00Z to 22.00Z	UNCH	3.9800-4.5000	UP 0.0500	4.1250
Louisville	-15.00Z	UNCH	4.1300	UP 0.0500	4.1300
Louisville	-15.00Z	UNCH	4.1300	UP 0.0500	4.1300
Bluegrass	-25.00Z	UNCH	4.0300	UP 0.0500	4.0300
Bluegrass	0.00Z	UNCH	4.2800	UP 0.0500	4.2800

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Upper KY	0.00Z to 4.00Z	DN 2.00-UNCH	4.2800-4.3200	UP 0.0300-UP 0.0500	4.3000
Ohio River - Upper KY	12.00Z	UNCH	4.4000	UP 0.0500	4.4000
Ohio River - Lower KY	11.00Z to 15.00Z	UP 3.00-UNCH	4.3900-4.4300	UP 0.0800-UP 0.0500	4.4183
Ohio River - Lower KY	16.00Z to 22.00Z	UP 8.00-UNCH	4.4400-4.5000	UP 0.1300-UP 0.0500	4.4850
Purchase	8.00Z to 20.00Z	UNCH	4.3600-4.4800	UP 0.0500	4.4200
Purchase	10.00Z to 25.00Z	UNCH	4.3800-4.5300	UP 0.0500	4.4650

US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	5.00X	UP 5.00	10.4975	UP 0.1500	10.4975
Purchase	5.00X	UP 5.00	10.4975	UP 0.1500	10.4975
Green River	-15.00X	UNCH	10.2975	UP 0.1000	10.2975
Green River	-15.00X	UNCH	10.2975	UP 0.1000	10.2975
Pennyrile	-25.00X to 18.00X	UNCH-UP 6.00	10.1975-10.6275	UP 0.1000-UP 0.1600	10.2946
Pennyrile	-40.00X to 18.00X	UNCH-UP 11.00	10.0475-10.6275	UP 0.1000-UP 0.2100	10.2732
Louisville	-90.00X	UNCH	9.5475	UP 0.1000	9.5475
Louisville	-90.00X	UNCH	9.5475	UP 0.1000	9.5475
Bluegrass	-70.00X	UNCH	9.7475	UP 0.1000	9.7475
Bluegrass	-70.00X	UNCH	9.7475	UP 0.1000	9.7475

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	0.00X to 3.00X	DN 1.00-UNCH	10.4475-10.4775	UP 0.0900-UP 0.1000	10.4625
Ohio River - Upper KY	9.00X to 10.00X	UP 8.00-UP 4.00	10.5375-10.5475	UP 0.1800-UP 0.1400	10.5425
Ohio River - Lower KY	8.00X to 29.00X	UP 6.00-UNCH	10.5275-10.7375	UP 0.1600-UP 0.1000	10.6308
Ohio River - Lower KY	18.00X to 32.00X	UP 16.00-UNCH	10.6275-10.7675	UP 0.2600-UP 0.1000	10.7092
Purchase	5.00X to 15.00X	UP 5.00	10.4975-10.5975	UP 0.1500	10.5625
Purchase	5.00X to 21.00X	UP 5.00-UP 11.00	10.4975-10.6575	UP 0.1500-UP 0.2100	10.5875

US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	-35.00Z	UNCH	4.7800	UP 0.0925	4.7800
Pennyrile	10.00N	UNCH	5.5950	UP 0.0825	5.5950

US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Green River	-75.00N	UNCH	4.7450	UP 0.0825	4.7450
Pennyrile	-50.00Z	UNCH	4.6300	UP 0.0925	4.6300
Pennyrile	-60.00N to -55.00N	UNCH	4.8950-4.9450	UP 0.0825	4.9325

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-38.00N	UNCH	5.1150	UP 0.0825	5.1150
Ohio River - Lower KY	-22.00N to -10.00N	UNCH	5.2750-5.3950	UP 0.0825	5.3275

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

CBOT/KCBT/MGE Trade month symbols: F January; G February; H March; J April; K May; M June; N July; Q August; U September; V October; X November; Z December. FOB: Freight On Board. CIF: Cost, Insurance, and Freight. T: Truck, R: Rail, B: Barge, T/R: Truck/Rail, R/B: Rail/Barge, T/R/B: Truck/Rail/Barge, OV: Ocean Vessel

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Weekly Combined Regional Shell Egg Report

Report for: 10/12/2025 - 10/18/2025

National Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/10/2025)
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

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/10/2025)
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	137.5

Delivered Store Door, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/10/2025)
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

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/10/2025)
Large	123.00 - 133.00	128.00	0.00	128.00
Medium	115.00 - 119.00	117.00	0.00	117.00
Small	52.00 - 58.00	55.00	1.00	54.00

Northeast Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/10/2025)
Extra Large	1149.00 - 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	141.500

South Central Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/10/2025)
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	149.755

Southeast Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/10/2025)
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.

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

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Market Report
October 22nd 2025 24th Auction
This Report is the Actual High and Average Prices.

	Hd. Ct.	High	Avg.
Fat Hogs:	5	\$.43	\$.36
Sows:	N/A		
Boars:	N/A		
Feeder Pigs:	1	\$1.00	\$.50
Beef & X Veal #1:	9	\$1500	\$1419.44
Beef & X Veal #2:	3	\$1000	\$700
Dairy Veal #1:	36	\$1300	\$1163.06
Dairy Veal #2:	10	\$975	\$755
Jersey Cross:	1	\$350	\$350
Beef Fdrs 200#-550#	N/A		
Beef Fdrs 551#-1000#	N/A		
Dairy Fdrs 200#-550#	N/A		
Dairy Fdrs 551#-1000#	N/A		
Cull Cows #1:	4	\$1.80	\$1.54
Cull Cows #2:	2	\$1.20	\$1.20
Fat Cattle Colored:	N/A		
Fat Cattle Holstein:	1	\$1.85	\$1.85
Bulls:	N/A		
Cow/Calf Pair:	N/A		
Breed Cows Colored:	N/A		
Milk Cows:	N/A		
Springers:	N/A		
Sheep Ram:	N/A		
Sheep Ewe:	N/A		
Lamb 0-60:	N/A		
Lamb 61-85:	N/A		
Lamb 86-100:	3	\$2.35	\$2.25
Goat Nannies :	15	\$160	\$82.83
Goat Billys :	8	\$210	\$83.75
Goat Wethers:			
Long Horn Cattle:	6	\$1753.12	\$1229.69
Total Hd Cnt:	107		

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Small animals 5:00 PM.
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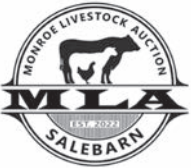
Hay Lg Sq:	20	\$105	\$105
Hay Sm Sq:	323	\$7.25	\$4.87
Hay Rnd Bale:	12	\$55	\$50
Straw Lg Sq:	36	\$35	\$35
Straw Sm Sq:	N/A		
Straw Rnd Bal:	N/A		
Rabbits:	14	\$9.00	\$4.86
Chickens:	95	\$7.00	\$2.32
Chicks:	6	\$.25	\$.25
Bantys:	10	\$1.25	\$1.15
Roosters:	47	\$10.00	\$2.76
Ducks:	15	\$5.00	\$2.27
Turkey:	N/A		
Quail:	10	\$5.50	\$3.50
Pigeon:	10	\$2.00	\$2.00
Guinea:	N/A		
Guinea Pig:	10	\$.50	\$.48
Geese:	N/A		
Peacocks & Hens:	N/A		
Eggs:	124	\$1.50	\$1.23
Pheasants:	5	\$3.00	\$3.00
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Small Animals	10/21/2025	Sheep	Cows
Chickens	\$2-\$20	Ewes	Cull Cows
Bantys	\$1-\$5.50	40-60# Lambs	\$1-\$1.85
Ducks	\$2-\$17	61-80# Lambs	\$1.75-\$1.90
Pigeons	\$4-\$5.75	81-100# Lambs	36
Eggs	\$1.50-\$3.25		88
Rooster	\$2-\$9		
Turkey	\$12.50-\$42.50		
Peacock	\$25		

APHIS issues New World Screwworm ‘playbook’

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

FORT WORTH, Texas – While the USDA continues to prepare and defend against a potential southern invasion of New World screwworm (NWS), President Donald Trump has proposed the U.S. import beef from Argentina to hedge against further supply issues and reduce consumer beef prices. Just hours after USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) issued a five-tiered “playbook” to continue their fight against the encroachment of NWS from Mexico, a cattle expert and environmental resource advisor sat down with Farm World to discuss worst-case scenarios if the insect were to cross the U.S. border.

Andrew Coppin, co-founder and CEO of Ranchbot, a water technology company that solves water monitoring and water management issues on livestock farms and ranches, also commented on Trump’s call for the U.S. to fall back on Argentine beef imports.

“All roads are leading to supply and demand, with a massive amount of demand and not a lot of supply,” said Coppin, who prior to founding Texas-based water resource management company Ranchbot, spent 25 years working in financial services. “As you know the president has come out with potential strategies, but we haven’t seen any meat on the bone, so to speak, on any of those strategies yet as to what may or may not occur with Argentine beef. I’m sure that will be somewhat divisive for ranchers.”

Many of the southern-state ranchers Coppin has spoken to about NWS consider it a matter of when, not if, the parasite will encroach U.S. borders through airborne transmission. “We can’t build a wall for this, but it is going to result in containment areas that will further restrict the movement of cattle and result in tighter supply yet again. That’s obviously a concern with impacts on pricing; we’ve already taken a million cattle out of the herd by shutting the border to Mexico,” he said.

Once an area is contained or quarantined, it would take rigorous testing

of herds before cattle would be allowed to reenter the supply chain. This would likely exacerbate already high retail prices consumers are currently paying for beef.

“It’s great that after five or six years of drought for many producers that prices are high and they are getting the benefit from that,” Coppin said. “It’s not really fair that producers have to really suck it up during the tough times, but in (profitable) times having everyone trying to flood the market with cheaper substitutes. But I still haven’t met any (producers) who want NWS to be a factor in that.”

Coppin credited USDA for its efforts to contain NWS south of the U.S. border in Mexico. With surveillance efforts on both sides of the border, entomologists are gathering data from around 350 collection sites with NWS-specific traps in 10 U.S. counties. “They’re doing everything they can to be vigilant as early as possible. The question then becomes what do we do once it’s here, and stopping the spread of something airborne from getting on a cow, or a trailer or the back of a truck, and moving from one area to another will be hard,” Coppin said.

USDA-APHIS published its “NWS Response Playbook” on Oct. 17, outlining key approaches, resources and tools to implement animal health response activities in the event of a U.S. detection of NWS. According to Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins, the playbook continues USDA’s “five-pronged plan” to keep the NWS south of the U.S. border. “While we continue to aggressively protect the U.S. border and are working with Mexico to stop the pest from continuing to spread further north, we also have to ensure our domestic response plans are ready to activate if needed,” Rollins stated.

According to a USDA news release, the NWS Response Playbook outlines critical response strategies for federal, state, and local responders including how to:

- Effectively manage a coordinated response and communications with stakeholders and the public
- Reduce spread to non-infested animals and prevent NWS from establishing

in new areas

- Manage NWS on infested premises
- Implement NWS surveillance and management strategies in wildlife
- Implement NWS fly surveillance and management strategies
- Maintain continuity of business
- Ensure information flow and management
- Identify and maintain resource requirements

“There are a lot of smart people across a lot of agencies working together to negate this thing, and I think the best

minds have gathered to try and work through it. It’s a complex problem with no real solution. The ultimate solution would be to breed (NWS) out of existence, but that is just going to take time,” according to Coppin.

NWS maggots can infest livestock and other warm-blooded animals, including humans. They most often enter an animal through an open wound and feed on the animal’s living flesh, according to APHIS. The NWS Response Playbook has been posted to <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal-emergencies/nws>.

Tennesseans can help restore white oaks

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry (TDF) is once again calling on citizens across the state to lend a hand in restoring one of Tennessee’s most highly valued native trees — the white oak.

The Tennessee White Oak Initiative, an acorn collection project, is a cooperative effort among TDF, TDF’s East Tennessee Nursery, the University of Tennessee Extension, and the Tennessee Forestry Association.

“This initiative is part of a large-scale effort to address the dropping rates of white oak regrowth in Tennessee’s forests,” State Forester Heather Slayton said. “White oaks are a critical part of Tennessee’s forests and play an invaluable role in our ecosystems and economies. What is unique about this particular initiative is that it is open to everyone - you don’t have to own wooded land to help collect acorns that will become the giant oaks of the future.”

Each fall, the East Tennessee Nursery in Polk County grows thousands of white oak seedlings that supplement natural regeneration in forests statewide. However, in recent years, seed suppliers have struggled to meet the nursery’s demand. Now in its fifth year, the acorn collection project helps close that gap by sourcing acorns directly from local trees — often yielding harder, higher-quality seedlings.

TDF invites individuals, families, civic organizations, youth groups, and

landowners to take part in this hands-on conservation effort. Participants can learn how to identify, collect, and deliver acorns by visiting www.tnforestry.com/white-oak-acorn-collection. The collection season runs through Nov. 15.



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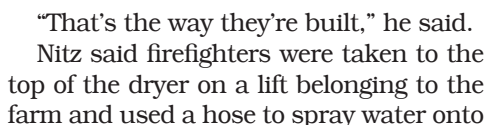
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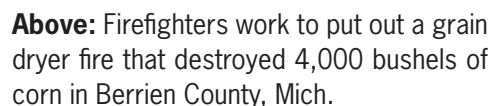
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Indiana Correspondent

Weesaw Township Fire Chief Ted Nitz said it took about 10 hours to put out the fire contained within the structure consisting of five dryers stacked on top of each other.



"Pretty much everything is shot," he



said.

Nitz said there was some damage to the dryer, which had been running around the clock, but not enough to keep it from being used again once all the corn was removed and the machine cleaned.

"He will have to rebuild the machine after a while, probably in the spring, but Dale told me he would probably have it up and running yet that evening," he said.

Nitz said he worked two previous dryer fires in his 30-year firefighting career.

Firefighters from Baroda, Buchanan Township, Galien and New Carlisle, Ind., assisted by shuttling water in tankers to the farm since there were no hydrants nearby at the rural location.



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Pumpkins were eaten and hurled during Westville festival

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

WESTVILLE, Ind. - Pumpkins were eaten and even hurled from a huge sling shot during an event celebrating a long and still heavily attended tradition in an Indiana community.

For over 30 years, the annual Westville Pumpkin Festival has delighted crowds with one of the highlights being the parade heading north on Flynn Road from Westville Farm Supply to Main Street.

An estimated 3,000 people attended the Oct. 4 festival.

There are no shortages of pumpkins in Westville this time of year with Coulter Farms being one of the largest growers in the area with a 20-acre patch.

"Just bringing the community together to have a fun day," said Kayla Meyers, a member of Westville Tri Kappa, the organizer of the event. The group uses the festival as a major fund raiser to promote charity, education and culture in the community of less than 5,000 residents.

The festival, which included food and craft vendors, games, live music and a car show, was anchored at Prairie Meadow Park at U.S. 6 and U.S. 421.



Above: The Westville Pumpkin Festival included children taking part in a pumpkin pie eating contest.



Above: Tiny pumpkins were hurled with a huge sling shot during the annual Westville Pumpkin Festival.

Meyers ran the Pumpkin Sling, a huge sling shot-looking device made from wooden posts six inches in diameter with a bungee cord fastened to the top.

For \$1, each participant was given two tiny pumpkins to place in the bungee cord, one at time, for launching by pulling back on the strap and letting go of it. The objective was to send the pumpkins through a hula-hoop or hit a tree.

A number of pumpkins that missed their mark landed in a woods about 75 feet away. For one hour, Meyers said about 20 children and adults took part with some playing more than once.

Only three of the 100 tiny pumpkins obtained from Burek Farms near Kingsbury were left when the chance to play was over.

"The kids loved it. They just kept getting back in line and doing it over and over," she said.

Other festival attractions included a pumpkin pie eating contest, a pumpkin bake-off and fireworks at the nearby campus of Purdue University Northwest.

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Above: Pumpkins grown by children in their backyards were on display at the annual Westville Pumpkin Festival.

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Pumpkins

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There was also a contest for people to guess the weight of a 161-pound pumpkin from Coulter Farms and displays like over a half dozen pumpkins grown in the backyards of local children who were given seeds to plant in the spring.

The car show consisted of dozens of vehicles, including a 1947 Studebaker pick-up truck not driven for more than 50 years until this past June.

The owner is Ray Griffin, who obtained the truck with its original paint job after the death of his father and spent a year getting it ready to be on the roads again.

"It's definitely been sitting for a long time," he said.

Griffin said his father purchased the truck in 1969 and parked it in his garage five years later after the steering went out. His now late father, for some reason, never fixed the truck but still took it with him 17 years ago when he moved to Alabama.

Griffin said he took possession of the truck after his father died about two years ago.

"I loaded it up and brought it here," he said.

Griffin said he rebuilt the brakes and fuel system on the truck, rewired the entire back end and did other things like put new tires on it.

He said driving the truck with 71,000 miles on the odometer is like going back in time with the top speed from its three-speed engine at just over 40 miles per hour.

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SOIL DESCRIPTION:	Pewamo silty clay loam, poorly drained, non-irrigated
SOIL CONDITION:	Minimum W/O Fall Till, 6.47 pH, 3.33% OM, 13.27 CEC, low P, low K, low S, mod. B, high Zn
PEST MANAGEMENT:	Verdict, Atrazine, Veltyma Fungicide
FERTILITY - Applied N:	23 Fall, 11 Spring, 7 Planter, 150 Sidedress, 4 gal Thio-Sul in spring
Applied N-P-K (units):	191-74-75
SEEDING - RATE - ROW:	Apr 27 33.6 /A 30" spacing
HARVESTED - STAND:	Oct 13 32.7 /A
PEST & DISEASE RISK:	No elevated risks*

TEST COMMENTS:

This site is located over some highly productive, silty clay soils that are typical of east central Indiana. Poorly drained and a bit mucky soil kept the plot healthy and still a little green into harvest. A fungicide application was added, and moistures were a bit higher than expected at harvest with a good spread within the trials. Dry weather later into the growing season caused some shallowing of kernels.

Company/Brand	Product/Brand	Technol.†	RM	Yield Bu/A	Moisture %	Lodging %	Stand (x 1000)	Gross Income \$/Acre	Rank
ProHarvest	82P96 PCE	PCE	112	264.0	22.0	1	33.5	937	1
Great Heart	HT-7195TRE	TRE	111	250.5	22.4	1	32.8	884	2
Augusta	A2162-AA	AA	112	244.8	21.8	1	32.8	871	3
Ebberts	6883DGV2P RIB	VT2PDG	112	243.6	23.0	1	32.5	853	6
FS InVision	FS 5947T RIB	TRE	109	242.6	22.6	1	32.1	854	4
Great Heart	HT-7210TRERIB	TRE	112	242.4	23.0	1	33.2	848	12
Wyffels	W6886RIB	VT2P	111	241.8	22.6	1	32.8	852	8
Wyckoff	2685 TRE RIB	TRE	112	241.5	22.5	1	31.4	851	9
FS InVision	FS 6157T RIB	TRE	111	239.6	22.1	1	32.8	850	10
ProHarvest	81P45 TRE	TRE	111	239.4	21.8	1	33.2	853	7
Wyffels	W6505RIB	TRE	110	238.6	21.4	1	32.4	854	5
FS InVision	FS 6245V RIB	VT2P	112	238.5	22.6	1	32.5	839	15
Wyffels	W7485RIB	TRE	112	238.5	23.0	1	32.5	834	18
Integra	6076 VT4PRIB	VT4P	110	238.2	23.4	1	33.2	829	21
Purple Ribbon	25A12	TRE	112	238.1	23.2	1	32.8	831	19
Wyffels	W7424	PCE	112	237.8	21.5	1	32.4	850	11
Wyckoff	2667 DG VT2P RIB	VT2PDG	111	235.9	22.6	1	32.1	830	20
Seed Genetics Direct	DIRECT 3111-3110	3110	111	235.1	21.3	1	32.5	843	13
Great Heart	HT-7256DGV2P	VT2PDG	112	234.8	22.9	1	32.1	823	24
Wyckoff	2676 TRE RIB	TRE	112	233.8	21.1	1	32.8	841	14
Purple Ribbon	26A09	TRE	109	233.2	21.4	1	32.8	835	16
AgVenture	AV1009PCE GC	PCE	109	232.9	21.3	1	32.8	835	17
Pioneer	P1136AM GC	AM	111	232.7	22.1	1	33.2	826	22
Augusta	A4961-V	V	111	232.1	22.0	1	32.5	825	23
Integra	6274 VT2PRIB	VT2P	112	228.3	23.2	1	32.1	797	31
Channel	212-63VT4PRIB GC	VT4P	112	227.4	22.1	1	33.2	807	27
Purple Ribbon	25P12	PCE	112	227.3	21.5	1	33.5	813	26
Dairyland	DS-5088PCE	PCE	110	223.4	21.3	1	31.4	801	29
Augusta	A2360-PCE	PCE	110	221.6	20.3	1	32.8	806	28
FS InVision	FS 5949PC RA	PCE	109	221.5	20.9	1	32.6	798	30
PIONEER	P0859AM CK	AM	108	223.7	19.8	1	32.5	819	25
				Averages =	228.8	21.7	1	32.7	815
				LSD (0.10) =	15.2	0.8	ns		
				LSD (0.25) =	8.0	0.4	ns		
				C.V. =	7.3				
				Historic yield	247.09 bu/a, 2 yr(s)				
				Base Moisture = 15.0%					
				Shrink =					

† See last page for abbreviation descriptions. Dark colored row identifies brands that significantly exceeded the test average by LSD(0.10). *Italicized* brands exceeded the test average by LSD(0.10). *Earthlogics used for soil conditions and soil-borne diseases.

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FFA Next Gen Conference gives members chance to explore career options

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

FARGO, N.D. – The recent National FFA Next Gen Conference was designed as an opportunity for members to explore career options within the agriculture industry. According to a couple attendees, the event delivered that and more.

Seventy high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from 21 states attended the Sept. 9-13 conference in Fargo. They learned about emerging technologies in agriculture through informational sessions, panel discussions and tours, FFA said. The students toured CNH Industrial, John Deere, Cargill and Grand Farm Innovation Campus.

Elizabeth Brumbach, a senior at Felicity-Franklin High School in Ohio, said she applied for the conference hoping she would learn about emerging technology in the agriculture industry, mainly RFID tags and sprayer drones.

“I also hoped to make lasting memories and connections,” she said. “I am happy to say I achieved all of these things. I had three favorite parts of the conference – the CASE tractor manufacturing tour, the bus rides and meeting new people. At CASE, they have robot welders that weld about 40 percent of their production, which was awesome to watch.

“But my favorite part was that about 50 percent of their workers are women. As a woman in the agriculture industry, and especially one who enjoys welding, this was very inspiring to see.”

Brumbach said the bus rides were filled with funny stories, laughter and singing songs with each other. She said she met people from across the country and that they have become some of her best friends.

She has four active supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs), including one on her family’s M18 Ranch. Brumbach’s family has five horses, over 70 sheep, and some other animals.

“Daily, I feed and water the animals, clean the barns, and tend to other needs they may have,” she explained. “Other things I assist with are working/riding the horses, grooming the animals, and providing health care when they need it.”

She also farm sits for other families, works for a mobile petting zoo (The Party Animal Express) and helps out at a ranch – Flourish & Roam – that has cows, pigs, sheep and chickens.

The things she learned at the conference can be applied not only to her SAE’s, but outside of them as well, Brumbach said.

“The three main things I learned at the conference were leadership, teamwork and empathy,” she recalled. “I learned that leadership isn’t about telling people what to do, it’s about showing people what to do. This conference really

helped me improve my teamwork skills by having me work with different people. During one of our small group sessions, we talked about empathy. I learned that empathy isn’t just about saying sorry, empathy is really feeling for someone and putting yourself in their shoes.”

Brumbach said after high school, she

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6 students selected to take part in 2025 Gateway to Ag Careers program

ARLINGTON, Va. – Agriculture's long-term sustainability will rest on its ability to attract the best and brightest among the next generation of college graduates to build long-term careers in the industry. This is the main driver behind the Gateway to Ag Careers program, hosted by AgGateway and sponsored by the AgCIO Roundtable, with additional support from Syngenta.

This year, six students were selected to participate in the program. "We're excited to be hosting these exceptional students at the 2025 Annual Meeting and Conference," said Brent Kemp, AgGateway President and CEO. "Interest in the program has continued to grow over the years, and participants bring a wide range of interests and disciplines to the program."

The selected students will attend the 2025 AgGateway Annual Meeting and Conference to engage with attendees, sit in on educational sessions, and learn more about the many career opportunities that agriculture has to offer. The event is Nov. 3-5 in Clearwater Beach, Fla.

The following students will participate in the 2025 Gateway to Ag Ca-

reers program:

- Omar Abdelmawgoud, Arizona State University
- Tristan Cravens, Illinois State University
- Jenna Kirkland, Arizona State University
- Emma Koger, Mississippi State University
- William Leiva-Mercaod, Iowa State University
- Patton Simbeck, Mississippi State University

The nomination process requires students to write an essay about their studies, interests, and reasons for wanting to participate in the program. This is submitted with a letter of recommendation and additional supporting documentation from their instructor or adviser.

"The AgCIO Roundtable is pleased to sponsor the Gateway to Ag Careers program annually to give exceptional students the opportunity to engage with agriculture professionals and learn about the many possible careers in our industry," said Jeroen Hoogenboom, AgCIO Roundtable chairperson. "We look forward to welcoming them to this year's conference and to making it a beneficial experience."

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FORT WAYNE, Ind. – The Fort Wayne TinCaps and Indiana Pork are donating more than 2,000 ground pork meals to the Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana. This comes after the team sold 2,000 tenderloin sandwiches at Parkview Field this past season, with the majority of sales coming when the TinCaps hosted the “Hoosier State Tenderloins Series” presented by Indiana Pork.

In the spirit of Hoosiers helping their fellow Hoosiers, for each sandwich sold, a meal of ground pork is being donated to help members of the community in need. This was the third year for the partnership, which has resulted in nearly 6,500 ground pork meals donated to Community Harvest Food Bank.

“We’re thrilled to have a partnership that results in so much good for our community,” said TinCaps Vice President of Marketing and Promotions Michael Limmer. “We’re proud that a fun name and idea like the Hoosier State Tenderloins has translated into the opportunity to provide more than 2,000 meals this season for local families in need.”

The 2,000-plus meals also translates

to more than 500 pounds of ground pork “Indiana pig farmers are always happy to feed our neighbors,” said Mark Johnson, Whitley County pork producer and Indiana Pork board member. “Our farmers are happy to donate pork to their local food pantries and are equally excited to partner with the TinCaps to make a big donation to help feed Fort Wayne residents.”

During the three-day celebration of Indiana’s unofficial state sandwich, the TinCaps not only featured breaded tenderloins on the Parkview Field menu, but rebranded as the Hoosier State Tenderloins with uniforms and in-game promotions.

While the Breaded Tenderloin Sandwich is universally revered around the Hoosier State, it originated in Northeast Indiana, not far from Parkview Field. Just 25 miles southeast of the ballpark in downtown Huntington, Nick’s Kitchen has been treating customers to tasty tenderloin sandwiches since 1908. Now, Nick’s is the first stop on what has been named the Tenderloin Trail that weaves throughout the state all the way down to Evansville.

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plans to go to college for human/social services.

“During college, I plan to continue working on my family farm,” she said. “Before attending the conference, I wasn’t really sure what career path I wanted to take. But after the conference, I was sure I wanted to work with people while still having my own farm.”

Jerrold Caudill, a senior in the Johnson Central FFA chapter in Kentucky, said he applied for the conference because he wanted to learn more about his career choice, electrical engineering.

“I ended up discovering how awesome emerging technologies in agriculture are when I began to research for my appli-

cation,” he said. “Honestly, for the conference, I didn’t really know what I was getting into. I had planned to go to learn more about my future career, but left feeling happy, hopeful and wishing I never had to go home. I made so many new friends from all across the country who I still talk to almost daily.”

His SAE is his 1994 Chevy Blazer, which he drove daily until the engine blew. “Now it’s fully needing redone,” Caudill said. “Definitely going to get the SAE hours now but previously the work done was with car audio, exhaust work, brake work and maintenance.”

After high school, he said he wants to go to a local trade school – Tek Center – for electrical. He hopes to get a career started at Boyd CAT, a construction equipment supplier.

The September conference was the third such event this year.

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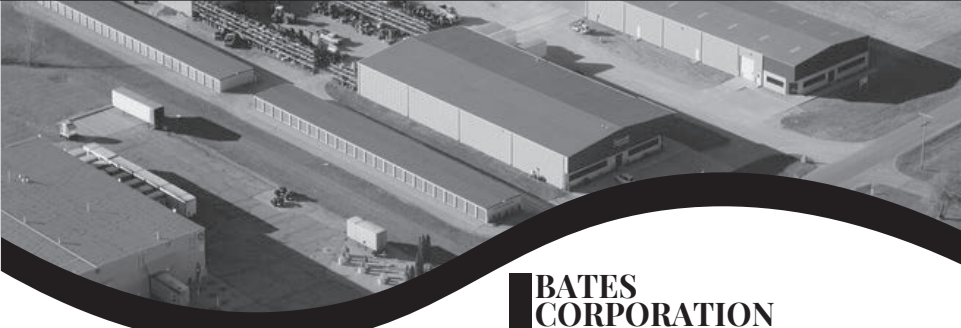
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The Farmer's Collective offers local honey, flowers, breads

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

HAMILTON, Ohio – It's called The Farmer's Collective, and it is right on Main

Street in the heart of downtown Hamilton. Owners Mindy and Josh Staton offer an array of local honey, eggs, flowers, produce, breads, milk, and a small cafe presenting a changing menu, also featuring local items.

It has evolved from when Mindy and Josh, both of whom now work full-time at the business, started the Morning Sun Flower Farm in Morning Sun in

2015. That was an outgrowth of Two Little Buds, a flower shop Mindy and Alice, her mom, had opened on Main Street in 2007. Then COVID hit.

"We met with other local growers and they were having issues selling their product," Mindy Staton said. "We decided to open up our flower shop to give them an outlet to sell; local flowers are very popular with the wedding industry right now. So in my mind, I thought we could give people more of a collective, a wholesaler just on local flowers."

In the spring of 2021, they filled the flower shop with buckets of flowers and a table of produce. At first, they dealt with local farmers on consignment, Staton said. That worked well because they didn't know how much traffic to expect.

"Now we have moved into a model where we are purchasing outright from them and then reselling it," Staton said. "I think that works out better than consignment."

They quickly outgrew the flower shop and leased the space next door, which became The Collective. In the warm months, customers can sit at tables out on the sidewalk while enjoying the specialty menu offerings.

"Our customers are a mix," Staton said. "We have a lot of Hamilton patrons, people from Oxford, West Chester, the Fairfield Township area. There are a few vendors such as Hartzler Dairy (from Wooster) and Blue Oven Bread (not available anywhere else nearby), which I think bring in people



Above: Mindy Staton, waiting on customers at the Farmer's Collective. The customers are a mix, from people from Hamilton who walk past and stop in, to those who drive a distance to get specific products from their vendors.

from farther distances. If they really love that brand, they will come to us."

Katie Moore and her son, Ozzie, come for breakfast every Saturday. Moore said she loves to shop local, so it is the perfect place. She usually meets friends there.

"We buy our bread from here," Moore said. "Ozzie is a big sourdough guy, so we have to get a loaf every week. Ever since they opened, we have come here

for breakfast on Saturday mornings. You cannot beat their English muffins; they are so delicious. It is a great place. Mindy and Josh are amazing, and they do their best to get unique things."

Soon after opening, Staton began offering seasonal events. They offer wreath-making classes at the farm

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Above: Josh and Mindy Staton both work full-time at the Collective and their Morning Sun Flower Farm. They offer Wine and Wreath events and a monthly Collective Dinner, featuring a visiting chef and gourmet foods.

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and different editions of Wine and Wreath events, where attendees can drink wine while learning to make a wreath. Customers can join their wine club. The Collective Dinner Events, featuring a different chef every month and gourmet foods, always sell out.

Meanwhile, they are also expanding at the Flower Farm. They grow 25 to 30 species of flowers in their fields, in a heated greenhouse and a hoop house, which was home to some outstanding chrysanthemums this fall. They are also expanding into fruits and vegetables, have bee hives, and a compost pumpkin patch.

Now in their third year at the Collective, Mindy thinks things are looking brighter.

"It was slow in the beginning, to be honest, but now I think we are gaining some traction, which is great. I think what they say in business is, the first and second year aren't the best, but in the third year you leap. We're going



Above: In the warmer months, customers can sit at outdoor tables while enjoying a selection from the menu of mostly local items and pour-over coffees.

into our third year, so I hope we leap." For information visit www.shopthefarmerscollective.com.



Above: Katie Moore and her son, Ozzie, come to The Collective for breakfast every Saturday. Moore said she loves to shop local, so it is the perfect place. And Ozzie loves sourdough, so they buy a loaf every week.

Registration is now open for virtual Stockmanship & Stewardship event

CENTENNIAL, Colo. – A virtual version of Stockmanship & Stewardship will be Nov. 18-19, 2025. Cattle producers can register for this unique educational experience, which will be 11 a.m.-2 p.m. central daily.

This online version of the popular in-person event provides an opportunity for participants to learn about hot topics such as animal health and succession planning, listen to industry updates, and receive the latest information on cattle handling techniques. The free program brings together cattle producers, stakeholders and key industry members to engage in the discussion of current challenges, consumer-driven trends, and realistic strategies to enhance producers' commitment to stockmanship and stewardship. The event will also be recorded and available to watch on-demand.

"This free event is open to cattle producers across the country," said Michaela Clowser, senior director of

producer education at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA). "We want to bring important information and resources to as many people as possible."

Stockmanship & Stewardship is sponsored by the NCBA, Neogen, and the Beef Checkoff-funded Beef Quality Assurance program. Stockmanship & Stewardship events give cattle producers access to valuable resources, which aligns with Neogen's mission to provide innovative solutions to enhance animal care, performance and productivity within the cattle industry.

"To us, it is a relationship that is worth being a part of," said Dr. Kirk Ramsey, professional services veterinarian with Neogen. "It is an opportunity to promote good cattle handling and be part of making the industry what it needs to be."

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By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

It also requires PHMSA to update parts of its regulations to account for new pipeline materials, gases and operating practices. There is currently no federal agency that deter-

“We just had the deadliest two-year period in pipeline safety since 2015. Clearly, we need a more proactive approach to the safe transportation of our nation’s energy products,” said bill co-sponsor and committee Ranking Member Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) “This bill does just that by increasing civil penalties by 50 per-

1. Require operators and developers to disclose emergency-response information to state and local first responders, route permitting agencies, and the public, including plume dispersion maps, to allow rigorous

“PHMSA believes pipeline safety is the shared responsibility of federal and state regulators as well as all other stakeholders, including pipeline operators, excavators, property owners, and local governments. In 2010, PHMSA launched the Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA)—to help pipeline safety stakeholders define their respective roles related to land use practices near pipelines and to develop best practices. PHMSA looks forward to... updating these documents to focus on the unique circumstances of new pipeline construction.”



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EPA’s reallocation of small refinery exemptions causes concern for some

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

ANKENY, Iowa – Iowa biofuel experts are expressing concern over the EPA’s recently proposed draft rule regarding the potential reallocation of granted small refinery exemptions (SRE) under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

On Sept. 18, the EPA requested additional volumes representing complete (100 percent) reallocation or 50 percent reallocation for SREs granted in full or in part for 2023 and 2024, as well as those projected to be granted for 2025. In addition, the EPA is providing more information on its projection of SREs to inform the calculation of the 2026 and 2027 percentage standards, the agency said.

The RFS program is a national policy that requires a certain volume of renewable fuel be used to replace or reduce the quantity of fossil fuel in transportation fuel, home heating oil, or jet fuel, the EPA said. Reallocation of the EPA’s SRE’s refers to the agency’s proposal to shift the renewable fuel obligations waived by SRE’s from small refineries to other refiners that are subject to the RFS.

The EPA defines a small refinery as one with an average crude oil input of no more than 75,000 barrels per day. The agency said the exemption provides a way for small refineries to be excused from their RFS obligations under the RFS program. This is granted only if the refinery can demonstrate that compliance with the RFS program would cause what the EPA refers to as “disproportionate economic hardship” for the year in which the exemption is requested, the agency added.

(Renewable fuel obligations refer to the requirements under the RFS program, which mandate that fuel refiners and importers blend specific volumes of renewable fuels, such as ethanol and biodiesel, into the U.S. transportation fuel supply.)

According to the Iowa Biodiesel Board (IBB), Iowa is the nation’s leading biodiesel-producing state and soybean oil producer. Grant Kimberley, IBB executive director, Iowa Soybean Association senior director of market development and sixth-generation Maxwell, Iowa, farmer, has been calling for upholding the integrity of the RFS, saying reallocation of RFS small refinery exemptions would threaten

growth for biodiesel producers and farmers.

“Iowa’s soybean farmers helped establish the biodiesel industry and have benefited from its growth,” he told Farm World. “With the uncertainty surrounding U.S. trade relations, particularly with China, our largest customer, maintaining and growing domestic markets for the crops we produce is as important as ever.

“We know that growing access to higher blends not only benefits consumers and the environment, but also helps farmers weather difficult economic times and supports Iowa’s agriculture industry,” he added. He said by increasing the value of soybean oil, clean fuels support roughly 10 percent of the price per bushel of soybeans.

He added that clean fuels lower the price of soybean meal, a key ingredient for livestock producers and the food supply.

“We encourage the EPA to fully account for all waived gallons, while also working quickly to finalize the 2026-2027 RVO (specific volumes of renewable fuel, called renewable volume obligations, which the RFS pro-

gram requires, to be blended into U.S. transportation fuel each year) proposal. Farmers and biodiesel producers alike need this certainty.”

Mark Mueller, Iowa Corn Growers Association president and fourth-generation Waverly, Iowa, farmer, said with the current state of the farm economy and a USDA-projected record corn crop, farmers cannot afford to lose any demand for biofuels such as ethanol.

“We encourage the EPA to reallocate 100 percent of the 2023-2025 SRE’s, and add those volumes to 2026 and 2027 RFS obligations,” he said. “This will ensure renewable fuel demand is maintained at the levels intended.

“Any increase of RINs (renewable identification numbers, which are electronic credits that track and verify the production and consumption of renewable fuels under the EPA’s RFS program) in the market due to SRE’s could significantly impact the value of renewable fuels and limit consumption,” he added.

The EPA said the rule will go through a 45-day period of public comment (as of Sept. 18) prior to being finalized.

13 FFA members are selected to serve as #SpeakAg Pioneers

INDIANAPOLIS – A group of 13 FFA members has been selected to serve as young leaders for agriculture through the National FFA #SpeakAg Pioneers program. The 2025-2026 cohort of #SpeakAg Pioneers promotes agricultural advocacy and literacy to other members and the public by hosting workshops and creating content for social media.

The #SpeakAg Pioneers will attend the upcoming 98th National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis from Oct. 29-Nov. 1. They will also participate in other local and national events to interact with policymakers and advocate for agriculture on behalf of more than one million FFA members in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the

U.S. Virgin Islands.

“Teaching students communications and advocacy through agricultural education empowers them to share their stories, champion their communities, and speak up for the future of agriculture,” said Celya Glowacki, manager of Advocacy, Literacy, and Ag-Based Experiences at National FFA. “These skills prepare our young leaders to make a meaningful impact in any career they pursue.”

FFA members of the 2025-2026 #SpeakAg Pioneer Class are:

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14 graduate from AgriPOWER class of XV

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Fourteen farmers and agribusiness professionals have graduated from the 15th AgriPOWER Institute.

This year-long program, sponsored by Ohio Farm Bureau, is designed for those who want to become effective leaders and advocates for agriculture in the state. The eight-month program focuses on public policy issues that are relevant to the food industry such as consumer relations, regulations, energy and trade policies. The individuals who were selected learned from experts in ag-related fields and developed the skills necessary to become effective leaders and advocates for agriculture.

“These individuals have already made their mark on Ohio agriculture, and I’m excited that they will take their leadership skills to the next level,” said Brian Baldrige, director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture. “This program not only gave participants a deeper understanding of the farm and food sector here in Ohio and across the country, it gave them the tools they need to become even stronger advocates for an industry they are already passionate about.”

The group visited Washington, D.C., where they learned about national and global issues, and they visited diverse agricultural operations to better understand the differences and similarities in agriculture from state to state.

AgriPOWER has made an impact in the lives of many previous graduates of the program.

“AgriPOWER gave me the confidence to apply for a township trustee position when it came open and then run for the position a year later,” said Christen

Clemson, who graduated from the 2014-2015 class. “It has given me connections with government officials at all levels and created a lasting professional and friendship network that spans all of Ohio and a variety of professions.”

Cristen Cramer, of Woodville, Ohio, is a grain branch manager for Legacy Farmers Cooperative. She is a 2023-2024 graduate of AgriPOWER.

“I came into the program with limited farm bureau experience or farm policy knowledge,” Cramer said. “Through this process, I learned about how my local, as well as the state and national, farm bureau organizations assist with problems across the state. I had no idea the amount of similarities I would also share with the diverse group of peers in the class.”

The graduates in AgriPOWER Class of XV were Grace Baxter (Wooster), Rudi Pitzer Perry (New Vienna), Taylor Mensing (Westerville), Kelly Warner (Harrod), Johnathon Cottingim (Delaware), Zachary Jones (Huron), Hannah DiVencenzo (Grafton), Olivia Lang (Wooster), Amanda Barndt (Bowling Green), Lucy Pullins Green (Bowling Green), Emily Stevens (Tiffin), Kelsey Bezdek (Leroy), William Ray (Zanesville) and Alec Truckor (Metamora).

Graduates of the Class of XV brought a wide range of backgrounds to this class. Baxter grew up on an Angus sow-calf operation in eastern Kansas and Texas, and also showed her family’s cattle in 4-H and FFA. She is now an account marketing manager at Certified Angus Beef. Pitzer Perry works for Farm Credit Mid-America and serves as the regional vice president of agricultural lending in southern Ohio, while Mensing is currently an account executive at Curious Plot, a marketing agency, working

to launch and promote crop protection products for UPL NA, Inc.

Warner is the director of donor engagement and giving for the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation, responsible for the enhancement of the foundation’s scholarship program. Cottingim is a farm succession and legacy preservation attorney. He develops estate and succession plans that help protect the future of family farms.

Jones is a specialty crop grower, producing vegetables, fruits, meats and small grains for his family’s direct-to-consumer farm, The Chef’s Garden.

DiVencenzo is the owner of Health Harvest Organics, where she operates a small family farm focused on regenerative agriculture. She also serves as the northeast regional trustee on Ohio Farm Bureau’s board of trustees, representing the interests of members from 20 counties in northeast Ohio.

Lang is an agricultural risk adviser at Hummel Group Insurance, where she works with farmers to reduce risk on their farms and helps them protect the longevity of their farms through insurance planning. Barndt serves on the 2025 Ohio Farm Bureau Federation Policy Development Committee. She also works for Truland Equipment, a John Deere dealership, selling turf construction and ag equipment.

Pullins Green is a risk management associate at StoneX Group Inc., where she helps grain farmers, livestock producers, and elevators manage risk within the commodities futures markets, with a primary focus on corn, soybeans and wheat.

Stevens is an organization director and leveraging trends specialist for Ohio Farm Bureau, serving members in four Ohio counties, where she focuses on



Above: Graduates of the AgriPOWER Class of XV are (front row, from left) Grace Baxter (Wooster), Rudi Pitzer Perry (New Vienna), Taylor Mensing (Westerville), Kelly Warner (Harrod); back row: Johnathon Cottingim (Delaware), Zachary Jones (Huron), Hannah DiVencenzo (Grafton), Olivia Lang (Wooster), Amanda Barndt (Bowling Green), Lucy Pullins Green (Bowling Green), Emily Stevens (Tiffin), Kelsey Bezdek (Leroy), William Ray (Zanesville) and Alec Truckor (Metamora). (photo submitted)

providing the latest trends and issues to members to prepare them for what’s next for the industry.

Bezdek manages two rural sales offices for Howard Hanna Real Estate Services and is a licensed and practicing realtor. She also serves as vice president for the Lake County Farm Bureau.

Ray is the Ohio Forestry Association’s director of forestry programs, where he tracks, assesses, assists and awards educational credits for the Ohio Master Logger Program. He also assists forestry professionals and landowners in safety training.

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POET acquires Obion, Tennessee, bioethanol facility for bioprocessing

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – POET, billed as the world’s largest biofuel producer, recently completed its acquisition of Green Plains Obion, a bioethanol facility in Obion, Tenn., which will now operate as POET Bioprocessing, officials said.

The acquisition expands POET to 35 bioprocessing facilities across nine states – Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota and Tennessee. POET’s annual production capacity increases to 3.1 billion gallons of bioethanol, improving its access to southeastern markets, officials added. The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter of 2025.

“This acquisition enables POET to produce even more high-quality, American-made biofuels and bioproducts, creating grain markets for our farmers, reducing our dependence on foreign oil, and empowering rural communities to play a key role in strengthening the global bioeconomy,” said Jeff Broin, founder and CEO of POET, based in Sioux Falls, in an Aug. 27 media statement.

Erin Branick, POET media manager, told Farm World POET has been exploring potential acquisitions for several years, and that the company said it firmly believes this facility is the right asset at the right time to grow the company’s competitive advantage: “POET Bioprocessing-Obion is a high-quality, well-maintained facility in a strategic location to better access southeastern markets.”

She added that facilities for bioprocessing (the process of using living organisms, cells, or their components to produce useful products) provide markets for local farmers to deliver their grain, create quality jobs and boost rural economies.

“On average, a POET facility generates \$200 million in local economic impact annually,” she said. “Additionally, POET has extensive outreach programs that benefit our home communities, including grants, scholarships, sponsorships and more.”

Commissioned in 2008, the Obion facility is on 230 acres, with ample corn storage and rail infrastructure, officials said.

“This facility will enhance POET’s competitive advantage within our industry and within the liquid fuel sector by growing our existing fleet, and

expanding our reach into southeastern markets for bioethanol and other co-products,” said Jeff Lautt, POET president and CEO. “We’re confident in the future of bioproducts, and this investment underscores that optimism.”

In addition to bioethanol, POET produces a suite of plant-based bioproducts, including animal feed ingredients, corn oil, bioCO2 (a form of renewable carbon dioxide that is produced during the bioethanol production process), and purified alcohol (ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin, which is highly concentrated ethanol that has been purified by means of repeated distillation in a process called rectification), which are marketed to an ever-growing base of domestic and international customers, officials said.

In 2024, the company was named the nation’s 15th-largest container exporter by S&P’s Journal of Commerce, transporting bioproducts to more than 25 countries, also continuing to help drive the nationwide, year-round sale of E15, a 15 percent bioethanol blend, Broin said.

“POET was founded nearly 40 years ago with a bold vision: to revitalize rural communities, improve our environment, and redefine our energy future,” he said. “Today, that vision is more important than ever. We look forward to expanding the POET team to Tennessee as we continue to harness the power of American agriculture and bioprocessing to feed and fuel the world.”

As CEO of Obion County Joint Economic Development Corp., in Union City, Tenn., Lindsay Theobald told Farm World her role consists of working with existing businesses, as well as recruiting new businesses.

“Working with existing businesses is my favorite part of the job,” she said. “Helping existing businesses continue to thrive and grow in Obion County is the most rewarding aspect. We’ve had a strong partnership with Green Plains Obion over the years, and we’re excited to continue that momentum with POET.”

“Agriculture is the backbone of our economy, and this facility has been essential to its success,” she added. “Welcoming the world’s largest biofuel producer (POET) to Obion County is a tremendous opportunity, and we’re confident POET will be a great fit for our community, and a success for both.”



Above: Commissioned in 2008, the former Green Plains Obion facility (pictured) in Obion, Tenn., which POET recently acquired and will now operate as POET Bioprocessing, sits on 230 acres, with ample corn storage and rail infrastructure, officials said. (photo courtesy of the Obion County Chamber of Commerce).

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By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

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Damon West, a bestselling author, philanthropist and college professor, will serve as keynote speaker on the 13th. A feature-length documentary – A

The state finals of the INFB Young Farmers & Ag Professionals Discussion Meet competition will be at 11 a.m. on the 13th. The Discussion Meet is an annual competition designed to help INFB members aged 35 or younger learn how to effectively share and build upon ideas that foster understanding and collaboration to address important agricultural issues, according to INFB. The competition simulates a committee meeting where each participant is expected to be actively involved in the discussion. Contestants discuss common dilemmas and potential problems facing farmers in America, the organization said.

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Starke County – Geswein Farm & Land auctioned 188 +/- acres (175.61 FSA cropland acres) in three tracts on Sept. 24. Near Bass Lake, the property had frontage on U.S. 35, 350 South, and 400 South. The acreage, with an open lease for 2026, was divided as follows: Tract 1: 20 +/- acres (14.05 FSA crop acres); Tract 2: 19 +/- acres (17.43 FSA crop acres); Tract 3: 149.7 +/- acres (114.13 FSA crop acres) with pivot irrigation. Tracts 1 & 2 sold together for \$260,000 (\$6,667/acre); Tract 3 sold for \$755,000 (\$5,043/acre).

Kentucky

Corydon – On Sept. 16, Herron Auction & Realty held an online auction of a 2-bedroom/1-bath country home on 1 acre, minutes from Henderson City/County Airport and the Ohio River. It had a full unfinished basement, vinyl flooring, updated bathroom, covered front porch, rear deck, and 11-by-14-foot storage building. It sold for \$56,500.

McCracken County – On Sept. 30, Harris Real Estate & Auction offered 64.88 acres in five tracts. The property included 47.5 acres of tillable land, potential homesites, 2,175 ft of frontage on Highway 60, and 1,738 ft on Old Highway 60 (with egress). Tract 1 contained 5.23 acres with an old homeplace with well and septic. Tract 2 was 25.97 acres. Tracts 3 and 4 each held 2 acres with potential building sites handled trash and lawn care. The facility sold for \$100,000.

fronting Highway 60. Tract 5 held 29.68 acres. Tracts 1, 3 and 4 sold combined for \$135,000 (\$14,626/acre); Tract 2 went for \$245,000 (\$9,434/acre); Tract 5 sold for \$185,000 (\$6,233/acre).

Michigan

Adrian – On Sept. 29, Schrader Real Estate and Auction Co. sold 147 +/- acres in five tracts, featuring productive tillable land with pattern tile, marketable timber and a large storage shed. Tract 1 contained 12 +/- tillable acres bordered by trees and a creek, with U.S. Hwy 223 frontage. Tract 2 was a 9 +/- wooded “swing” tract (sold only in combination with Tract 1 or 3). Tract 3 held 58 +/- acres. 47 +/- were tillable with Morley/Blount soils and pattern tile. The tract featured a 50-by-250-foot free-span shed and frontage along U.S. Highway 223. Tract 4 was a 48 +/- tillable acre “swing” tract with Blount soils and pattern tile (sold only to a neighbor or in combination with Tract 3). Tract 5 was a 20 +/- wooded “swing” tract with timber value (sold only to a neighbor or in combination with Tracts 3 and 4). Tracts 1 and 2 sold combined for \$175,100 (\$8,338/acre); Tracts 3 and 4 sold together for \$942,450 (\$8,891/acre); Tract 5 sold for \$67,980 (\$3,399/acre).

Owendale – On Sept. 9, Albrecht Auction held an online-only sale of 80 +/- wooded prime hunting acres. The property was surrounded by woods and farmland and had the east branch of the Pigeon River running through. Soils included Pipestone sand, Fluvaquents loam, and Shebeon-Badaxe sandy loams. The property had an uninhabitable farmhouse, outbuilding, well and septic. Hunting rights were offered before closing. It sold for \$342,500.

Ohio

Atwater – Kiko Auctions held a live/simulcast auction on Sept. 20 of a 53.6-acre farm, in two tracts, known locally as the “Strader Estate.” Tract 1 comprised an 11.5-acre mini-farm with a 1.5-story, 1,523-square-foot, 3-bedroom/1-bath home needing updates. It featured a full walkout basement, front/back porches, 100-amp electric, free gas heat from an onsite well, 75-by-40-foot barn, 48-by-30-foot and 40-by-30-foot metal buildings, other outbuildings, and 403 feet of New Milford Road frontage. Tract 2 held 42.2 mostly tillable acres with woods at the rear and 364 feet of frontage on New Milford Road. All mineral, gas, and oil rights transferred subject to existing leases. The two tracts sold together for \$649,000.

Noble County – On Sept. 8, Kaufman Realty & Auctions conducted an online absolute auction of 46 +/- acres of HBP mineral rights in two tracts. No surface rights conveyed. Near Beaver Township, both tracts held a 50 percent undivided interest in 46 +/- acres (23 net acres). Both were part of a lease with Trans-Atlantic Energy Corp. covering 257 acres (lease terms undisclosed), offering investment potential in the volatile Utica/Point Pleasant Shale play. Each tract sold for \$115,000 (\$5,000/acre).



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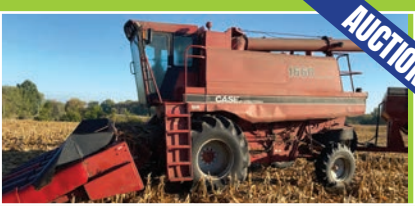
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Books by various authors c.2025, various publishers, \$18.95-\$28, various page counts

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One more test, one more poke or push or pain, one more day to cry yourself dry. The diagnosis was what you were most afraid to hear but you did and now what? It brings you to this: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and there's no better time than now to read these books on the subject...

The statistics are shocking: before this year is out, more than 300,000 women in American alone will have been diagnosed with breast cancer. One out of every eight women will fight breast cancer at some point in their lives and each of them – and their families – will have seemingly-endless questions. That's where "How to Prevent Breast Cancer Before & After: A Guide to Taking Back Control of Your Life" by Pamela Wartian Smith, MD, MPH (Square One Publishers, \$18.95) could become your new best friend.

No-nonsense (but not without sympathy) and easy-to-use, this book helps newly diagnosed patients sort through the "basics" of breast cancer, what it is, how it spreads, the various kinds there are and more. Smith discusses treatments and the side effects you may experience, and she devotes pages and pages to your future, and your life after treatment.

Be aware that the words, "Ask your doctor" don't appear nearly enough here so take note and, yep, ask your doctor. Then go find lots of sticky flags because this book, in fact, is a great companion to bring along for your appointments, to query your physician and be a more-informed patient.

Okay, so much for the body of you. How about for the mind?

For that, try "Cancer is Complicated and Other Unexpected Lessons I've Learned" by Clea Shearer (The Open Field, \$28).

Her 40th year was supposed to be her best year ever: Shearer was enjoying success, having fun with family and friends, and loving life. And



THE BOOKWORM SEZ
Terri Schlichenmeyer

then she was diagnosed with breast cancer and she figured life was over. Done. It would never be as good as before.

But after a while, she began to notice that nothing was as bad as she thought it would be; in fact, maybe she'd been handed a cosmic chance to grow in a different way. Cancer was complicated, but not necessarily scary and maybe she could help other women understand that.

This is a clear-headed, honest book that's also helpful, with final notes, hints, and points to ponder at the end of each chapter, in case you don't feel up to finishing more than a page or two. Don't worry, Shearer writes so that readers feel like they've just gotten a letter from a friend and there's no hurry.

If these books aren't quite what you need or if you want more direction, more help, more answers, head to your favorite bookstore or library, ask for help there or look for the health section where you'll find books about breast cancer. There are many of them; one is sure to be the 100 percent right one you need to own, to read, to study, to scan.



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Non-native Mediterranean geckos showing up in Indiana

Indiana has been invaded by geckos and the little lizards aren't peddling insurance. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is asking the public to report sightings of Mediterranean geckos (*Hemidactylus turcicus*). The Mediterranean gecko is an exotic lizard species not dangerous but has been observed at several locations across the state.

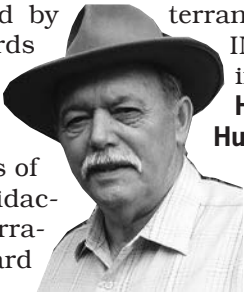
Please email sightings, especially ones backed by photographs, to HerpSurveys@dnr.IN.gov, including the photograph(s). The information will help the DNR track locations of the introduced species.

Mediterranean geckos are native to the Mediterranean region of Europe and northern Africa. They are 4 to 5 inches long and are tan or pink with brown blotches on their body. They can also be identified by their warty skin, banded tail, and large, bulging eyes with vertical pupils. The lizards are most active at night and can be observed near outdoor lights, feeding on insects during the warm season, or inside buildings at any time of year.

DNR biologists have received photo-backed reports of Mediterranean geckos in recent years. Most involve a small number arriving as hitchhikers on shipments.

Mediterranean geckos are the most widespread exotic lizard species introduced to the United States. The lizards are closely associated with man-made structures and typically live in and around buildings. They cannot easily spread in Indiana because they need a heated building to survive winter and are not considered a threat to Indiana's natural resources.

For more information on Medi-



SPAULDING OUTDOORS
By Jack Spaulding

terranean geckos, visit wildlife.IN.gov/wildlife-resources/animals/mediterranean-gecko/.
Hunters Donate Deer To Feed Hungry Hoosiers

Indiana Conservation Officers encourage Indiana hunters to donate harvested deer to help feed Hoosiers in need.

"Venison harvested through hunting is an important source of nourishment for Hoosier families," said Col. Steve Hunter, director of DNR Law Enforcement. "Through Hunt for Hunger, hunters can donate a deer and expand that generous impact to even more Hoosiers in need across the state."

Hunt for Hunger, a program administered by the DNR Division of Law Enforcement, provides grants to the division's nonprofit partners, including Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry, the Dubois County Sportsmen Club, and Hunters and Farmers Feeding the Hungry, to pay for meat processing fees when hunters donate legally harvested deer.

Participating in the program is simple: Drop off the field-dressed deer at a local participating processor. Processing fees are paid for by Hunt for Hunger (no cost to the donating hunter). The processor creates venison burger to distribute to food banks.

The participating organizations notify food banks throughout Indiana when venison is ready to be collected from certified Hunt for Hunger processors. The food banks distribute venison to soup kitchens and food pantries.

More than 500,000 pounds of venison have been donated by Hoosier hunters since the program's inception in 2008.

For more information on donating a harvested deer and a list of participating processors, please visit on.IN.gov/huntforhunger.

Nickel Plate Trail Connection In Indianapolis

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the city of Indianapolis celebrated the completion of the Nickel Plate Trail on October 21 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The 10-foot-wide, asphalt, multi-use trail was constructed by the city of Indianapolis with support from a \$5 million grant from the DNR.

The new trail follows the historic Nickel Plate railroad corridor, running 10.3 miles northeast from the Indiana State Fairgrounds to the Marion-Hamilton county line at 96th Street. The new trail connects to the Monon Trail near the state fairgrounds. After the Indiana Department of Transportation finishes the I-465/I-69 section, the new trail will connect to the Nickel Plate Trail in Fishers with a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over 96th Street currently under construction.

"Across Indiana, we see communities coming together to support strong trail connections like this new connection through Indianapolis' section of the Nickel Plate Trail," said Chris Smith, DNR deputy director. "DNR is proud to support communities as they build trails that connect people to each other and Indiana's great outdoors."

With the bridge connection, the Nickel Plate Trail will run more than 19 miles across Marion and Hamilton counties, connecting through Indianapolis, Fishers and Noblesville to Forest Park. The portion of the trail under the I-465/I-69 interchange will be completed by INDOT in 2026.

Avian Influenza Now In Multiple Indiana Counties

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has confirmed highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a blue-winged teal in Greene County through surveillance conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services and DNR Division of Fish, Wildlife & Nature Preserves. HPAI has also been confirmed as the cause of death in black vultures in Jefferson County and is suspected as the cause of black vulture deaths in Franklin County.

Signs of HPAI in waterfowl and raptors include:
Sudden death
Neurological impairment (e.g., lack

of coordination, swimming/walking in circles, tremors, twisted neck)

Lack of energy and appetite
Swelling of the head, neck, and eyes
Nasal discharge, cough, sneezing, lack of coordination, and diarrhea.

If you find wild waterfowl or raptors dead for no obvious reason or showing any of the above signs, report it online at on.IN.gov/sickwildlife.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the public health risk for HPAI is low. However, it is possible for humans to contract HPAI. Avoid contact with sick waterfowl and other sick wildlife whenever possible. If a carcass must be removed, put on disposable gloves and a mask, double bag the carcass, and place it in the trash. If possible, use a tool such as a shovel to pick up the carcass instead of your hands. Wash hands with soap and warm water immediately afterward.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recommends waterfowl hunters process birds in a well-ventilated area or outdoors and wear protective clothing such as a face mask and gloves. Meat harvested from waterfowl should be cooked to an internal temperature of 165°F before consumption.

Reach out to the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) if you develop any of the following symptoms after coming in contact with waterfowl: eye irritation or redness, fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, sneezing, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headaches, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, or rash. Call IDOH at 317-233-7125 during business hours. Outside of business hours, call 317-233-1325 and follow the prompts in the automated menu to speak to the epidemiologist on call.

Some domestic and agricultural animals are also known to be susceptible to HPAI, including poultry, cattle, and cats. If you have animals at home, be sure to process and dispose of any harvested waterfowl away from your animals and practice good biosecurity measures.

For more information on HPAI, visit on.IN.gov/avian-flu.

'till next time,

Jack

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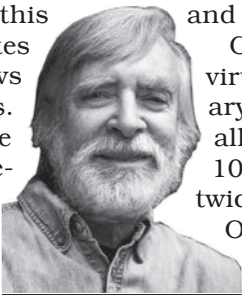
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Many of the events of the annual cycle recur year after year in a regular order

A year-to-year record of this order is a record of the rates at which solar energy flows to and through living things. They are the arteries of the land. By tracing their responses to the sun, Phenology may eventually shed some light on that ultimate enigma, the land’s inner workings. – Aldo Leopold, A Phenological Record for Sauk and Dane Counties, Wis., 1935-1945 (1947)



POOR WILL'S ALMANACK
By Bill Felker

The Moon
Nov. 7: The moon is full
Nov. 13: The moon enters its final quarter
Nov. 20-21: The moon is new
Nov. 28: The moon enters its second quarter

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2. Set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m.

Weekly Weather
The chances of warmth in the 70s drop to just 5 percent on November 4th, and odds increase for cold throughout the week ahead. Highs just in the 30s or 40s were relatively rare during the final days of October, but by the 5th of November, they occur 25 percent of the time, and chances rise to over 40 percent by the 10th of the month.
The coolest days in this period are typically the 6th and the 7th, both of which have only about a 15 percent chance of warmth in the 60s. The 3rd ushers in the snow season for the central states, flurries or accumulation emerging into the realm of possibility, at least a 10 percent possibility per day between that date

and spring.
Chances of a thunderstorm virtually disappear until February in the lower Midwest, but all-day rains increase. The first 10 days of November are about twice as rainy as the final 10 of October. Chances of rain or snow run at about 40 percent from the 1st through the 5th, then drop to just 25 percent on the 6th, 7th and 8th.

Farming and Gardening
Late bulbs, garlic, shrubs, and trees can be planted in November throughout much of the nation. The finest lunar and meteorological time of all for that activity will occur between full moon and the end of the moon’s third quarter. In northern states, it might be wise, however, to plant as soon as possible – preferably before the weather turns much nastier after Nov. 4th. Trim hooves, and cut hair on goats, slaughter livestock, give vaccinations, and treat for internal and external parasites under the dark moon.

Journal
Many people consider the transition period from one season to another to be a “thin time,” a porous stage not only between phases of the year but between the spheres of the living and the dead. Some believe that in autumn’s thin time, ghosts of creatures who once lived in the body, return to earth. In the thin time of late March, crossing to the spirit side may be easier, and the sick who struggle to stay alive through the winter often slip away just as spring is immanent.
The cycle of seasons is easy to

connect with the cycles of human life. The growth and disappearance of foliage and flowers reflect a simple, clear pattern to which all living things conform. But the parallel time of second spring, when the buds and the first sprouts of next year’s April grow back alongside the remnants of the old year, is also exemplary. Second spring offers the reassurance of rebirth. It is a manifestation of the order Boethius invoked, “that which doth within itself embrace/ The births and ends of all things in a round.”
The parallel of endings and beginnings in natural history creates more than a space-through-metaphor; it forms a thin interval of illusion in which the senses are not always certain of their place in time. The border between the landscape of November and the landscape of April is often more open than a linear calendar suggests. Sometimes the tree line shines orange like it does when hepatica first blossoms beneath it. November hedgerows sometimes glow yellow in the rain like rows of tall sweet clover or forsythia in bloom. Waterleaf is strong along the rivers. Celandine, dandelions, chickweed and violets bloom in the alleys. Seeds sprout in rotting logs. The last leaves of dogwood show through the undergrowth, as soft and pink as dogwood flowers. The low sun sets the grass and plants glowing like they glow in April, and when the sky is clear blue and the air is warm, reality contradicts linear reason.
All of this produces in me a feeling of healing reprieve and of compensation for the death of the year. I walk the woods, and I turn inward to the mystery. I willingly touch the emotional confusion, willingly misread

the signs that allow passage to both memory and fantasy.
Almanack Literature
A Joke on Uncle John
By Mrs. Dora DeHart, Middletown, Ohio
Back in earlier times, neighbors could play jokes on each other and still be friends. But modern times have taken all that away from us.
This happened many years back, when people dug their own wells for their water supply.
Uncle John was digging his own well, and he ran into solid rock, which could only be moved with dynamite.
Two neighbors were helping Uncle John, and a ladder was placed down inside the hole. Uncle John was to go down and light the fuse and then hurry back up before the explosion went off.
Now these two neighbors were always good at playing jokes, so they took out whatever defuses dynamite and sent John down with everything ready for a big explosion.
When John turned his back to light the fuse, the neighbors pulled the ladder out. When John discovered the ladder was gone, the explosion down in the well wasn’t the dynamite – it was Uncle John screaming and clawing, trying to climb the wall of the well.
When the neighbors thought they had gone far enough, they put the ladder back down. But they didn’t stay around to see John get out, hoping it would take him a while.
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Midwest Pork Conference set for Dec. 2; farmers will hear good news

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

MUNCIE, Ind. – There should be very good news to share with hog producers during the upcoming Midwest Pork Conference, billed as Indiana's premiere education and trade show.

According to USDA, the hog industry anticipates “significant profitability” for hog farmers in the near future with some experts predicting a profit of \$20 to \$25 per head.

David Hardin, who finishes about 12,000 hogs a year on his Indiana farm, said prices are much better already than they were during a struggling market the past few years.

Hardin said the hundredweight price for a lean carcass of a hog is now above \$80, or about \$8 more than last October.

"As long as we don't see overproduction in the pork industry, I think we can see good prices for the foreseeable future," he said.

The one-day Midwest Pork Conference is Dec. 2 at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie.

There will be networking opportunities with fellow producers and industry leaders along with a full schedule of educational sessions about timely, practical topics. There will also be a swine-focused trade show and an economic update on the industry along with Spanish translation services provided.

Early bird registration is available until Oct. 31.

People are also invited to a pre-conference event on Dec. 1 featuring a private viewing of the documentary, "World Without Cows." The film explores the impact and importance of animal agriculture in the world.

Tickets are \$25 and includes the documentary, a drink ticket, unlimited soft drinks and appetizers. A cash bar will be available during the showing of the movie from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the convention center.

According to USDA, prices are up due to tighter supplies caused by a

drop in the rate of slaughter and a rebound in U.S. pork exports, which increased by 5 percent over the previous year.

Hardin, who raises hogs near Danville west of Indianapolis, said small and medium sized pork producers leaving the industry over the past year due to low prices also contributed to the drop in supply.

He expressed surprise that exports remain strong despite the uncertainty created over tariffs.

"Customers around the world still see U.S. pork as a good value buy and they know what they're going to get from a quality standpoint," he said.

Hardin believes prices will remain strong at least for a while due to positive summer futures projections and steady demand from consumers, who he feels will begin switching to pork soon to avoid much higher beef prices.

Lower feed costs, especially for corn, have also helped the profit margins of hog producers.

"It looks like there will be a longer streak of black ink than we've had to work with in the past several years," he said.

Hardin also said he's interested in how many pork producers will hang on to their profits to make up for previous year losses or use the extra money to invest on expanding their operations. He believes the high cost of construction materials will influence many producers to hold off on expanding.

Hardin, a sixth-generation farmer, also raises corn and soybeans on about 2,200 acres with about half of the corn used as feed for his herd.

Hardin, a past president of the Indiana Pork Advocacy Coalition, has been on the board of directors for the Indiana Pork Producers Association since 2005.

He also worked in a grain futures division at the Chicago Board of Trade for two years and has farmed full-time since 2003.

For more information or to register
visit www.indianapork.org/events

Upcoming Great Plains tillage demo day at Apple Farm Service

SABINA, Ohio — Apple Farm will host Great Plains Tillage Day on Wednesday, Nov. 5. Visitors will be able to try four fall tillage machines on over 140 acres of bean and corn fodder on southwest-Ohio ground.

Demonstrations will be running from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 7116 Greenfield-Sabina Road in Sabina. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. No need to register or RSVP.

"This is a great opportunity for our area growers to see the capabilities of Great Plains tillage at this free no-commitment event" said Kent Holmes, marketing manager of Apple Farm Service. "It'll be a day of learning for all of us. We'll be trying out different calibrations, digging up layers to check compaction, and running various experiments as visitors come to us with different questions and scenarios."

Apple Farm Service, who has offered Great Plains at four locations, was excited to earn the Great Plains contract for their latest location, Washington Court House, this spring.

Along with a majority of their sales staff, members of Apple Farm Service's service department, parts department, and Great Plains regional specialists will be on the field to answer questions.

Those who attend can have the ability to try four different Great Plains fall tillage machines. These machines are the Terra-Max (hybrid tillage), VT Turbo-Max (vertical tillage), Sub-Soiler (deep tillage), and the Max Chisel (primary tillage).

For more information, and an online map of the demo site, visit AppleFarm-Service.com/TillageDay.



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Lack of government reports leads to uncertainty in the market

As expected, the game of chicken continued on Capitol Hill. This the third-longest shut down in history, surpassed by those in 1995 and 2018-2019. There was no September Milk Production or Cold Storage report issued this week, which leaves industry players guessing and much uncertainty in the market.

The National Milk Producers Federation says, "With the government shutdown giving dairy producers only about two weeks to submit Emergency Livestock Relief program applications with a fully operational USDA, NMPF asked USDA for an application extension when the government reopens. USDA has agreed."

Approximately 2,100 FSA offices actually reopened Thursday but only had two employees each to provide services like farm loan processing, disaster relief payments, and Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage payments.

Fluid milk sales were down again in August. The USDA's latest data showed packaged sales totaled 3.48

billion pounds, down 4.0 percent from August 2024, and follows a 1.2 percent dip in July. Conventional product sales totaled 3.2 billion pounds, down 3.6 percent from a year ago. Organic sales, at 236 million, were down 9.4 percent from a year ago, and represented 6.8 percent of total milk sales in the month, down from a typical 7.2 percent.

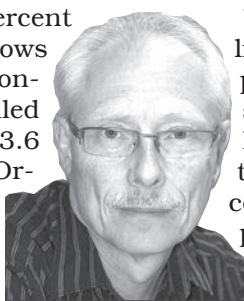
Whole milk sales totaled 1.3 billion pounds, down 2.6 percent from a year ago, but up 0.1 percent year to date. Whole milk represented 36.3 percent of total sales for the month, down 2 percent from July's percentage. Skim milk sales totaled 171 million pounds, up 7.0 percent from a year ago, and up 0.3 percent year to date.

Packaged fluid sales in the eight-month period totaled 27.9 billion pounds, down 1.5 percent from 2024. Conventional product sales amounted to 25.9 billion, down 1.5 percent from a year ago. Organic products, at 1.99 billion pounds, were down 1.4 percent, and represented 7.1 percent of total milk sales in the eight months. The figures represent consumption in Federal market orders, which account for about 92 percent of total fluid sales in the U.S.

Speaking of fluid milk; the November Federal order Class I base price was announced by the USDA at \$16.75 per hundredweight, down \$1.29 from October, \$5.78 below November 2024, and the lowest Class I price since August 2023. It equates to \$1.44 per gallon, down from \$1.94 a year ago. The 11 month Class I average stands at \$19.01, down from \$20.25 at this time a year ago, and compares to \$23.76 in 2022.

China Customs Statistics shows Chinese butter imports soared to 23.7 million pounds or 10.76 metric tons (MT) in September, up 23.7 percent from September 2024, and the first time ever to surpass 10,000MT, according to HighGround Dairy's Cara Murphy in the Oct. 27 Dairy Radio Now broadcast.

Sailings from New Zealand were up 86 percent, she said, and increased its market share to 84 percent. Additional shipments came from Argentina, United Kingdom, and Denmark, with little from the U.S., despite U.S. prices at a significant discount to the rest of the world. U.S. shipments totaled just 11MT, down 58 percent from 2024.



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY
By Lee Mielke

Whey imports, at 117.4 million pounds, were down 3.1 percent, following two consecutive months of growth. Murphy said shipments from the U.S. were only off 0.5 percent. The overall decline was primarily driven by lower sailings from Ireland, Netherlands and France. Chinese pork prices have fallen to multi-year lows, and Murphy said the government is urging hog farmers to reduce

supplies, as it reduces subsidies for producers. "We really want to pay attention to this market," she concluded, "As it's a big one for whey and as the hog population in China starts to come down, we might see those whey shipments decline as well."

Cheese imports totaled 31.5 million pounds, up 13.5 percent, with New Zealand remaining the primary origination country. China has a trade agreement with New Zealand, says Murphy, and shipments were up 18.0 percent year-to-date. New Zealand cheese sailings were down 60MT or 0.74 percent, as China bought more product from Australia, Denmark and France, Murphy said. European cheese prices have fallen below the U.S. on the European Energy Exchange so this will change things in the global marketplace, she said. New Zealand has the highest in price now.

Whole milk powder imports, at 32.3 million pounds, were up 41.2 percent, while skim milk powder imports totaled just 18.5 million, down 12.5 percent.

The government shut down and ramifications of the tariff wars have loaded a lot on the president's plate, all while he tries to keep his peace treaty intact in the Middle East. There's been discussion of aid to U.S. farmers over lost soybean sales to China. The latest idea is an attempt to address high beef prices by importing beef from Argentina. That drew opposition from U.S. livestock producers who are enjoying the much needed higher prices, as are dairy producers.

Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins, Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum, Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert Kennedy Jr., and Small Business Administrator Kelly Loeffler announced actions this week to "strengthen the American beef industry, reinforcing and prioritizing the American rancher's critical role in the national security of the

U.S.," stated a USDA press release.

"Since 2017, the United States has lost over 17 percent of family farms, more than 100,000 operations over the last decade. The national herd is at a 75-year low while consumer demand for beef has grown 9 percent over the past decade.

Because increasing the size of the domestic herd takes time, the USDA is investing now to make these markets less volatile for ranchers over the long term and more affordable for consumers.

"USDA will immediately expedite deregulatory reforms, boost processing capacity, including getting more locally raised beef into schools, and working across the government to fix longstanding common-sense barriers for ranchers like outdated grazing restrictions." There was no mention of increasing imports.

Back in Chicago, Cheddar block cheese climbed to \$1.7950 per pound Monday, highest since Aug. 28, but it headed south from there, falling to \$1.7250 Thursday, after closing Friday at \$1.7750. The barrels made it to \$1.7750 Tuesday, highest since Sept. 3, but closed Thursday morning at \$1.7550, after finishing Friday at \$1.77.

Several Central region plants were down for maintenance this week, according to Dairy Market News. Cheese production was steady to lighter, but milk remains available in the region. Some plants were moving milk to Class I production, while others were selling loads to nearby cheese plants. Demand for cheese is steady domestically. Contacts reported strong interest for mozzarella and cheese barrels. Export demand is mixed. Some contacts noted interest from purchasers in Mexico is picking up, but demand is lighter from other countries. Spot loads of cheese are available, but inventories of cheese barrels are tightening, says DMN.

Milk production is sufficiently covering cheese producer needs in the West. Spot demand from cheese producers varies from moderate to steady. Many cheese manufacturers report contractual volumes are adequate. Cheese production is generally steady. Manufacturer availability of cheese is mixed. Traders report steady or somewhat tight cheese availability depending on variety. Domestic demand is flat. Export demand is somewhat lighter to steady as U.S. cheese prices are losing some competitive steam against international prices, says DMN.

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Ohio producer brings local beef to the community

By Mike Tanchevski
Ohio Correspondent

CLYDE, Ohio – For many in Ohio, farming is a way of life that has been passed down through generations. But for Alexis Payne and her enterprise, AP Cattle Co., a small but growing beef business, it’s a passion discovered through marriage and cultivated by a desire to bring high-quality, locally raised beef directly to consumers.

Mark and Gail Payne, her husband Dustin’s parents, own and operate Margail Farms in Clyde. The Holstein cattle farm spurred Alexis’ desire to do something different with the available resources.

“I married into the farming family,” Payne said, describing a venture that began with her wanting to start her own business. She approached her father-in-law, a veteran cattle farmer, and asked his thoughts on possibly starting her own herd, with the intention of making local beef more accessible to people.

In 2022, still feeling the effects of the pandemic’s impact on food supply chains, she saw an opportunity.

Her approach is collaborative. Working with her father-in-law, she buys calves from his herd – usually purebred Holsteins, sometimes beef crosses – and she feeds them out with a focus on quality and sustainability. “He looked at what he already had, and he would set aside a few for my business,” Payne said about purchasing cattle from her father-in-law.

Payne processed 15 head of cattle in her first year, and continues to make slight increases every year. “I don’t want to get ahead of myself,” she added, noting that growth has been steady but measured. “I would definitely love to increase the scale of the business, but it’s tough with the cattle markets right now. Things have been really great the way they are.”

Like many small-scale farmers, Payne juggles her business with a full-time job off the farm. “I work at a grain elevator, so during harvest I can be there seven days a week, 12 hours a day,” she said. Her work schedule comes with challenges, especially when it comes to serving her beef customers. “I wish I could just drop everything and help a customer, but it’s not always realistic,” she said. Still, Payne finds that most people are understanding, and she takes pride in the quick turnaround she can offer on orders.

Moving a calf to market takes about 18 months, and Payne cycles cattle to slaughter every other month, providing a steady supply to her customers. Payne explained that Holstein beef is naturally lean and finishes well on a good diet. “We’ve really got it dialed in,” she said. “They marble out extremely well.”



Above: Alexis Payne and her husband, Dustin.

Payne sells her beef primarily through online orders and at the Sandusky Farmers’ Market from June to September. AP Cattle Co. doesn’t have a retail storefront, but regular customers know they can place orders on Payne’s website and arrange for pickups at her business location. “A lot of it has been word of mouth,” she explains. “But I do Facebook, I’m a member of Ohio Proud and my local chamber of commerce, and I sponsor local ag events like the county fair.”

Her marketing is intentional and thoughtful – she’s cautious about growing her business too quickly – but she’s looking to expand as she gains confidence and capacity. “I’d love to scale it up,” she said, “but the uncertainty is a lot to take on. That’s why I have so much respect for farmers who do this full time.”

Tailoring the business to consumer needs has been a learning process for Payne. “It’s kind of a guessing game of what your customers are going to want, and in the beginning, it was really difficult,” she said. “I got every single cut taken out I could get to try to maximize profitability.”

Payne quickly learned that some cuts of meat don’t sell as well as others, and customers typically prefer specific cuts. “For example, roasts move more slowly, and some people only want steaks,” she said. Now, she tweaks her inventory, getting specific cuts, to meet consumer needs.

In the future, Payne hopes to dedicate herself full time to the business. But for now, she is content with the stability her off-farm job provides and the sense of purpose her side business brings.

Looking down the road, Payne’s commitment is clear: provide local, quality beef while staying connected to customers and the community. “I just want to keep making local beef accessible and keep learning as I go,” she said.



Above: An aerial view of the farm.



Above: The calves move from pen to pen as they grow, as each pen is set up differently, allowing for the changes in diets and spatial needs for growing calves.



Above: The calves come in very young and are housed in calf hutches to ensure their health and safety and dietary needs.

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FARMLAND AUCTION

EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS

TUES. NOVEMBER 4TH AT 10:00 AM CT

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LIVE/ONSITE AUCTION

The Personal Property Auction for the Ed Kreutzjans estate located at 2455 W County Rd 150 N, North Vernon, IN 47265 on:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd AT 12:30 PM

www.bidwithmike.com

We will be having a live onsite personal property auction for the Ed Kreutzjans estate.

Tractors, Bulldozer Combine: AC D-17 series III Narrow point, McCormick Farmall B culti-vision, simplicity 4040 with 60" deck and 3 point hitch, Case VA1, John Deere A, John Deere B, MF 15' grain table, MF 510 combine, MF 43 4-row corn head, IH Bull Dozer TD 14

Grain Truck and Equipment: Dodge 700 Grain Truck with 18' grain bed approx. 450 bushel Allied bed Knaphede, Chem Farm 2 shank pull type chisel plow, AC 4 bottom plow, Unverferth HT 25 header wagon, John Deere 8300 bean drill, 15' flatbed wagon, 500 gallon field sprayerWheel Horse 953, old grain auger, Wheel Horse cultivator & single plow,

Tools and misc: Honda Trail 50 mini bike, Wheel Horse 4 wheel wagon, cutting torch set, Charge Air pro 6 hp 60 gal. air compressor, Delta floor model drill press, pneumatic jack, floor jack, 2 wheel carts, hand tools, long handle tools, Homelite chainsaw, 2 old Wisconsin engines, over 300 board' of rough cut lumber, and more!

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MIKE MENSENDIEK, AUCTIONEER - AU08900147

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TERMS: Cash, check, debit or credit with 3% fee. All items sold as is.

ESTATE AUCTION

Due to the death of my husband, Bruce Thompson, we will offer for sale at public auction the below listed guns, hunting equipment and sporting items. Located at Harvest Moon Winery & Farms (moved inside for weather protection).

3925 Williams Rd., GOSPORT, IN 47433
(from Bloomington, Hwy. 46 west to Owen-Monroe Co. Line Rd., north on County Line Rd. to Williams Rd., to top of hill) on:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST - *9:00 AM
(doors open promptly at 8:00 AM)

GUNS – AMMO – SCOPES

About 50 good quality long and short guns including Browning, Colt, Remington, Winchester, Kimber, S&W - Savage – Stevens – SKS – Glock – Marlin – Taurus. Lots gun scopes, holsters, various ammo, price guides – Gun magazines – Lots steel traps – Fur stretchers – Lots good quality sheath knives, folding and novelty knives – Gun cases, etc. - Just in time for hunting, trapping season – All on-site – All FFL laws apply – **NO firearms on-site until Saturday morning of auction.**

SPECIAL

Very nice, 2017 GMC Terrain, reasonable reserve.

For pictures, go to website: www.williamsauctioneering.com or call 765-823-8897 or 812-829-6358

TERMS: Cash or approved check only, day of auction.

All items must be removed auction day. Not responsible for accidents.

Debbie Thompson, Owner

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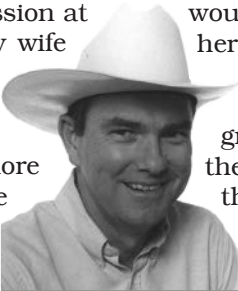
NO BUYER'S PREMIUM. Announcements day of auction take precedence over printed material - Auctioneers make no guarantees concerning condition of merchandise nor selling time of any particular item – Come if you want to buy and come if you don't want to buy, we are always glad to have you!

When done properly, cussing can relieve stress and help ease pain

After attending a saloon session at a cow buyer's convention, my wife made the astute observation that cattle persons have the disgusting habit of swearing terribly. I couldn't agree more and I think it's time that we all made an effort to upgrade the quality of our swearing.

When done properly, cussing is an art form and in many situations around the ranch it can help you achieve your desired objective. For example, suppose you are gathering cattle in steep country and you are riding the ridge kicking cattle off the sheer slopes. Invariably there will be a cow about half way down the hill that refuses to budge and practicality dares you to come and get her. You are faced with a dilemma. If you ride down to get the cow you will then have the arduous task of climbing back to the top of the ridge. This is where a dog and a few proper cuss words of encouragement can make life a lot easier. "Get that barren bleep you no good, flea bitten, louse laden, chicken eating, lop eared son of a sheepdog!" Please note that it is not necessary to use off-color words. These are everyday terms that are clean enough to use around women, kids, female preachers, extension agents and mother-in-laws.

Cuss words can also come in handy to relieve stress and ease pain. If you are exhibiting a 2,000-pound bull in the show ring and the bull accidentally steps on your arthritic toes it is not necessary to use language that



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would make your mother hide her head in shame. Merely say, "Yeeeeooooow!" followed by the words, "Oh, my," as the bull gradually grinds your toes into the tanbark. There now... doesn't that make you feel better?

After being turned down by your banker for any further credit because he wanted to see your cash flow statement and a five-year plan and all you had was a cigar box full of tobacco stained receipts, there are several words you can use to express your displeasure without offending him thereby destroying the possibility of borrowing any more money from him in the future. Among these creative cowboy cuss words would be: "I'll be darned, gosh, jeeeeeminy crickets, oh my, golly jeez and dad gummit."

Any stockman worth his salt knows that animals often react positively to the proper swear words. When attempting to catch your horse if he bolts and runs from you just as you were about to get the halter around his ears, you would do well to remember these simple words: "You ewe necked, broom tailed, slobberin' no good bag of bones, if you don't halt right this minute I am going to sell you for glue."

I know that stops my horse, Gentleman, dead in his tracks every time.

Sometimes cussing can just flat make you feel better and improve your outlook on life. I know that when I was exhausted from pulling an enormous calf, thereby saving both the cow and calf from further distress and possibly even death, the cow then flicked her manure-drenched tail right across my face. When I opened my mouth and said "SHOOOOOOT," my wife says it left a much better taste in her mouth than if I had said the more common four letter word that starts with s and ends in t, although that would have been far more accurate.

Admittedly, there are those rare occasions when the proper terminology will allude you. For example, say you are loading a bunch of steers and you follow a particularly stubborn beast up the loading ramp by grabbing its tail and shoving on its posterior with your knee. And suppose that the ungrateful steer responds by kicking you squarely in the shins or even worse, right below your bulging belly and belt buckle for winning the calf roping at your county fair. At this point you may have a hard time finding exactly the right words to express your feelings because you can hardly catch your breath. So, simply turn to your wife and whisper between clinched teeth, "Dear, would you please say something appropriate?"

Parkway FFA teams compete in soil judging

ROCKFORD, OHIO — Parkway High School's soil judging team recently competed in the 2025 soil judging Career and Leadership Development Events. To compete in this event, FFA members must pass the county level, and they then move on to the district level.

At districts, Josiah Neff got first overall in rural soils, with Kolt Harner placing 12th. For urban soils, Collin Ketchum secured the 7th-place spot, and Sam Tickle placed 17th. Parkway was able to place in the top five teams, making it eligible for state.

Emmery Temple, Neff, Harner and Will Trisel were on the rural team, while Ketchum, Kallie Brehm, Tickle and Austin Knapke were on the urban team.

LAND AUCTION

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