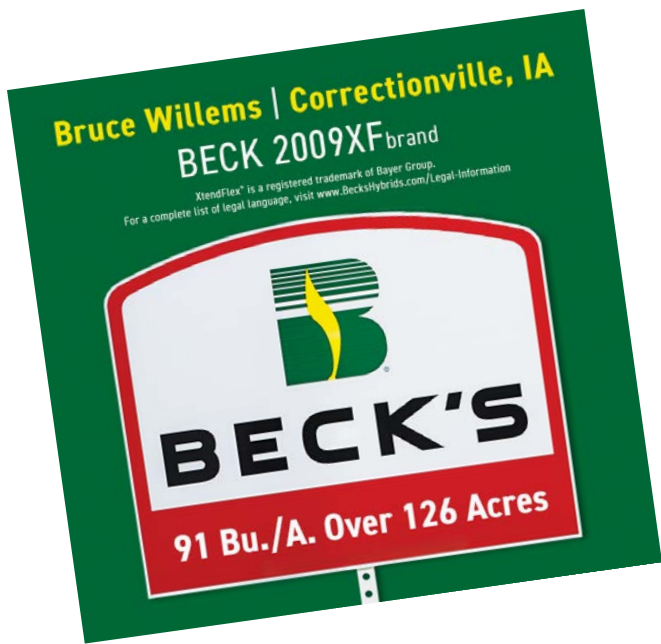




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City leaders meet to share priorities for Illinois River

By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

PEORIA, Ill. — In order to share their visions and priorities for the years ahead, 15 mayors and city leaders from cities and towns along the Illinois River met in Peoria for the Illinois River Cities and Towns Initiative (IRCTI) Inaugural Conference in early November.

Held at the Gateway Building on the Peoria Riverfront, the conference accomplished three important goals, according to Robert Sinkler, executive director of Peoria-based Corn Belt Ports. The first was the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between IRCTI and the University of Illinois and the Illinois River Biological Station to ensure that the Illinois River remains a healthy and productive fishery. A second achievement was a MOU with the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, a coalition of over 325 U.S. and Canadian mayors and local officials, to work together to advance commerce and conservation along the Great Lakes and Mississippi River waterways.

"We also had representatives here from the Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative. We are going to identify some common objectives we can work on together," said Sinkler, who was instrumental in forming the IRCTI and Corn Belt Ports. "It's all about forming a partnership on the Illinois River and strengthening our partnerships with the Great Lakes and Mississippi River cities."

Peoria Mayor Rita Ali said she was "very excited" to host the mayors, citing a power in numbers when town leaders come together to work

towards common goals including economic development, tourism and ecosystem sustainability. "The fact that we're working together, I think, is a very powerful statement that we share a common love and interest in our rivers and we want to make them work for us. We want to make them cleaner, work to make them help our economies, and to help make greener highways by moving shipping to the waterways. The fact we've come together represents a great opportunity for all of us, despite any differences we may have," said Ali.

"We want to work to figure out how to reduce transportation costs and risk for our farmers. We saw a 20 percent increase in the volume of corn moved on the Illinois waterway last year, and we want to make sure we have everything in place to be as competitive as possible," Sinkler said.

The Illinois River waterway system, with 1,100 miles of navigable inland

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Above: Dr. Anshu Singh, executive director of the Illinois River Cities and Towns Initiative, is pictured speaking to reporters in advance of the IRCTI Inaugural Conference. The IRCTI is a coalition of mayors committed to future economic development and ecosystem preservation on the Ill. River.



Above: Thanks to a strong solar storm many Hoosiers got to see some spectacular displays in the night sky of the Northern Lights. The storm made the aurora visible across much of Indiana. Photo by Abby Prather Mullis

Middle Tennessee farm first to grow pineapples in state

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

GALLATIN, Tenn. — Settled on 71 acres of farmland in Gallatin, Oak Grove Farms has been growing something unique to Tennessee — pineapples.

"To our knowledge, these are the first commercially grown pineapples in Tennessee," said farm owner Zach Erhard.

Established in 2012 by first-generation farmers Zach and Kyndle Erhard, Oak Grove Farms cultivates various fruits and vegetables, with a focus now on pineapples. Sugarloaf pineapples, to be exact.

"We love pineapples, and we thought if they can be grown in Hawaii, why not Tennessee? My wife and I first tasted Sugarloaf pineapples when we were in Kauai, Hawaii a few years ago and we both thought they were the best, sweetest tasting pineapples we had ever eaten. We were hooked immediately. We said when we returned to Tennessee we were going to look into growing this variety of pineapple. And honestly, they're a pretty low-maintenance crop."

Upon their return from Hawaii the couple implemented Hawaiian techniques and planted their first crop of pineapples, knowing all along it would take a few years to reap the

rewards.

"We love trying new things and experimenting," Zach said.

Sugarloaf pineapples were planted by the Erhards in June 2023. Their first harvest occurred at the end of this summer and samples were given at the couple's farm market on West Main Street in Gallatin.

Erhard said it takes pineapples 24 to 28 months for the plants to grow to maturity.

"We've hyped people up to say we've got pineapples," Zach said. "We're so excited for the community. It's just something different and a unique thing. Yes, there were skeptics. More so than anything, people asked us 'why pineapples in Tennessee?' They all told us we couldn't grow pineapples in this state, but you can grow just about anything in a greenhouse environment."

"We grew 4,000 pineapples in our first greenhouse, grew another 4,000 in our second greenhouse and we just planted another 2,500 pineapples in a third greenhouse. We've been harvesting some pineapples from that first greenhouse."

There are 18 greenhouses on his property at this time, with another six to be added next spring.

The core of a typical pineapple is the tough, fibrous, dark yellow circle

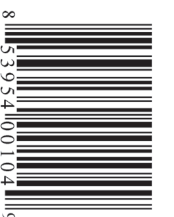
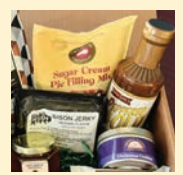
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waterways, moves around 30 million tons or more of freight by barge each year. The 10-county Illinois Ports and Waterways Commission, of which Peoria's Corn Belt Ports is a member, handles around 15 million of those tons each year. This places it among the 50 largest U.S. ports, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

In 2023, 5.8 million metric tons of grain moved through LaGrange Lock and Dam on the Illinois River, according to the USDA's Agricultural Research Service. Illinois ranks third nationally in the export of agricultural commodities with \$8.2 billion worth of goods shipped to other countries. As the nation's second leading exporter of both soybeans and feed grains and related products, exports from Illinois account for six percent of all U.S. agricultural exports. Approximately 44 percent of grain produced in Illinois is sold for

export, according to the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

"The Illinois River is a major hub in the global supply chain. We are the largest soy producer in the world and the second-largest in corn, and almost 45 percent of it flows through the Illinois River," said Dr. Anshu Singh, executive director of the IRC-TI. "This (alliance) will help protect our freshwater resources for many generations. Together we can be more influential in bringing in new infrastructure investment, not only for economic development but also for ecosystem management. We are also looking at workforce development for our communities' future generations."

Sinkler said the unification of the mayors and the alliances backing the IRCTI would only serve to strengthen the Illinois waterways' profile and reputation as a reliable and economically advantageous transportation hub in the global food supply chain. "With the support of the mayors, I think the economic activity along the Illinois River is only going to continue to increase," he said.

Pam Maxwell, director of programs and operations for the nonprofit We Work The Waterways, came to the conference to speak about the dire need for maritime workers in order to keep grain and other commodities moving smoothly on the waterways. Maxwell cited an immediate need for barge operators, deckhands and terminal workers, with some maritime employers paying for the certification of entry-level deckhands at a salary of \$50,000-\$60,000 for their first year.

The second annual IRCTI Conference will be held November 28-29, 2026 at Starved Rock Lodge in Ottawa, Illinois, Sinkler announced.



Above: Mayors and city leaders from 15 Illinois River towns are pictured along the Illinois River in downtown Peoria on the opening morning of the Illinois River Cities and Towns Initiative Inaugural Conference, held Nov. 5-7.



Above: American Commercial Barge Line's "Lori Blocker" tug is pictured on the Illinois River near Chillicothe on November 13, 2025. At least 5.8 million metric tons of grain were transported via barge on the Illinois River in 2023. (T. Alexander photos)



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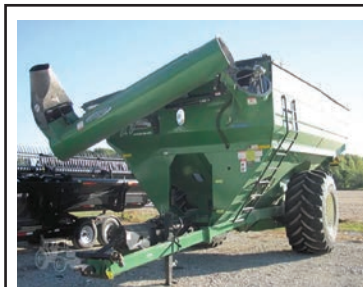
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Michigan farm tractor accidents reminders that safety is important

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

CASSOPOLIS, Mich. – While harvest season is winding down, farmers are still out on the roads. Both police and safety experts want drivers to remember to use caution when sharing the road with farm equipment.

Two recent Michigan accidents highlight the risks farmers face.

Michael Studer, 55, of Niles Mich., was injured on Oct. 23 in Howard Township in Cass County.

Studer was slowing down on Leet Road to turn left onto Worrell Street, according to the Cass County Sheriff's Office. Police said Studer was in the process of turning but wound up in the path of a vehicle attempting to pass him from behind in the opposite lane. The passenger vehicle then struck the tractor.

Studer was taken to Memorial Hospital in South Bend with undisclosed injuries.

In early August, fifth-generation farmer, Paul Burns, 73, of Cassopolis, was killed when he was rear-ended on his tractor by a pick-up truck, also in Cass County.

According to Michigan State Police, both drivers were southbound on Calvin Center Road when the crash happened. The driver of the pick-up truck, whose name has not been released, along with his passengers suffered only minor injuries.

Police said distracted driving is believed to be a factor in the collision.

According to family members, Burns had a passion for preserving the farm

that has been in his family since 1843.

Michigan State Police Lt. DuWayne Robinson said drivers should expect slow-moving farm vehicles during harvest season.

"Obey the speed limit to allow time to react to large, slow-moving tractors. Keep hands on the wheel and eyes on the road to minimize distractions and ensure safety," he said.

Bill Field, a farm safety expert from Purdue University, said drivers should be more cautious during harvest not just to avoid death and injury to themselves and others but to prevent potentially very costly lawsuits.

Field said some drivers might not have enough coverage on their insurance policies to completely cover judgments from lawsuits awarded to injured farmers or families of farmers killed in such crashes. Any judgments above insurance coverage limits could result in drivers at fault having to pay the difference, he said.

"That's where the real money comes from. They're going to go after everything," he said.

Field said the risk of injury and death to drivers in passenger vehicles from collisions with farm machinery is also higher because of how the equipment has grown in size enough over the years for the force of impacts to be greater.

In addition, Field said more pieces of equipment are wide enough to require being operated partially in the opposite lane of a two lane road or on the shoulder.

He said the travel safety risk is not helped during a period when a high-

er per-centage of drivers seem more aggressive behind the wheel and less likely to avoid a collision at the unexpected site of a tractor or combine a short distance away on the road.

Field said the chances of a collision also go up from the use of cell phones and other driver distractions.

"The next thing you know you're right into the rear end of a piece of equipment," he said. Field, who operates a small farm, said he was once involved in a collision when a drunken driver after rounding a curve plowed into the rear his small tractor. He was spared by a 300-gallon tank containing sap strapped to the back end of his machine.

"What saved my life was that maple sap. It acted like a huge shock absorber," he said.

Despite public reminders for drivers to be courteous while encountering farm machinery, Field said fewer drivers seem not to consistently practice it as they did in the past.

"There needs to be a mutual respect. The farmers are not out there to irritate you. They just got to move from field to field," he said.

Farmers' Almanac to cease publication with 2026 issue

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — The Farmers' Almanac published in Maine, not to be confused with its older, longtime competitor, The Old Farmer's Almanac in neighboring New Hampshire, said that its 2026 edition will be its last. The almanac cited the growing financial challenges of producing and distributing the book in today's "chaotic media environment." Access to the online version will cease next month.

The Farmers' Almanac was first printed in 1818 and the Old Farmer's Almanac started in 1792, and it's believed to be the oldest continually published periodical in North America. Both almanacs used secret formulas based on sunspots, planetary positions and lunar cycles to generate long-range weather forecasts.

"It is with a heavy heart," Editor Sandi Duncan said in a statement, "that we share the end of what has not only been an annual tradition in millions of homes and hearths for hundreds of years, but also a way of life, an inspiration for many who realize the wisdom of generations past is the key to the generations of the future."

Editors at the other publication noted there's been some confusion between the two. "The OLD Farmer's Almanac isn't going anywhere," they posted online.

The two publications come from an era where hundreds of almanacs served a nation of farmers over time. Most were regional publications and no longer exist.

They contain gardening tips, trivia, jokes, and natural remedies, such as catnip as a pain reliever and elderberry syrup as an immune booster. But its weather forecasts make the most headlines.

Scientists sometimes disputed the accuracy of the predictions and the reliability of the secret formula. Studies of the almanacs' accuracy have found them to be a little more than 50% accurate, or slightly better than random chance.

Readers, saddened to hear the news,

posted online about how they used it in their families for generations as a guide to help them plant gardens and follow the weather.

Julie Broomhall in San Diego, California, told The Associated Press in a social media post that she's used the Farmers' Almanac for years to decide when to take trips and plant flowers.

She said she planned a three-month, cross-country trip last year by reading the almanac. On one leg of it, she left Oklahoma the day before a prediction for a major snowstorm in the area. It snowed.

"I missed several I-40 mishaps because of the predictions," she wrote.

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Size of United States corn and soybean crops debated

It is no secret that several regions of the United States were stressed during the growing season, from both weather and plant disease. Even weather was mixed this year, with some regions of the Corn Belt seeing excessive moisture while others were in drought most of the season. One thing much of the Corn Belt experienced was a hot finish to the growing season and this was noted in reports of extremely low moisture content on soybeans, along with some pods not filling properly. Heavy disease pressure was seen in the U.S. corn crop, mainly southern rust and tar spot, but of which caused yield loss of upward of 70 bushels per acre in some regions. The combination of these factors has several analysts doubting USDA crop estimates, even with private firms keeping production elevated.

The primary story of recent trade has been the trade meeting between President Donald Trump and President Xi from China. While this meeting focused heavily upon technology and rare earth minerals, soybeans were included as hoped for. China agreed to buy 12 million metric tons of soybeans this year, and then 25 mmt for three following years. China also bought several soybean vessels as soon as the agreement was reached, and is showing more interest in other commodities, including wheat.

The initial reaction to this was two-sided, but overall market reaction was less than hoped for. This is primarily because the 25 mmt of soybean imports is equal to what China was importing prior to the latest

trade war. History shows that for the past six years, China's U.S. soybean imports have ranged from 20 mmt to 31 mmt. The soybean complex was hoping for a build in China's market share, and the actual total was disappointing.

One positive result from the meeting was news out of Beijing that China would be dropping several tariffs. Starting Nov. 10th, China's retaliatory tariffs were removed on several ag products, but these may still be subject to an import levy of 10 percent. Soybeans were excluded from this, holding an import tariff of 13 percent. Even with the recent trade agreement, this will keep U.S. soybeans too expensive for import.

While more soybean demand is desired, it may not be possible to satisfy any additional usage. Domestic soybean demand is steadily rising for biofuel production, and when combined with our current export forecast and production, soybean ending stocks continue to tighten. Our current U.S. soybean carryout is in a rationing position at 290 million bu, and that is with a record 53.5 bushel per acre yield that was forecast in September. Since then, the U.S. soybean crop has arguably gotten smaller.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration released its August soy oil demand data for biodiesel manufacturing with mixed numbers. Soy oil demand from the industry totaled 1.04 billion pounds, and represented 39 percent of total raw stock for production. This was the highest percentage of inclusion since Septem-



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

ber 2023. Even so, total soy oil consumption was down 6 percent from July and 14.5 percent less than August 2024 as biodiesel manufacturing slowed.

Ukraine officials have released the country's October grain and oilseed export numbers with mixed totals. Corn exports totaled 1.1 million metric tons, well above the 61,000 mt from September. October wheat exports totaled 1.5 mmt, down from the 1.8 mmt in September. Soybean exports came in at 230,000 mt and canola was 177,000 mt. Total Ukraine ag product exports for October were 3.2 mmt, versus 2.4 mmt a month ago. These higher corn exports have made a dent in U.S. corn sales.

A study from Purdue University along with the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group indicates U.S. farmer sentiment improved in the month of October. The sentiment index reading ended October at 129 points, an increase of 3 points from September. This increase was from current market condition readings that is very favorable for livestock producers. Crop farmers currently have a less optimistic market view, but this has improved with the return of Chinese buying.

Russian officials have released their grain export quota for the last half of the marketing year. The Russian government will allow 20 mmt of grains exports for the February to July time frame. This is nearly twice the 10.6 mmt that was allowed last

year. Corn and barley exports will also be allowed this year, as last year the quota was mostly for wheat. Russia only sets quotas on the last half of their marketing year to regulate domestic reserves. In many years these are above what Russia actually exports.

Now that the calendar has turned to November, the fall crop insurance levels have been set. Harvest insurance values are determined using the average of December corn and November soybeans in the month of October. The average corn value was \$4.22, up 6 cents from last year but 48 cents under the spring average. The average soybean value for the month was \$10.35, up 32 cents from a year ago, but down 19 cents from spring.

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	This Week	Last Reported 11/3/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	748	1,273	1,137
Feeder Cattle:	643(86.0%)	990(77.8%)	963(84.7%)
Slaughter Cattle:	91(12.2%)	223(17.5%)	163(14.3%)
Replacement Cattle:	14(1.9%)	60(4.7%)	11(1.0%)

Compared to last Monday the feeder market was lower with a mixed quality offering. Feeder steers and heifers were 3.00 to 10.00 lower or greater in several spots with a good supply and moderate demand. Nasty weather conditions and uncertainty in the futures market, coupled with varying quality differences limited some buyers interest and the premiums they were willing to pay today. Slaughter cows were 2.00 to 4.00 lower with a good supply and slaughter bulls were 2.00 to 3.00 lower with moderate demand. Supply included: 86% Feeder Cattle (31% Steers, 57% Heifers, 12% Bulls); 12% Slaughter Cattle (10% Steers, 71% Cows, 19% Bulls); 2% Replacement Cattle (20% Stock Cows, 30% Bred Cows, 30% Bred Heifers, 20% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 37%.

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3	335-340	337	422.50-427.50	424.18
1	350	350	412.50	412.50
5	417-420	419	393.00-416.00	406.84
28	482-495	492	375.00-381.00	379.23
11	450-457	452	409.00-413.00	411.45 Fancy
1	515	515	348.00	348.00
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13	600-640	623	330.00-336.00	333.01
15	605-606	606	361.50-369.00	366.50 Value Added
2	782	782	317.00	317.00
1	870	870	273.00	273.00 Fleshy

STEERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	315-345	335	392.50-399.00	396.96
6	350-373	362	350.00-377.50	368.89
5	432-435	434	380.00	380.00
2	465-475	470	350.00-367.50	358.84
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Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	387	387	330.00	330.00
1	475	475	327.00	327.00
1	500	500	272.50	272.50

STEERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	420	420	395.00	395.00
3	485	485	351.00	351.00

STEERS - Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	625	625	305.00	305.00

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	325	325	392.50	392.50 Fancy
4	365-395	383	370.00-382.50	372.98
24	410-445	439	347.00-350.00	347.59
1	415	415	310.00	310.00 Fleshy
14	461-475	464	345.00-360.00	353.22
32	505-548	519	325.00-347.00	336.71
29	556-597	572	323.00-341.00	331.88
5	555	555	355.00	355.00 Guaranteed Open
6	633-635	634	323.00-327.00	324.34
1	625	625	301.00	301.00 Fleshy
11	651-695	679	300.00-311.00	306.92
72	725	725	325.00	325.00 Value Added
9	765-796	775	262.00-289.00	271.24
10	779	779	325.00	325.00 Guaranteed Open
3	846	846	250.00	250.00
1	875	875	263.00	263.00
1	905	905	232.50	232.50
2	960-990	975	241.00-244.00	242.52 Guaranteed Open

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	230-242	236	310.00-322.00	315.85
4	270-278	276	350.00-355.00	353.78
9	350-385	377	327.50-350.00	340.85
2	440	440	332.50	332.50
6	467-480	475	305.00-315.00	311.67
14	500-547	522	300.00-323.00	314.17
11	554-583	562	312.00-314.00	313.43
5	600-635	607	289.00-301.00	291.51
3	700-715	705	260.00-273.00	264.39
2	790-795	793	229.00-246.00	237.53

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	270	270	305.00	305.00

1	330	330	280.00	280.00
2	380	380	297.00	297.00
1	525	525	285.00	285.00
3	598	598	278.00	278.00

HEIFERS - Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	390	390	285.00	285.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	315	315	390.00	390.00
4	350-351	351	420.00-427.50	425.63
4	440-442	441	385.00-397.00	391.01
10	465-490	480	379.00-402.50	387.31
13	515-540	530	346.00-360.00	349.43
9	550-590	564	332.00-336.00	333.76
5	606-645	614	293.00-320.00	314.33
4	652-690	669	292.50-303.00	298.78
1	710	710	290.00	290.00
1	800	800	239.00	239.00

BULLS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	390	390	360.00	360.00
1	490	490	372.50	372.50
BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	477	477	335.00	335.00
1	515	515	225.00	225.00

BULLS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)				
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	1155	1155	156.00	156.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE				
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STEERS - Select and Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
7	1365-1560	1444	201.00-217.00	210.98	Average

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
15	1350-1930	1545	143.00-159.00	152.31	Average
1	1310	1310	167.00	167.00	High
2 1	375-1605	1490	137.00-141.00	138.85	Low

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
15	1129-1340	1250	142.00-159.00	150.37	Average
2	1170-1325	1248	161.00-162.00	161.47	High
2	1260	1260	135.00-139.00	137.00	Low

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
6	1010-1505	1237	124.00-140.00	131.97	Average
1	1275	1275	147.00	147.00	High
3	815-1090	988	109.00-120.00	113.87	Low
2	905-1020	963	90.00-101.00	95.17	Very Low

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
5	1400-1870	1587	183.00-189.00	185.34	Average
4	1745-1835	1778	198.00-200.00	198.75	High
4	1135-1420	1255	161.00-179.00	171.72	Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE				
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STOCK COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2-4	O	2	1095-1245	1170	191.00-195.00	193.13

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
>5	T2	3	925-1020	983	1600.00-1700.00	1668.64

BRED HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2-4	T2	2	960	960	2150.00-2300.00	2225.00

BRED HEIFERS - Medium 2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
<u>Age</u>	<u>Stage</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Wt Range</u>	<u>Avg Wt</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Avg Price</u>
2-4	T2	1	725	725	1625.00	1625.00

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	O	2	1010	1010	3250.00	3250.00

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	O	2	1010	1010	3250.00	3250.00
>5	O	5	1100-1540	1265	3000.00-3450.00	3224.98

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Unit Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5	O	1	1090	1090	2350.00	2350.00

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age		Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5	O	1	1520	1520	2800.00	2800.00

Please Note: The above USDA LPGMN price report is reflective of the majority of classes and grades of livestock offered for sale. There may be instances where some sales do not fit within reporting guidelines and therefore will not be included in the report. Prices are reported on an FOB basis, unless otherwise noted.

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

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Weekly Combined Regional Shell Egg Report	
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Report for: 11/09/2025 - 11/15/2025	
National Shell Eggs - Caged	
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen	

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/24/2025)
Extra Large	221.00 - 252.00	238.38	22.75	215.63
Large	220.00 - 244.00	232.19	24.00	208.19
Medium	183.00 - 204.00	194.00	13.00	181.00

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

<u>Last</u>		<u>Average</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Reported</u>
<u>Class</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>(10/24/2025)</u>
Extra Large	221.00 - 230.00	225.50	24.00	01.50
Large	220.00 - 229.00	224.50	24.00	200.50
Medium	183.00 - 192.00	187.50	13.00	174.50

Delivered Store Door, White, Cents Per Dozen	
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<u>Last</u>				
<u>Class</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Average Price</u>	<u>Price Change</u>	<u>Reported (10/24/2025)</u>
Extra Large	228.00 - 236.00	232.00	24.00	208.00
Large	226.00 - 234.00	230.00	24.00	206.00
Medium	189.00 - 197.00	193.00	13.00	180.00

MARKETS

Kentucky Daily Grain Bids

Grain Report for Thursday, November 13, 2025 - Final

		FUTURE SETTLEMENTS					
Exchange	Commodity	Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 11/13/2025					
CBOT	Corn	441.50 (Dec 25)	455.50 (Mar 26)	463.00 (May 26)	468.50 (Jul 26)	462.50 (Sep 26)	473.00 (Dec 26)
CBOT	Soybeans	1132.00 (Nov 25)	1147.00 (Jan 26)	1156.75 (Mar 26)	1166.25 (May 26)	1172.75 (Jul 26)	1158.00 (Aug 26)
CBOT	Wheat	535.75 (Dec 25)	552.25 (Mar 26)	563.50 (May 26)	575.00 (Jul 26)	588.50 (Sep 26)	605.50 (Dec 26)
CBOT	White Oats	311.75 (Dec 25)	323.50 (Mar 26)	326.50 (May 26)	333.00 (Jul 26)	328.25 (Sep 26)	323.00 (Dec 26)
KCBT	Wheat	525.75 (Dec 25)	543.00 (Mar 26)	555.25 (May 26)	568.75 (Jul 26)	583.75 (Sep 26)	602.25 (Dec 26)
MGE	Wheat	569.75 (Dec 25)	583.00 (Mar 26)	594.00 (May 26)	606.25 (Jul 26)	622.50 (Sep 26)	640.00 (Dec 26)
		485.00 (Mar 27)					

US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	50.00Z to 150.00Z	UNCH	4.9150-5.9150	UP 0.0625	5.4150
Pennyrile	50.00Z to 150.00Z	UNCH	4.9150-5.9150	UP 0.0625	5.4150

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	150.00Z	UP 10.00	5.9150	UP 0.1625	5.9150
Purchase	160.00Z	UP 10.00	6.0150	UP 0.1625	6.0150
Purchase	165.00Z	UP 15.00	6.0650	UP 0.2125	6.0650

US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	10.00Z	UNCH	4.5150	UP 0.0625	4.5150
Purchase	5.00Z	UNCH	4.4650	UP 0.0625	4.4650
Green River	20.00Z	UNCH	4.6150	UP 0.0625	4.6150
Green River	25.00Z	UNCH	4.6650	UP 0.0625	4.6650
Pennyrile	-10.00Z to 11.00Z	UP 5.00-UP 3.00	4.3150-4.5250	UP 0.1125-UP 0.0925	4.3917
Pennyrile	-20.00H to 19.00Z	DN 5.00-UP 1.00	4.3550-4.6050	UP 0.0125-UP 0.0725	4.4317
Louisville	-15.00Z	UNCH	4.2650	UP 0.0625	4.2650
Louisville	-10.00Z	UNCH	4.3150	UP 0.0625	4.3150
Bluegrass	-25.00Z	UNCH	4.1650	UP 0.0625	4.1650
Bluegrass	0.00Z	UNCH	4.4150	UP 0.0625	4.4150

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Green River	20.00Z	UNCH	4.6150	UP 0.0625	4.6150
Green River	25.00Z	UNCH	4.6650	UP 0.0625	4.6650
Pennyrile	-10.00Z to 11.00Z	UP 5.00-UP 3.00	4.3150-4.5250	UP 0.1125-UP 0.0925	4.3917
Pennyrile	-20.00H to 19.00Z	DN 5.00-UP 1.00	4.3550-4.6050	UP 0.0125-UP 0.0725	4.4317
Louisville	-15.00Z	UNCH	4.2650	UP 0.0625	4.2650
Louisville	-10.00Z	UNCH	4.3150	UP 0.0625	4.3150
Bluegrass	-25.00Z	UNCH	4.1650	UP 0.0625	4.1650
Bluegrass	0.00Z	UNCH	4.4150	UP 0.0625	4.4150

US #2 SORGHUM (BULK)					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-50.00Z				3.9150
Ohio River - Upper KY	-50.00Z		3.9150		3.9150

US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	-15.00F	UNCH	11.3200	UP 0.1325	11.3200
Purchase	5.00F	UNCH	11.5200	UP 0.1325	11.5200
Green River	-20.00F	UNCH	11.2700	UP 0.1325	11.2700
Green River	-25.00F	UNCH	11.2200	UP 0.1325	11.2200
Pennyrile	-40.00F to -5.00F	DN 5.00-UNCH	11.0700-11.4200	UP 0.0825-UP 0.1325	11.1629
Pennyrile	-30.00F to 17.00F	DN 5.00-UNCH	11.1700-11.6400	UP 0.0825-UP 0.1325	11.2800
Louisville	-67.00F	UNCH	10.8000	UP 0.1325	10.8000
Louisville	-67.00F	UNCH	10.8000	UP 0.1325	10.8000
Bluegrass	-60.00F	UNCH	10.8700	UP 0.1325	10.8700
Bluegrass	-40.00H	UNCH	11.1675	UP 0.1275	11.1675

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-23.00F to -19.00F	DN 3.00-UNCH	11.2400-11.2800	UP 0.1025-UP 0.1325	11.2600
Ohio River - Upper KY	4.00F to 6.00F	UNCH	11.5100-11.5300	UP 0.1325	11.5200
Ohio River - Lower KY	-14.00F to 10.00F		11.3300-11.5700	UP 0.2850-UP 0.1325	11.4483
Ohio River - Lower KY	12.00F to 28.00F	UP 3.00-DN 2.00	11.5900-11.7500	UP 0.1625-UP 0.1125	11.6700
Purchase	-13.00F to -5.00F		11.3400-11.4200	UP 0.2950-UP 0.1325	11.3950
Purchase	10.00F to 23.00F	UP 1.00-UNCH	11.5700-11.7000	UP 0.1425-UP 0.1325	11.6375

US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	-15.00Z	UNCH	5.2075	DN 0.0025	5.2075
Pennyrile	10.00N	UNCH	5.8500	UNCH	5.8500

US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Green River	-75.00N	UNCH	5.0000	UNCH	5.0000
Pennyrile	-55.00N to -18.00N	UP 5.00-UNCH	5.2000-5.5700	UP 0.0500-UNCH	5.3040
Louisville	1.00Z	UNCH	5.3675	DN 0.0025	5.3675
Louisville	-54.00N	UNCH	5.2100	UNCH	5.2100

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-35.00N	UNCH	5.4000	UNCH	5.4000
Ohio River - Lower KY	30.00Z	UP 6.00	5.6575	UP 0.0575	5.6575
Ohio River - Lower KY	-15.00N to -5.00N	UNCH	5.6000-5.7000	UNCH	5.6425
Purchase	-10.00N	UNCH	5.6500	UNCH	5.6500

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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Daily Livestock and Poultry Slaughter

Report for Thursday, November 13, 2025 - Final

Current Day Slaughter

Thurs., Nov. 13, 2025	Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week	Last Year	2025	2024	YTD
				WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD	% Change
Calves	1,000	1,000	448	4,000	4,000	2,803	180,722	
Cattle	120,000	112,000	124,918	471,000	456,000	484,455	27,461,050	
Hogs	494,000	464,000	487,137	1,942,000	1,938,000	1,917,638	112,773,830	
Sheep	7,000	8,000	8,747	37,000	36,000	32,965	1,661,972	
Chicken (Young)	35,300,000	35,402,000	34,943,000	141,377,000	141,860,000	140,588,000	8,222,315,000	8,298,551,000
								-0.9%

Previous Daily Slaughter

Wed., Nov. 12, 2025	Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week	Last Year	2025	2024	YTD
				WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD	% Change
Calves	1,000	867	3,000	3,000	2,355		180,274	
Cattle	122,000	117,000	124,851	351,000	344,000	359,537	27,336,132	
Hogs	494,000	493,000	487,526	1,448,000	1,474,000	1,430,501	112,286,693	
Sheep	8,000	8,000	7,684	30,000	28,000	24,218	1,653,225	
Chicken (Young)	35,216,000	35,509,000	35,134,000	106,077,000	106,458,000	105,645,000	8,187,015,000	8,263,608,000
								-0.9%

Previous Day Breakdown

Wed., Nov. 12, 2025		
Cattle	Steers/Heifers ... 99,000	Cows/Bulls ... 23,000
Explanatory Notes: Livestock Species listed consists of young and mature animals. Poultry references young only. Year to Date calculation is based on week 1 of calendar year		
R = Revision	WTD = Week to Date	YTD = Year to Date
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Small Animals	11/11/2025	Sheep	Cows
Chickens	\$2-\$8	Ewes	\$1.05-\$1.60
Bantys	\$1-\$5.50	40-60# Lambs	\$2.30-\$3.55
Ducks	\$2-\$14	61-80# Lambs	\$2.40-\$3.35
Pigeons	\$3-\$3.50	81-100# Lambs	\$2.20-\$2.65
Eggs	\$1.25-\$5.75		178
Rooster	\$2-\$11	Goats	
Turkey	\$12.50-\$27.50	Billys	\$55-\$340
Peacock		Nannies	\$90-\$350
Rabbits	\$3-\$16	Kids	\$45
	994		142
Veal Calves	Feeder Cattle Dairy and Beef	Feeder Pigs	
Holstein (80# & UP)	\$800-\$1090	200-500#	\$1.50-\$3.37
Beef Cross (80# & UP)	\$1150-\$1450	501-800#	\$1-\$2.75
	398		139



Market Report

November 12th 2025 27th Auction

This Report Is the Actual High and Average Prices.

	Hd. Ct.	High	Avg.
Fat Hogs:	6	\$7.75 High	\$6.65
Sows:	N/A		
Boars:	N/A		
Feeder Pigs:	N/A		
Beef & X Veal #1:	8	\$1375	\$1337.50
Beef & X Veal #2:	10	\$900	\$685
Dairy Veal #1:	44	\$1100	\$965.50
Dairy Veal #2:	16	\$825	\$578
Jersey Cross:	1	\$200	\$200
Beef Fdrs 200#-550#	30	\$3.00	\$2.40
Beef Fdrs 551#-1000#	2	\$2.20	\$2.05
Dairy Fdrs 200#-550#	57	\$2.70	\$2.02
Dairy Fdrs 551#-1000#	N/A		
Cull Cows #1:	2	\$1.51	\$1.50
Cull Cows #2:	6	\$1.24	\$1.10
Fat Cattle Colored:	N/A		
Fat Cattle Holstein:	N/A		
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Above: Zach and Kyndle Erhard primarily grow strawberries at Oak Grove Farms in Gallatin, but have been experimenting with pineapples the past few years. (Jeff Adkins photo)

Pineapple

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that runs through the center of the tropical fruit. Those grown by the Erhards are not as fibrous.

“It is unlike any other pineapple that you’ve ever had,” Kyndle said.

“You can eat the entire thing,” Zach said. “The Smooth Cayenne variety is the one found in most grocery stores. We offer the Sugarloaf variety, which is a much sweeter taste and is less fibrous. And pineapples you get from Hawaii or Costa Rica are already 7-10 days old. They’re picked green and won’t have the flavor that ours does. We’re more direct to the consumer.”

Erhard agrees with most that growing pineapples in Tennessee is highly improbable without significant intervention and climate con-

trol. The state’s climate simply isn’t conducive to the sustained warmth and humidity these tropical fruits require. Pineapples thrive in consistently warm temperatures (between 65-85 degrees), high humidity and plenty of sunlight. Crucially, they are extremely frost-sensitive.

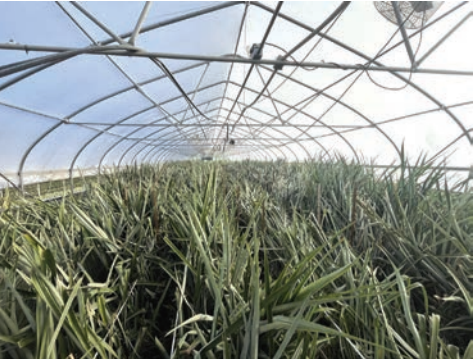
“Pineapples cannot grow outdoors in Tennessee, as the winters are too cold and there’s not enough sunshine,” Erhard said. “This is where the greenhouses come into play, and we’ve proven it can work.”

Pineapples are adapted to well-draining, acidic soil. While Tennessee soils can vary, many are clay-based and don’t provide the optimal drainage needed for pineapple roots.

“We make up for that in our climate-controlled greenhouses, beginning with the soil,” Erhard said.

Pineapples are certainly a novelty in this area, but Erhard believes there’s much potential.

“We’re sure they’ll catch on as we’ve already had people drive four to five hours from other states to get here and purchase them,” he said. “Right now we have a supply and demand issue, as we have more people who want them than pineapples available for them. We’re hoping to solve that issue.”



Above: With Tennessee’s oftentimes cold days the use of a greenhouse is a must when growing pineapples in the state. Plenty of sunshine is a requirement as well. (Photo submitted)



Above: The caps of Sugarloaf pineapples were the start of this venture for the Erhards. It takes two-three years for pineapples to mature. (Photo submitted)

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MIFarmLink connects Michigan farmland owners with potential buyers

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

ANN ARBOR, Mich. – When MIFarmLink was created four years ago, it was the first program of its kind in Michigan exclusively dedicated to connecting farmland owners – who may have no one to pass on their farms to when they retire – with beginning and aspiring farmers looking to buy, lease, or manage land.

Established as a pilot program in 2021 by Ottawa County with USDA grant funding, MIFarmLink is still a relatively new program, but it's already shown real promise, according to Jill Dohner, MIFarmLink director.

"We've successfully made several links and helped keep hundreds of acres in agricultural production, which is no small feat considering how complex and time-intensive farmland transitions can be," she told Farm World.

In 2022, Ottawa County partnered with Washtenaw County conservation leaders to secure additional support for MIFarmLink, and by 2023, MIFarmLink transitioned to the Washtenaw County Conservation District to expand its reach across southeast Michigan.

Since Oct. 1, 2025, the online platform has continued to grow its reach and build momentum through a new statewide expansion and its partnership with the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts as a truly statewide initiative, Dohner said.

"That's allowing us to bring more local conservation districts into the effort and serve every corner of the state," she said. "We also stay closely connected with other Farm Link programs in neighboring and partner states, learning from their successes and sharing best practices so that MIFarmLink can continue to improve and scale effectively."

She said there have been quite a few major changes since MIFarmLink was established: "When I took on leadership in 2023, we overhauled the website, launching a 'Find a Farmer' feature that finally allowed two-way connections directly through the platform. As of October 2025, we officially expanded to serve all of Michigan."

She said the platform has received positive feedback about MIFarmLink over the years: "We send an exit survey to everyone who uses the platform – more than 700 people so far – and the responses have been encouraging. Many users say they appreciate having a Michigan-based resource to connect with farmland opportunities – something that didn't exist before."

"We've also heard a lot of great anecdotal feedback from both landowners and farmers who've made real connections through the program," she added. "My favorite moment was when I heard from a farmer's neighbor's dentist who had heard about MIFarmLink. If that's not two degrees removed, I don't know what is. It really shows how word about the program is spreading through Michigan's farming communities, and beyond."

One of those many connections has been Thomas Lodge, who has been involved in agriculture most of his adult life, studying botany, creating a mushroom wholesale business, and building an organic farm outside of Detroit.

He wanted to focus on his mushroom business full time, but didn't want to completely give up the farm: "I kind of built up the brand and was in some markets and got the organic certification, so I was really looking for somebody that kind of shared the same vision as I," he told Sophia Saliby, of Michigan State University's WKAR 90.5 FM, in an Oct. 28 interview.

He then posted on MIFarmLink and found Simon Yevzelman. Yevzelman and his wife, Caitlin, wanted to launch new livelihoods in agriculture and were excited about finding Lodge's property: "It's one in a billion that a turnkey farm was available 30 minutes from our door in Dearborn Heights," Simon noted.

This is the second year the Yevzelmans have grown vegetables, flowers, mushrooms and herbs to sell to customers on the land they lease from Lodge under the name, Cedar Field Farm. "One of the reasons we're able to do a second season is that leasing, which hadn't been on our radar, was so much less of a risk than purchasing land, like I said, putting all the infrastructure on and doing all these capital heavy investments," Caitlin told Saliby.

Dohner said, "(MIFarmLink's) next focus is on building partnerships with local agricultural real estate professionals and conservation districts, mentorship programs, and developing new tools and templates to support farm succession planning."



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Iowa invites state’s livestock vaccine developers to apply for grant

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

DES MOINES, Iowa – The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) has invited the state’s animal health and bioscience companies to apply for the department’s Livestock Protection Innovation Grant to develop vaccines to help protect livestock from foreign animal diseases.

“Our livestock industry contributes more than \$20 billion annually to Iowa’s economy, supporting farm families, main street businesses, and rural communities across the state,” said Iowa Agriculture Secretary Mike Naig in his Nov. 6 announcement.

“The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the agriculture community, and our farmers and livestock producers take animal health and biosecurity seriously, and our state is leading the way in foreign animal disease preparedness,” he added.

He said the initiative strengthens Iowa’s foreign animal disease preparedness, and supports innovation in vaccine research.

“Whether it’s known threats like highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), African swine fever, and foot and mouth disease, or other emerging threats like New World screwworm, it’s critical that we have safe tools

and technologies to respond quickly and effectively. By investing in vaccine development, we are protecting our herds and flocks, safeguarding our food supply, and sustaining the ag economy and rural way of life.”

Launched by IDALS in 2023, the Livestock Protection Innovation Grant Program encourages innovation and strengthens the state’s preparedness against serious animal health threats. The Iowa Legislature appropriated \$100,000 during the 2025 legislative session to support continued vaccine development within Iowa.

Currently, Iowa is home to an innovative and globally recognized agriculture and bioscience sector, with companies leading advancements in animal health, biotechnology, and vaccine research, according to IDALS.

As America’s cultivation corridor, Iowa continues to be a place where public and private partners collaborate to develop the tools and technologies that improve animal health and strengthen food security around the world, IDALS said. Officials said applications will be evaluated through a competitive review process, and one grant of \$100,000 will be awarded.

Eligible applicants must meet the following criteria: The company must be based in Iowa, and be engaged in the development of livestock and other animal vaccines; the company

must have a prior relationship with the USDA, including a collaboration with the USDA’s Agricultural Research Service, or by having a product registered with the USDA Center for Veterinary Biologics; and the company must have a vaccine platform that is viable for a foreign animal disease response.

Grant Dewell, Iowa State University associate professor of veterinary medicine and extension beef veterinarian, told Farm World vaccines that can protect livestock from foreign animal disease can be vital, but hard to manage.

“Generally, we can’t vaccinate against these diseases as that could hamper surveillance, so the goal is to have a large enough vaccine bank that can be deployed when needed,” he said. “However, managing inven-

tories as the vaccines expire and trying to predict potential strains etc., make this a very vital, but challenging endeavor.”

ISU has collaborated in the past on developing vaccines when new pathogens are seen that are not necessarily foreign animal diseases by classification, he said regarding the possibility of Iowa-based animal health and bioscience companies collaborating with ISU and the USDA in its vaccine research.

“There is normally a lot of collaboration between these companies, and ISU and the USDA,” he added. “There is some ongoing research currently looking at possible vaccines targeted to H5N1 (HPAI) for dairy cattle. Foreign animal disease pathogens are harder as they require higher bio-safety levels and oversight.”

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Ohio men delve into history of farm implements in Hamilton

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

HAMILTON, Ohio – In a side room of the Gramco Feed Co. is an organized clutter of old books, photos and memorabilia from Hamilton. Carl Ruther and Gramco owner, Tim Gillespie, spend a lot of time and energy there pursuing their hobby and passion, the history of Hamilton.

Much of that history is tied to the early development of agricultural implements. This development was spurred when a citizen saw the hydraulic canal built in Massachusetts as a power source and brought the idea back to Hamilton.

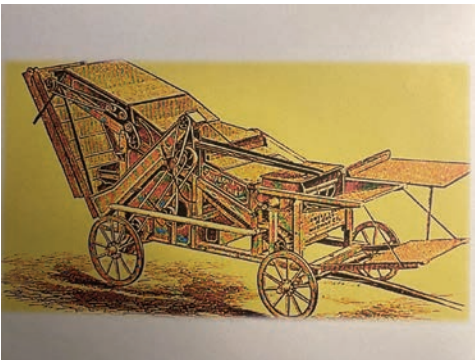
“It started in 1818. They didn’t have electricity at the time in Hamilton, so they thought waterpower was the answer,” Ruther said. “The Hamilton city fathers realized that that would be a great thing here because we were near a river and we could easily develop that.

“So, they looked at the Massachusetts canal, and they came back and started digging this canal which would provide waterpower for Hamilton industry,” he said. “Even the mayor and the city council were digging a 30-mile canal from the Miami River, which is about three miles north of Hamilton.”

The Hamilton Hydraulic System was completed in 1845. That brought people in from all over. Everybody wanted in on that idea as it was unique. And it was free.

“It was about enhancing agriculture,” Gillespie said. “Agriculture was the nucleus of our industry in Hamilton. The hydraulic provided energy for the factories to operate.”

Ruther took up the story: “The first agricultural company was Owens,



Above: In 1857 Owens, Lane, and Dyer built 350 large threshing separators which they sold for \$300 each. In 1859, they made 1,000 of them.

Lane, and Dyer, founded in 1846. They were the first to use waterpower to make farm equipment. They made the first threshers that take wheat off the ground, cut it, and would take the grain off the stalk. That would produce grain for bread.”

Before this, farmers would have to use a tool to cut the wheat by hand. It was very arduous. Gillespie has a wheat cradle that his great-great grandfather, Samuel Gillespie, used to harvest wheat.

“The thresher made Owens, Lane, and Dyer Co. very famous,” Ruther said. “It was known all over the country. The threshing machines were originally pulled by horses, but when steam engines became available, Owens, Lane, and Dyer designed and built their own steam engines, which powered these.”

They employed 100 men, Ruther said. By 1853, they were producing steam engines. In 1857, they built 350 large threshing separators, which they sold at \$300 each. In 1859, they made 1,100 threshing separators. Few, if any companies outside the large cities of Ohio had a



Above: Carl Ruther with a wooden model of a threshing machine that he made. Someday that will be placed in the permanent display the men hope to establish.

higher credit rating.

Clark Lane, who started the company and also gave his name to Hamilton Lane Libraries, had an even earlier start with agricultural equipment. When he was 13, he helped Obed Hussey develop what many now say was the first reaper, even before Cyrus McCormick built his.

When Hussey came to Ohio, he asked for a good blacksmith to help him build his dream machine. He was sent to Lane’s father. Clark Lane then helped Hussey develop the drawings, and Hussey got a patent on the reaper a year or two before McCormick. That discussion is ongoing.

In 1857, the Long, Black, and Allstatter Co. began making mowing and reaping machines from iron. They were known as the “Iron Har-



Above: Tim Gillespie with the wheat cradle that his great-great-grandfather, Samuel Gillespie, shown in the photo on the floor on the left, used to harvest wheat.

vesters” and were the first iron reapers made in this country. By 1859, the company had made 300 harvesters, and they were in great demand.

“That equipment was on the harvest side of agriculture,” Gillespie said. “There was also a planting side of agriculture with H.P. Deuscher Co. that produced various pieces of farm machinery.”

H.P. Deuscher opened his business in 1878 and was soon out of his original debt and making \$1,000 a day. One of the first implements they made was the corn drill, which

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New online resource offers information about vectors and vector-borne diseases

By Hayley Lalchand
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio State University helped launch a national online resource, the VECTOR Library, in October.

OSU is part of the VectorED network, a Vector-borne Disease Training and Evaluation Center established under a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), according to the center’s website. The network aims to build vector-borne disease and control capacity through creating partnerships with academic, federal, local and state institutions in the Mid-Atlantic and Ohio River Valley, as well as through training and the evaluation of programming.

“Vectors are arthropods – like mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas – that can carry and spread microorganisms (e.g., viruses, bacteria, nematodes, protozoa) that make people sick,” Darryl Ramoutar, an extension educator with OSU and funded through the CDC, said in an email interview. “By understanding how these insects spread illness, we can take steps to protect ourselves.”

The VECTOR Library, which stands for Vector Education, Communication, and Training Online Resources, is a centralized, publicly accessible digital platform. Other institutions involved in its creation include Penn State, the University of Tennessee, West Virginia Wesleyan College, the University of Delaware, and the University of Pittsburgh. OSU Extension was an active participant in the development of the library from ideation to expert evaluation and curation of content, Ramoutar said in a press release about the project.

The database contains over 1,400 educational materials and can be accessed at vector-education.org/vector-library. The database serves as a digital repository of vector and vector-borne disease education materials from all U.S. land grant institutions serving a variety of professionals, including agricultural workers, educators, and veterinary professionals, Ramoutar said. Additionally, materials in the database will be continuously curated to make sure information is up to date, accurate, and that links to online materials are still active. In the future, local and state public health department

information will be incorporated.

The VECTOR Library is easy to use. Users can search by pests, state, type of educational material (such as blog posts, infographics or websites), CDC geographic region, and more. Users can also type in their own search query, such as searching for “OSU Extension” to find materials published by OSU’s extension offices.

The resource is especially important for agricultural workers, he said.

“Agricultural workers are at a very high risk of exposure to vector-borne diseases due to the nature of their work and environment (e.g., outdoor work, working with animals/livestock, seasonal migrant work),” Ramoutar said. “These workers may use the database to learn about vector-borne disease risk where and when they work, and how to protect themselves.”

For example, the database offers resources and materials related to arthropod and landscape management, EPA-approved repellents and protective clothing, and has posters and fact sheets that can be used to train seasonal workers.

Local communities can also benefit from using the database to understand their geographic vector species, habitats, and seasonal patterns, helping people to identify vectors and region-specific control strategies based on local regulations, Ramoutar added. Additionally, local extension agents can use the resource to educate themselves during outbreaks to instruct their community on vector/disease prevention strategies.

Ramoutar especially wants the public to be aware of ticks.

“Ticks are rapidly increasing their ranges and thus the disease(s) they spread are also expanding. The public should be aware of what tick-borne diseases exist in their area, and how to protect themselves,” he said.

Nationwide, tick-borne diseases account for 75-77 percent of all reported arthropod vector-borne infections, Ramoutar shared. Research shows that Lyme Disease comprises over 82 percent of these cases. Nationally, the incidence of the disease has doubled between 2004 and 2016. Pennsylvania alone experienced a 190 percent increase in cases from 2021 to 2022, according to data released by the state. West Virginia has reported a 5.3-fold increase from 2015 to 2021, and Ohio reported a 2.3-fold increase from 2022 to 2023.

Emerging vector-borne diseases include Alpha-gal syndrome, a red meat allergy associated with bites from a lone star tick; and spotted fever rickettsia, a bacterial disease associated with the Gulf Coast tick. Ramoutar also noted that the Asian long-horned tick has established populations in the Ohio River Valley, primarily affecting bovine livestock, causing anemia, stress and blood loss.

Preventing and controlling the spread of vector and vector-borne diseases starts with education. Besides the VECTOR library, Ramoutar also recommended that people seek information from the CDC, the World Health Organization, land grant university Extension offices, state departments of health, and the National Center for Farmworker Health, which also offers materials for Spanish speakers.

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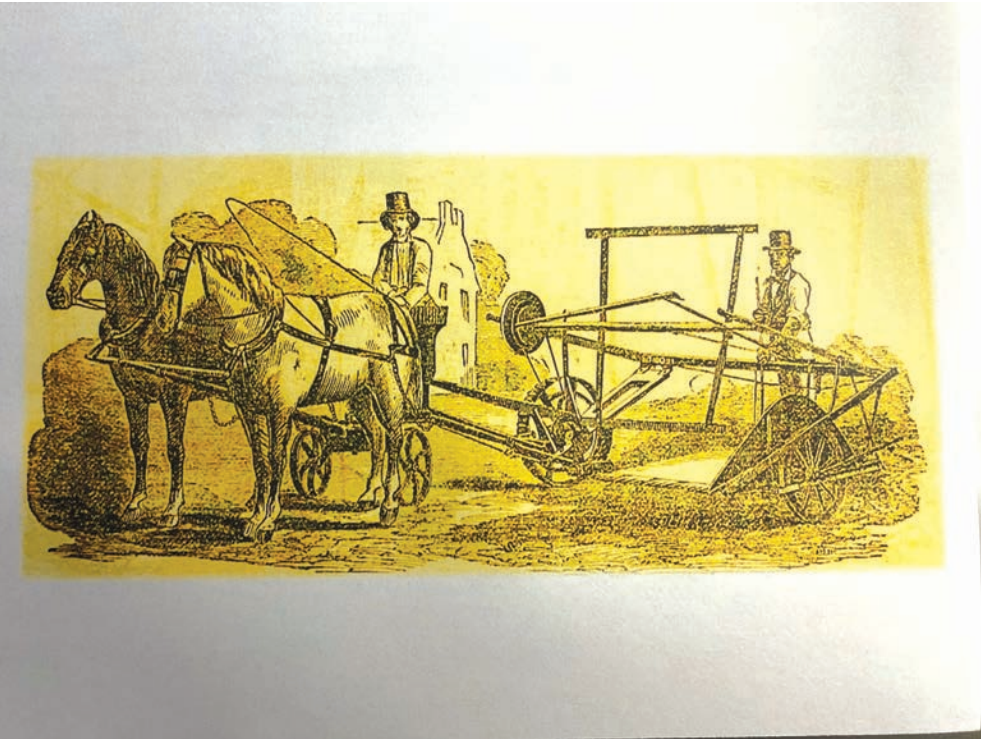
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Gathering this information is a passion and a hobby for Ruther and Gillespie, but they also want to inspire young people with the achievements and accomplishments of their ancestors. They are working on a YouTube presentation that could be used in classrooms and on a permanent display to be placed somewhere in Hamilton.



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‘Climate-smart’ ag programs are thriving in Illinois

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CHAMPAIGN, Ill. – The term “climate-smart” disappeared from the national political lexicon following the mid-2025 restructuring of the Biden administration’s Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities (PCSC) initiative, which was established under the former president’s signature Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022. However, several farm and rural conservation programs still termed “climate-smart” are currently funded and promoted by the Illinois State Legislature through the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA).

Five of these programs were highlighted and discussed during the 2025 Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs) Summit, Nov. 5 at the I Hotel and Conference Center in Champaign. The most popular and recognizable of the state programs, the Spring Savings for Fall Covers cover crop incentive program, has been in existence since 2018. According to IDOA’s Bureau Chief of Land & Water Resources, Michelle Curby, funding remains insufficient to cover demand for the program, which rewards cover crop growers not compensated by other USDA-led or private conservation programs.

“We still have acreage we are unable to fund, but we are getting closer to matching those each year. There was about 2 percent we were unable to fund (in 2024-25),” said Curby, adding that the state-led program now extends to over 200,000 cover crop acres annually. Illinois’ Fall Covers for Spring Savings program offers a premium discount up

to \$5 per acre on the subsequent year’s crop insurance premium, depending on a producer’s individual insurance policy, for every cover crop acre enrolled and verified in the program. In applying for this program, growers should consult their local soil and water conservation district (SWCD) office staff or the IDOA Bureau of Land and Water Resources at 217-782-6297.

Another cover crop program that relies partially on state funding, the I-COVER (Infield Conservation for Operationalizing Vital Ecosystem Resilience) program (a combined Illinois-Indiana-Iowa initiative), has been temporarily paused by the state of Illinois due to the ongoing uncertainty around the reliability of federal funding. I-COVER is designed to promote the implementation of cover crops and the adoption of new technologies to implement covers via the Partners for Conservation (PFC) Program.

“This program encourages seed cover in late summer and early fall, kind of looking for an earlier establishment of cover. It includes over-seeding prior to the harvest of the cash crop using new technologies such as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or drones; using the technology is what qualifies you for the program,” Curby said.

In its first year of a planned three-year life cycle, the \$7 million I-COVER program will be funded by the state of Illinois and a USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) multi-state grant, according to Curby. “We are now more secure in this funding, and plan to hold signups in January or

February of 2026,” she announced.

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) is a smart agriculture program that is part of the clean agriculture portion of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency’s (IEPA) Priority Climate Action Plan. The plan identifies practices such as no-till management to help reduce the release of greenhouse gases. “A reduction goal of 896,000 metric tons of GHGs was identified in the plan. The CPRG smart agriculture program plans to implement no-till and strip-till on approximately 1.9 million acres or about 644,000 acres each year of the three-year program,” said Curby of CPRG, which, like I-COVER, is partially funded by an NRCS RCPP grant.

CPRG pays producers \$35 per acre across three years to participants not enrolled in any other state, federal or corporate programs that compensate farmers for conservation tillage practices. Its initial pre-enrollment period ended in late October with heavy interest from producers in 97 of Illinois’ 102 counties, Curby stated. “Over 1,200 applications were submitted for over 847,000 acres,” she said. “To put that in perspective, that is almost twice the number of applications we received for the Fall Covers program, which is going on seven years in existence, and more than 3.5 times the acreage.”

A fourth program, PFC, is a cost-share initiative that promotes conservation practices such as filter strips, terraces and grass waterways in order to reduce soil loss on Illinois cropland. Curby described how “State funds are distributed to Soil and Water Conservation Districts which prioritize and

select projects that save the most soil or benefit the most acres in the most cost-effective manner” under the program, with construction costs divided between the state and landowners.

Recipients must agree to continue or maintain these practices for at least 10 years. The PFC Program funds programs at Illinois Department of Natural Resources, IDOA and IEPA. Programs under PFC include the sustainable agriculture grant program, cost-share programs for conservation practices, and grants for soil and water conservation districts.

Finally, the Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Program rewards farmers and landowners for employing low-cost, effective vegetative and bio-engineering techniques to limit streambank erosion, which is a major tenet of the NLRs. “This provides cost-shares for farmers with extremely eroding streambanks. Recipients must agree to begin or maintain streambank stabilization practices for a minimum of 10 years,” Curby said. “Numbers-wise, we had around 15 projects in 2021, five projects in 2022, seven projects in 2023 and four in 2024. So, there has been a decline in these projects from what we can gather is a cost issue or a logistics issue in getting permits.”

Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Program funds can be used for labor, equipment, and materials for projects that stabilize or restore severely eroding streambanks. To participate in this program, producers should contact their local SWCD to see if they are eligible.

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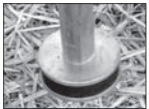
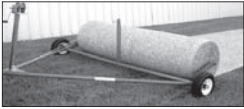
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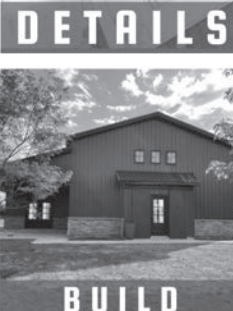




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4th generation Ohio farm supplies potatoes to Great Lakes region

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

URBANA, Ohio – Think of Thanksgiving and Christmas feasts and thoughts of turkey, ham and stuffing might come to mind. And, of course, so might potatoes.

It's during these holidays that Michael Family Farms, of Champaign County, Ohio, is busier than any other time of the year. Potatoes (mashed, roasted, au gratin, you name it) are Thanksgiving and Christmas traditions for most families. America loves its potatoes. The average adult consumed around 44 pounds of potatoes each year.

Michael Family Farms is one of the largest vegetable farms in the state with more than 2,500 acres. And, the potato is the chief vegetable on this farm.

The farm is a year-round supplier for the Great Lakes region. The family stores their round white and red potatoes at the farm in Urbana, but the russets and yellows are grown and stored by their partners in southern Michigan and northern Indiana.

"Our storages hold about 5 million pounds of potatoes," Kathy Michael Sponheim said. "In comparison, during Thanksgiving time, we're doing 80 to 100 semi-truck loads a week. Normally we're doing 40 to 60 loads each week."

Michael Family Farms is a fourth-generation family potato business, located on 3,000 acres of natu-

rally rich soil in Urbana in the Ohio Central Valley. It grew from a tiny farm in 1958 when Doug and Phyllis Michael began growing white varieties and sold them seasonally. Today, Michael Family Farms sells over 30 different types of potatoes year-round.

Their children (Scott, Kurt, Kyle, Todd and Kathy Michael Sponheim) have taken over various operations at the farm. All have ag-related degrees from Ohio State University.

Scott and Kurt oversee production of sweet corn, green beans, cabbage and potatoes. Kyle's mechanical expertise and agronomy background is invaluable on the farm. Todd served as the president of the National Potato Council and Ohio Potato Growers Association. He also held leadership positions with the Potatoes USA Board. Kathy is in charge of tactical sales, dealer development, new product development and manages all marketing duties at the farm.

Sponheim worked for more than a decade in sales and marketing at John Deere after she graduated from Ohio State. At that time, she said she learned a lot of tips and tricks, including working with other people, to bring back to the family business.

"There are some growers who grow potatoes in the state, and they're in pockets in the northwest and north central part of Ohio, but they're for chippers for potato chips," Sponheim said. "There are some soils in this state which is conducive to growing pota-



Above: Kathy Michael Sponheim and her family supply potatoes from their farm in Urbana, Ohio, to the Great Lakes region. (Bill Lackey photo)

atoes, where they thrive very well. Soil and drainage capability are so important when growing the potato. Potatoes don't like heavy soils, like the ones used in growing field corn. There's simply not as many large potato growers in the state as there used to be."

Urbana is certainly rural enough to be considered a farm town. But crucial infrastructure and population centers are close enough to make getting products like potatoes to market a relatively simple matter. All of Michaels'

considerable customer base is located within a five-and-a-half-hour driving radius from the farm.

"Our location is great just being close to where our potatoes end up," Sponheim said. "We value loyalty and longevity in our customers and partners. That has been a lot of work to maintain over the years, but part of what makes it work is excellent customer service."

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Above: Potatoes are harvested in September and October.

Potatoes

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The Michaels harvest potatoes from August through October. Sponheim said to store the potatoes, they want it to be 55 degrees or lower so they don't sweat because moisture isn't good for them. The location must be dark and have air circulation with forced air and fans to make the "best sleeping environment" until they are needed.

In a region where the agricultural landscape is dominated by corn and soybeans, the Michaels' success in the potato industry has always depended largely on their taking advantage of unique market efficiencies. During Todd's early days in the business, the family grew only round whites focused on seasonal marketing. The industry has changed considerably in the ensuring years, and the Michaels have evolved accordingly.

As a potato advocate, Sponheim serves on the National Potato Council as the delegate for Ohio, and on the board and nutrition committee for Potatoes USA, to give them a voice when Washington, D.C., is making decisions that can impact the farm so they can give them good information.

And this family is in love with the vegetable they grow.

"My family's always on the go. But we eat potatoes at least four to five times a week," Sponheim said. "Po-

tatoes have complex carbohydrates, which give you energy over time. And they don't spike your blood sugar. You eat a baked potato, you're going to have energy, the carbohydrates your body needs to work out and so it's kind of fueling."

Sponheim said her family takes seriously the stewardship of the land, including responsible water use and reducing the distance their crops must travel after harvest.

"As multigenerational farmers, if we weren't stewards of the land, we wouldn't have land to come back to," she said. "Cover crops, erosion control, land management – they're table stakes to ensure we have a crop to plant next year. We're also looking at new practices we haven't thought of before, like packaging that's fully compostable and recyclable."



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Commercial poultries impacted by HPAI in Indiana and Michigan

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS – Thousands of Hoosier commercial ducks and chicken layers have been or will be destroyed as the most recent spate of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) cases in Indiana continued last week.

As of press time, the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) said more than 506,000 birds have been impacted since the most recent bird flu cases began in October, with more than 287,000 birds affected last week alone. The impacted poultry operations are in Elkhart and LaGrange counties in the northern part of the state.

Michigan has also had several cases of HPAI in October and November, with more than 316,000 commercial turkeys impacted as of press time, according to the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

In Indiana, the Elkhart-LaGrange area is particularly dense in poultry

farms, so concern was running high, Denise Derrer Spears, BOAH public information director, told Farm World in October. Several hundred poultry farms were impacted by the control areas and surveillance zones set up around the affected farms, she said.

Once HPAI is confirmed in Indiana, the operation involved is placed under quarantine, BOAH said. A control area of 6.2 miles and a surveillance zone of 12.4 miles are established. Birds at the affected farm are destroyed.

Since the current HPAI event began in February 2022 in Dubois County, Ind., more than 8.7 million commercial egg layers, ducks and turkeys have been destroyed in Indiana, APHIS said. The ongoing event is the largest animal health emergency in the nation's history, BOAH said.

In October, Spears urged poultry producers to remain vigilant and to follow safety procedures. She said producers should evaluate their biosecurity practices for any weak points.



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Coalition remains on front lines in fight against soybean cyst nematode

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

AMES, Iowa – For the past 28 years, the mission of the SCN (Soybean Cyst Nematode) Coalition has been to increase farmer awareness of SCN, as well as the number of soybean farmers actively managing the pest to protect the sustainability of the U.S. soybean industry.

The coalition has organized and used numerous innovative activities and communications approaches in recent years to help soybean farmers actively manage soybean cyst nematode, according to Greg Tylka, Iowa State University (ISU) professor of plant pathology and microbiology, and director of the Iowa Soybean Research Center, who established the coalition in 1997.

“Among the most original and popular efforts are the educational campaigns ‘National Nematode Day’ (each year on Oct. 6th), ‘SCN Action Month’ (in October), and ‘Are you Smarter than a Nematode?’ quiz sweepstakes,” Tylka said.

According to the coalition, the microscopic, soil-borne soybean cyst nematode is considered the most serious biological threat to the U.S. soybean industry. In North America, it causes yield losses worth more than \$1 billion annually.

Today, the coalition includes uni-

versity scientists from 28 states and Ontario, Canada, grower checkoff organizations, and corporate partners. Much of the funding for the coalition and related research has come from checkoff funds from the North Central Soybean Research Program, the United Soybean Board, the Iowa Soybean Association, and other soybean commodity groups.

Tylka said, “The coalition has achieved incredible reach and success by conveying science-based information about the biology and active management of SCN, using consistent terminology and unified messages delivered to farmers by university, checkoff organization, and industry personnel in creative, yet research-based, terms. This approach minimizes the possibility of confusion or mixed messages, and has proven to be very effective, as shown in various market research survey results.

“Another creative and award-winning approach the coalition has undertaken to help farmers combat SCN is the SCN Profit Checker (SCNProfitChecker.com),” he added. “This is an online tool that farmers and those who advise them can use to estimate the extent of the yield loss that can be caused by SCN in specific fields.”

He said users of the calculator submit a few known and important pieces of information about an SCN-infested field and the calculator will provide a data-based estimate of the yield loss SCN will likely cause for that field.

“The yield loss estimate is expressed both in bushels per acre reduced, and in dollars per acre lost,” he said. “The calculator is powered by an algorithm that we developed, using data collected from 35,000-plus Iowa State University field research plots over 23 years. Use of the calculator



Above: Rows of soybeans in research plots a few weeks after planting in a soybean cyst nematode-infested field at an Iowa State University research farm west of Ames in October. (courtesy of Iowa State University)

is completely anonymous (no data are tracked or saved), and the calculator has been used nearly 90,000 times since it was launched in September 2023.”

Each year, ISU Extension and Outreach publishes a list of commercially available, SCN-resistant varieties in the fall. A preliminary version of the list for 2026 is available at: www.thescncoalition.com.

He said growing resistant varieties is the best management tactic for SCN when growing soybeans, adding that the nematodes still become “resistant to resistance.”

“So in soybean years, we encourage farmers to alternate growing soybeans that have the two different genetic types of SCN resistance in order to slow the loss of effectiveness of resistance,” he said. “We also recommend growing non-host crops such as corn in alternating years to disrupt the pest’s life cycle, and there are several nematode-protectant seed treatments that farmers should evaluate

when growing soybeans in SCN-infested fields.”

In addition, the coalition’s tagline, “What’s Your Number? Take the Test. Beat the Pest” encourages farmers to use the SCN ProfitChecker to see an estimate of SCN’s economic toll on their fields. With that information, they can select the best resistant soybean varieties for their location, and also consider using other management practices. The coalition regularly shares ever-changing information about SCN population levels, the availability of resistant soybean varieties, and yield results for SCN-resistant varieties with different genetics.

Ed Anderson, executive director of the North Central Soybean Research Program in Ankeny, Iowa, who has long been involved in the coalition and its outreach efforts, said the coalition’s efforts have been very effective at raising awareness and developing solutions through helping farmers make the best decisions for short-term management, based on extensive field trials and effective communication and outreach on currently available solutions and recommendations.

The coalition’s efforts also include working with soybean breeders to develop more diverse genetics to fight SCN, and encouraging companies to license the genes and breeding materials, and put them into commercial use, as well as looking for new solutions through promoting basic and applied research to combat SCN and other nematode pests.

“This pest is not going away,” Anderson said. “We have to stay ahead of it if we’re going to be able to grow soybeans profitably into the future.”

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TRACTORS: 2011 John Deere 9430 tractor-2,705 hrs, 4 remotes, cab, heat/air, radio, articulating, 2nd owner, SN#1R9W430PLBP023487; 2017 8245R tractor - 2,128 hrs, powershift transmission, 4 remotes, 1000 PTO, quick hitch, rear duals, front fenders, LED lights, cab, heat/air, radio, SN#1R9W8245RCHP121210; 2004 John Deere 8120 tractor - 4,418 hrs, powershift transmission, 4 remotes, 1000 PTO, rear duals, front fenders, quick hitch, cab, heat/air, radio, JD link, SN#RW8120P022809; **COMBINE:** 2019 John Deere S760 Combine, 1,415 Engine Hours, 1,104 Separator Hours, Floater Tires, 2wd, power folding grain extensions, fore, aft, lateral tilt feeder house, single point hookup, ActiveVision Camera, 4600 display cart, Combine advisor pkg, grain & tailings cameras, Auto guidance ready, 333 Hp engine, beacon lights, runs and operates; one owner machine, SN#1H0S760SK0805120; **PLATFORMS & HEADS:** 2022 John Deere RD35F Draper Head, Fore/Aft Reel, hydraulic adj reel, poly finger reel, marker lights, single point hook up, PTO, hookup, head sells separate from cart, SN#1H0RD35FHN0820196; 2022 John Deere C8R corn head, 8 row, 30 inch rows, single point hook up, purchased new, SN#1H00C8RXLMO815279; **AIR SEEDERS:** 2013 John Deere 1990CCS 40 FT. air seeder, 15 inch rows, CCS seed metering, bulk fill, single disc openers, SN#1A81990SEDM755129; **FERTILIZER APPLICATOR:** 2012 Case 2800 fertilizer applicator, 15 knife, 30 inch on center, 1,500 gallon poly tank, Green Star rate controller, SN#YCD064133; **SPRAYERS:** 2004 John Deere 4710 sprayer - 2,443 hrs, 100ft booms, 800 gallon stainless steel tank, hydrostatic transmission, side fill, SN#N04710X006367; **HEADER CARTS:** 2018 J&M 4WS15 All Steer Header Cart, 38ft long lights, adjustable feet and adjustable, rail height, SN# 1803256; J&M header cart, 21ft long, used for 8 row corn head, SN#6486; **GRAIN CART:** 2022 J&M X812 grain cart, 850 bushel, scale with scale head, PTO driven auger, hydraulic folding auger, tarp, LED lights, auger and backup camera, ladder, purchased new, *SN#2210709; **SEMI TRAILER:** 2019 Timpte Super Hopper 40ft long, 68 inch sides, 24 inch hopper clearance, aluminum wheels, power tarp; VIN#1TDH40027KB162160; **SEMI:** 1999 Kenworth T800 614,611mi. Caterpillar Engine, 8 Speed Transmission, Heat, Air, Radio, wet kit, aluminum wheels, adj fifth wheel, runs and operates, VIN#1XKDD89XB6XJ797607; **TILLAGE EQUIPMENT:** J&M TF212 rolling basket, 32ft working width, hydraulic raise and lower, hydraulic fold, Low use on implement, SN#2040006; Landoll 30ft, folding soil finisher, 3 section, hydraulic raise & lower, 3 bar spike drag, rear hitch; **GRAVITY WAGONS:** Killbros 385 Gravity wagon mounted on Killbros 1386 running gear, 385 bushel, front ladder, lights, Shur Lok Roll Tarp, rear hitch, 385/65R22.5 Tires; Killbros 385 Gravity Wagon, side discharge, Rainbow Industries Roll Tarp, front ladder rear hitch, lights; **ROTARY MOWERS:** Bush Hog 296 Rotary Mower 3 point mount, 540 PTO, rear wheel, SN: 12-06378; GPS Receivers: Starfire 6000 Receiver with SF 1 activation; John Deere Starfire 6000 Receiver with RTK Activation; **MOWER:** Husqvarna PZT60 Zero Turn Mower, hours unverified, ROPS, 60 inch deck, hydro trans, SN# 021315f001344; **PUMPS:** Briggs & Stratton Gas Powered Pump; rate controllers: Raven SCS440 Rate Controller with nozzles, and plugs; **STORAGE TANKS:** Fuel Tanks (50 gallon, GPI pump, hose, nozzle; 2,000 gallon, double wall, Fill-Rite pump, meter, farm fuel); 1,000 gallon, pump, meter, farm fuel); Inductor Tanks (15, 30 (2, one w/jug puncher rinse kit), 60 gallon); Poly Tank(s) (200 Gallon, 1,550 Gallon, 2,500 Gallon, 2,500/3,000 Gallon); Rock Boxes (2, for mounting on front of tractors); **MISC:** Electric Motor; Feeder House Shield (mounts to corn head just in front of the feeder house to hold in ears of corn); Honda GC160 (gas powered pump); John Deere 750 drill hitches and parts; Measuring Chute (automatic equip for measuring livestock feed); Meyer C-8 Snow Plow (comes with mounting hardware); Tecumseh Generator (w/8 HP engine).

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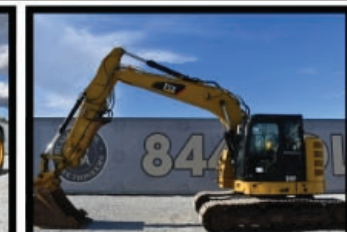
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Heading into COP30 summit, US set to showcase sustainable advances

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

DECATUR, Ill. - On October 21, producers, policymakers, and private-sector leaders convened at the National Press Club (NPC) to showcase how U.S. agricultural innovation is delivering global solutions while proving that productivity and sustainability go hand-in-hand. The forum, moderated by Sara Wyant, founder and CEO of Agri-Pulse, offered real-world success stories from American producers, while bipartisan pathways for scaling innovations that ensure both food security and climate stability were also explored.

The NPC gathering came as world leaders prepare for COP30 in Brazil this November. COP30 stands for the 30th “Conference of the Parties” to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It is the annual UN climate meeting where nearly 200 countries gather to discuss and negotiate policies to address climate change.

American agriculture stands at a “critical moment” in shaping the global conversation on sustainable food systems going into the summit, according to Wyant. “From regenerative food systems to resilient livestock systems, American farmers and ranchers are proving that productivity and sustainability go hand-in-hand,” she said, adding that the U.S. is leading the way with proven models for scaling economically and environmentally sustainable food systems.

13th District Illinois Congresswoman Nikki Budzinski, who serves on the House Agriculture Committee, was the first panelist to speak to the NPC. Budzinski, speaking from her base in Decatur, said she is fighting to protect federal funding for sustainable agriculture practices.

“Obviously, something I wish we had been able to protect was the \$14 billion from the Inflation Reduction Act for climate-smart agriculture, but in the absence of that the fight continues as we continue to promote conservation,” said Budzinski, who is recognized as one of the most bipartisan members of Congress by Common Ground. “I had an opportunity to visit with the Illinois Soybean Association and see the work they are doing with cover crops, particularly cereal rye, and how that can be a great practice to protect this great land that we have (in Illinois) and protect the nutrients in our soil.”

Budzinski said she is concerned about oversubscription to EQIP and other farm conservation incentives offered by the federal government that are underfunded for demand. “It’s something we want to see continued investment in,” she said. “It’s important to sustainability to make sure that those dollars are going to continue to be there.”

She is encouraging of public-private collaborations that promote climate smart farming and sustainability, including a partnership with PepsiCo that some Illinois farmers are enrolled in. She also pointed to the Rural Ener-

gy for America Program (REAP), which provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to farmers and small businesses for renewable energy systems but whose grant program was paused by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), as critical to U.S. agricultural sustainability efforts. Over \$9 million in REAP grants were awarded within Budzinski’s 13th Congressional District of Illinois before the program was suspended by the Trump administration.

“I think these are ways we can continue to promote growth and sustainability through our growers,” said Budzinski of the federal REAP program, IRA climate smart agriculture funding and enhanced federal funding for USDA conservation programs for farmers.

The Illinois Democrat added that she is concerned that with the current profit margin squeeze being felt by farmers, many will eschew conservation practices such as cover crops due to the additional expense. “I think we need a carrot and stick approach to this,” she said. “If you take away the carrot you de-incentivize conservation practices from being fully utilized. That’s why there was such a fight in Congress to kind of protect that bucket of \$14 billion in climate smart agriculture funding. We were hoping in the last Congress that we could move it into the baseline of the farm bill and protect it with some climate smart guard rails.”

Jason Weller, chief sustainability officer for JBS Foods, spoke next and said companies that emit greenhouse gases should not think of emissions as a liability, but rather a signal. “It’s a signal of inefficiency,” said Weller. “It’s a signal of lost economic productivity, (like) food loss and waste is a loss of economic productivity. It reframes the conversation, when you’re looking at innovation and technology and the technical assistance to be able to go after that missed opportunity to create more food and better outcomes.”

He described a “twin balance” of responsibilities and issues facing farmers and food producers: growing more food in an environmentally friendly manner that appeals to food companies and maintaining their financial bottom lines. “These are tough economic times, especially for row crop producers,” Weller said. “If we want to meet these global challenges to feed the world sustainably, environmentally and economically, we have to have American agriculture at the table leading the charge.”

The NPC gathering lasted for several hours. Panelists continued to discuss how American agricultural leadership can drive conservation and sustainability solutions that benefit producers, communities and food systems worldwide. The webinar, sponsored by Agri-Pulse, is archived online at <https://www.agri-pulse.com/dccop302025>.

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THIS IS A VERY SMALL LIST; MANY MORE ITEMS ARE EXPECTED TO COME IN. OUR FALL SALES ARE ALWAYS VERY LARGE. AGAIN, THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR COSIGNORS FOR MAKING THIS ANNUAL AUCTION A GREAT SUCCESS!!

Soil compaction can damage soil structure, causing lower yields

Eric Snodgrass, of Nutrien Ag Solutions, thinks our temperatures will be colder to finish out November and into December as some computer models show La Niña, a Polar vortex and cold waters off the Gulf of Alaska. December 1989 was the coldest December of recent years.

OSU's 4th Organic Grains Conference is scheduled for Jan. 7-8, 2026, at Kalahari Resorts and Conventions in Sandusky, Ohio. Early bird registration is \$140 by Dec. 5, 2025, or \$175 after that date. The registration fee does not include lodging. Those interested can learn more at www.go.osu.edu/OrganicGrains.

Fall tillage is when soil compaction can be a "hidden yield robber" for 2026 crops as farmers in comfortable tractor cabs and with plenty of horsepower may not realize the impact of heavy equipment and improper ballasting can have on soil structure. It

WEEKLY AG UPDATE

BY NED BIRKEY
MSU EXTENSION EDUCATOR EMERITUS
SPARTAN AG

is estimated that yield losses due to soil compaction caused by wheel traffic range from 10 to 20 percent, depending on the extent of soil compaction experienced.

rienced.

Iowa State lists their top 10 reasons to avoid soil compaction"

1 and 2 - It causes restricted root growth which limits nutrient uptake and therefore nutrient deficiencies.

3 - It reduces crop productivity.

4 - It reduces soil aeration. (an ideal soil is 50 percent solid matter, 25 percent air and 25 percent water).

5 - It decreases soil available water.

6 and 7 - It reduces water infiltration rates, leading to more water runoff.

8 - It increases soil bulk density.

9 - It increases sediment and nutrient losses as water runs off and carries topsoil with it.

10 - It damages soil structure.

Farmer Tax Guides will be out soon and serve as a reminder to do some year-end tax and financial planning. Accurate financial records are an important part of the entire agricultural business, especially now when some decisions can be made to affect income, expenses, debt and equity. Added to good financial record and tax and debt strategies include risk management, engaging with lenders well before capital will be needed and possibly diversifying income streams,

through conservation programs now that the government has opened up.

Landowners and farmers should be actively managing their timber, particularly valuable hardwoods, such as black walnut trees. I have seen one walnut tree sell for \$26,000 when managed properly with a consulting forester. The American Tree Farm System can help landowners learn how to properly manage and harvest timber. A tree farm is a woodland that is managed for the continuous production of forest products, such as timber or Christmas trees, while also focusing on the health of the ecosystem. Michigan has a Tree Farm Committee and list of Tree Farm Foresters; the latest list published in June 2025. For more information, visit www.TreeFarmSystem.org/Michigan.

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ONLINE AUCTION
Tues, December 16



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4291 Springbrook Rd, Jackson, MI



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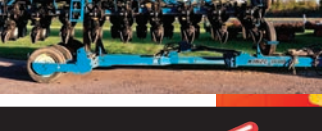
Sunday November 30, 2025 @ 7:00 pm - ONLINE ONLY

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Auctioneer's Note: Brad Neuhart Auctioneers is proud to bring you our annual Fall Consignment Auction. This is our crown jewel auction event of the year with consignors and buyers from around the world. This huge auction event will kick off on Black Friday 11/28/25. Come out and enjoy a FREE pancake breakfast (in our heated building) starting at 7:30am. The LIVE IN-PERSON Auction will begin at 10am, we will be selling THOUSANDS of NEW and used tools, farm antiques, golf carts, NEW chain/binders, tractors, snowmobiles and MORE with 2-3 auctioneers selling at one time. This is also your chance to preview the items in Saturday's Online Only Auction. Day 2, Saturday 11/29 we will be selling over 1000 lots of Tractors, Trucks, Trailers, Farm Equipment, NEW Mini Excavators, TONS of NEW Skid Steer Attachments, TOOLS, Horse Tack, Construction Equipment, Commercial Kitchen Equipment, Produce Stand Equipment and MUCH MORE!! Items will begin ending at 9am on 11/29, please do not show up on-site on Saturday 11/29 - ALL ITEMS ARE BEING SOLD VIA ONLINE ONLY AUCTION. On Sunday 11/30 we will wrap up this amazing auction weekend by selling OVER 500 LOTS of vintage toy trucks, farm toys and farm memorabilia. Items on Sunday's auction will begin ending at 7pm. PAYMENT and PICKUP will be on-site in Milan, MI on Sunday 11/30, Monday 12/1 and Tuesday 12/2 from 9am-5pm each day. Loaders will be available to assist you each day of payment/pickup. See www.bradneuhart.com for info, terms, registration and BIDDING!!

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- WEDNESDAY 11/26 - 9am-5pm - In-person preview of all auctions.
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- FRIDAY 11/28 - LIVE ON-SITE AUCTION- 10am - 2-3 Rings Selling THOUSANDS of Tools, Small Items and MORE
- FRIDAY 11/28 - ALL DAY Preview of Saturday Items - Come out to the LIVE Auction and you can preview the items in Saturday's ONLINE Auction. Our staff can help you start up equipment.
- Saturday 11/29 @ 9am - ONLINE ONLY AUCTION - Vehicles, Tractors, Farm & Construction Equipment, Trailers, Municipal & School Surplus items and MORE
- Sunday 11/30 @ 7pm ONLINE ONLY TOY AUCTION - Featuring hundreds of toy trucks and farm toys
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Churubusco, IN

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Sunday, November 23, 2025
Peru, IN

150+ Watch Collection
Sunday, November 23, 2025
1582 W. SR 114, N. Manchester, IN

Weekly Market Monday
Antiques, Collectibles, Estates
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RV Storage Building!
Monday, November 24, 2025
1102 Drover St., Huntington, IN

Art Glass, Uranium, Antiques
Tuesday, November 25, 2025
Plymouth, IN

Whitko FFA Tree Auction
Tuesday, November 25, 2025
710 IN-5, Larwill, IN

Black Friday Firearms!
Friday, November 28, 2025
Nappanee, IN

Schuler Estate Auction
Friday, November 28, 2025
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New Hope Church Auction
Sunday November 30, 2025
Bippus, IN

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672 E. Franklin St., Huntington, IN

Home on Loon Lake
Tuesday, December 2, 2025
5818 S. Red Bud Ln. 57, Col. City, IN

Home on 1.62 Acres
Wednesday, December 3, 2025
426 Mill St., Churubusco, IN

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Thursday, December 4, 2025
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As chlorophyll fades from leaves vibrant fall colors come out

One of my favorite recipes for fry bread comes from a good friend of mine, retired Indiana Conservation Officer Tony Sanders and is taken from the out-of-print cookbook, Wild Hoosier Home Cooking 2002 as compiled by the Indiana Conservation Officers Organization.

The ingredients are: 2 cups of flour; 2 tsp. baking powder; 2 tsp. salt; 2 tablespoons of shortening; 2/3 cup water and vegetable oil.

Mix the dry ingredients together, cut in the shortening. Sprinkle in the water while tossing the dough with a fork until all of the flour is moist and the dough almost cleans the bowl. Cover and refrigerate or place in a cooler for 30 minutes.

Heat one inch of oil in a heavy pan to 400 degrees F. Divide the dough into 12 pieces and roll each piece into a 6-inch circle. Let the dough pieces rest a few minutes. Make a ½ inch hole in the middle of each circle and fry until puffy and golden, about 1 minute on each side.

The hole is to ensure complete cooking but also serves as a method of lifting the fry bread from the hot oil when cooking over a fire. Simply inserted a small, clean stick in the hole and lifted the pieces out.

Piping hot and dusted with powdered sugar or smeared with honey or jam... fry bread goes fast, so make sure you fix plenty.

Downtown Trail Network Opens In Marion

On November 13, the Indiana De-

partment of Natural Resources and the city of Marion celebrated the opening of the Downtown Trail Network. The 10-foot-wide, asphalt, multi-use trail was constructed by the city of Marion with help from a \$640,684 grant administered by the DNR.

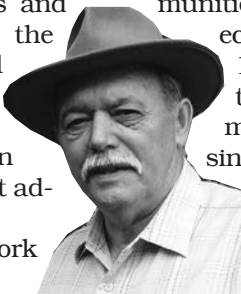
“The Downtown Trail Network embodies the connections and spurred economic activity that come with trail development,” said Gary Schultz, trails coordinator with the Indiana DNR.

“By linking downtown Marion with the Cardinal Greenway, we gain more connections to downtown businesses and more connections to healthy transportation on the greenway. DNR is proud to support this project.”

The Downtown Trail Network adds 0.57 miles of trail connecting Indiana’s longest trail, the Cardinal Greenway, into Marion’s downtown business district and its social and cultural landmarks. The trail is one segment of a larger city project identified in its 2019 Downtown Revitalization Plan aiming to extend the Downtown Trail Network northward and connect with the Mississinewa Riverwalk. The trails will encourage economic development and connect the Marion community to its various districts and existing city amenities.

Indiana’s DNR has led the largest infusion of trails funding in our state’s history with \$180 million in dedicated trail funding administered through DNR facilitating critical trail connections within and between Hoosier com-

munities. A total of 56 of the 89 projects are complete, with another 15 under construction. With the opening, more than 162 miles of trail have been built since the program’s inception.



SPAULDING OUTDOORS
By Jack Spaulding

Ashley Man Injured In Tree Stand Fall

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating a tree stand accident occurring Nov. 9 in DeKalb County.

At 4:30 p.m., officers and emergency personnel responded to the area near the intersection of County Road 17 and County Road 28 in the town of Auburn for a report of a hunter falling from a tree stand.

Upon arrival on scene, officers discovered 28-year-old Nicholas Pranger of Ashley was attempting to climb onto his tree stand when he fell. Pranger was wearing full body harness; however, it was not fully connected when he fell.

Pranger was transported to Parkview Regional Medical Center in stable condition with a back injury. The incident is still under investigation.

Indiana Conservation Officers would like to remind all hunters to wear a full-body safety harness when hunting from an elevated hunting platform and to stay connected.

The Science Behind Indiana’s Vibrant Fall Colors

How do Indiana’s trees put on such a fantastic display of color each year? The brilliant reds, fiery oranges, and bright yellows we see in the fall are present

in leaves all the time, but are hidden by the green pigmented chlorophyll all summer. Chlorophyll is important in making food for plants, but as the days shorten and temperatures cool, it fades and allows the other pigments in leaves to be seen.

Like chlorophyll, each pigment has a purpose. The bright yellow and orange carotenoids protect the leaves from too much light. The rich red and purple anthocyanins protect leaves from the cold and sun while also helping the tree recover nutrients before winter sets in. The brown tannins will linger through the winter and are what’s left after the other pigments fade.

Why are certain years better for viewing fall colors than others? The brightest colors happen when the weather stays sunny, prompting the plant to produce more sun-protectant carotenoids and anthocyanins. Cool, frost-free nights help too, as too much rain or early frost can dull the colors or make leaves drop early. Dry weather at the end of summer (like we’ve had this year) can bring especially bright fall colors.

‘till next time,
Jack

Readers can contact the author by writing to this publication or e-mail Jack at jackspaulding1971@outlook.com

Spaulding’s books, “The Best Of Spaulding Outdoors” and “The Coon Hunter And The Kid” are available from Amazon.com as a paperback or Kindle download.

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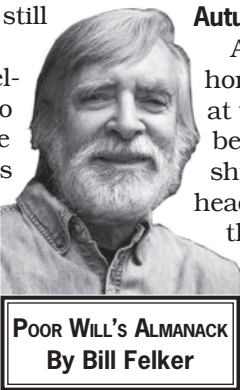
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Crickets still sing, pansies still bloom, despite colder weather

Crickets still sing, pansies still bloom, despite colder weather

If you are afflicted with melancholy at this season, go to the swamp and see the brave spears of skunk cabbage buds already advanced toward a new year.... See those green cabbage buds lifting the dry leaves in that watery and muddy place.... They see over the brown of winter's hill. They see another summer ahead. — Henry David Thoreau



The Moon in November
Nov. 20-21: The moon is new
Nov. 28: The moon enters its second quarter

The Weekly Weather
The fourth week of November, the third week of late fall, is the stark and windy week that marks the decline of average highs below 50 degrees and the end to any reasonable chance of a day above 70 throughout the lower Midwest and Mid-Atlantic states. Nights below zero even become possible. The sixth cold front of the month, arriving around the 24th, often brings rain on the 23rd (there is a 50 percent chance of that). The seventh high-pressure system generally arrives on Nov. 28, preceded by rain 70 percent of the time on the 27th – the wettest day in the month's weather history. The 28th, 29th and 30th have the best odds of the month for snow. After the 25th, the percentage of cloudy days almost doubles over the average for the rest of November.

Autumn lingering
All but a few shriveled stag-horns have fallen from the sumac at the end of late fall. Thistles are bedraggled, foliage curled and shriveled. Fields of dry goldenrod heads glow in the sun, more exotic than when they were in flower. Box elder seeds shimmer in the frost. Sharp burdock burrs are poised, waiting for you to brush against them.

Fed by honeysuckle berries, robins linger in town and in the woods. Starlings cluck and whistle at sunrise, and cardinals and pileated woodpeckers and bobwhites sing off and on throughout the day. Finches work the sweet gum tree fruits, digging out the seeds from their hollows. Sparrow hawks appear on the fences, watching for mice in the bare fields.

In spite of all the cold, pansies still bloom, and scattered mums still keep their color. Mulched parsley, carrots, beets, potatoes, chard, broccoli, kale and chives can still be brought in from the vegetable garden. Once in a while, dandelions blossom, appear out of season like overwintering robins, stragglers showing up through the fall and winter. Wild onions and the garden garlic grow a bit when the weather is mild. Motherwort is still strong.

Crickets still sing in the warmest evenings, and the last daddy longlegs huddle together in the woodpile, waiting for their corners to warm. Mosquitoes still wait for prey near backwaters and puddles. Late woolly bear caterpillars, most of them dark orange

and black, still emerge on backroads when the asphalt is hot from the sun. Cabbage moths still look for cabbage. Yellow jackets sometimes come out to look for fallen fruit. Squirrels chatter. Opossums and raccoons increase their activity in the warmer evenings. Deer are mating. Sparrows fight for seeds. Crows congregate for winter.

Journal
Among the first observations I remember making about nature as a child was that the wind seemed to be caused by the trees moving and that green leaves brought on summer. It soon became apparent to me, of course, that the reverse was true. Events in nature were the result of causes quite distant from their effects. The wind was the product of planetary and even cosmic forces, and the green leaves of summer grew from a cycle that began in deep winter or even millennia before, offspring of the evolution and migration of plants.

As I get older and watch myself in nature, I have started to see that my first notes about the world were not so far off as I assumed. I find that distant energies are less relevant and less useful than my scientific understanding once led me to believe. In fact, my emotional and spiritual life is more closely tied to appearances than to physical events.

Late Fall in my thoughts and in my feelings is the clear reflection of the things I see. The changes in the landscape produce changes in my mind. The Earth's fluctuating relationship with the sun may technically cause the

advent of winter, but it is the bare trees and the frost that make the season in my head.

Very literally, the green trees bring June to my brain. The Osage fruits, full size, fallen in the rain, bring the middle of August, and the sudden collapse of the sugar maple canopy is the messenger of November.

Almanack Literature
Chickens!
By Jack Thomas, Milan, Ind.

Back in 1943, when World War II was raging, meat, rubber and gas were rationed, along with a few other things. To offset some of the things you couldn't get, you raised things like chickens. My uncle raised chickens, about 300 of them, and then he sold them to the people around him.

One dark night with no Moon out, he heard the dogs barking. He got up and looked out the window but didn't see anything except that the door to the chicken house was open. He grabbed his shotgun and went out to see what was going on. All he had on were his longjohns with the trapdoor down.

He proceeded to the chicken house with his shotgun. When he got to the door, he looked in. In the meantime, his old hound dog was following him. When my uncle stopped at the door, the old hound dog stuck his cold nose in that open trapdoor.

As you can imagine, that shotgun went off, and killed half of his chickens. He got us all up and we picked chicken the rest of the night.

Thank You for saying you saw it in Farm World!

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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, IL

LAND AUCTION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025 AT 10:00 AM^{CT}



124.92 ACRES± (SUBJECT TO SURVEY) • 2 TRACTS



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

The farm is located just north of Tolono, IL or 5 miles south of Champaign, IL. It is further described as being located in Sections 23 & 24, T18N-R8E, Tolono Township, Champaign County, Illinois.

Both tracts represent Class A soils located in the heart of desirable Champaign County!

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VERMILION COUNTY, IL

LAND AUCTION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025 AT 1:00 PM^{CT}



53.62 TAXABLE ACRES± • 1 TRACT



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Rohl Family Farm is located approximately 2 miles southeast of Allerton, IL or 35 miles southeast of Champaign, IL. The real estate is further described as being located in Section 26, T17N-R14W, Sidell Township, Vermilion County, Illinois.

The property contains a total of 53.62 taxable acres, will be sold in 1 tract, and represents highly productive Class A soil. Farmers and investors, be sure to check out this Vermilion County, Illinois farm.

THE ROHL FAMILY FARM

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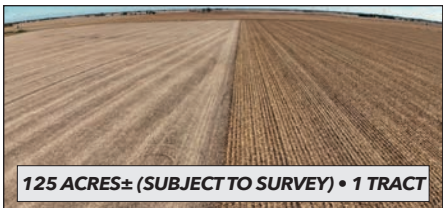
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GRUNDY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

LAND AUCTION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025 AT 1:00 PM^{CT}



125 ACRES± (SUBJECT TO SURVEY) • 1 TRACT



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Collins Family Trust land is located 4 miles south of Seneca, IL or 12 miles southwest of Morris, IL. It is further described as being located in Section 18, T32N-R6E, Vienna Township, Grundy County, Illinois.

Farmers & investors, don't miss this opportunity to purchase a well-located Class A farm that sells with an open lease for the 2026 crop year!

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WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

LAND AUCTION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025 AT 10:00 AM^{CT}



15.90 SURVEYED ACRES • 1 TRACT



SCAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Huber land is located 4 miles southeast of Braidwood, IL or 20 miles south of Joliet, IL. The land is further described as being located in Section 13, T32N-R9E, Custer Township, Will County, Illinois.

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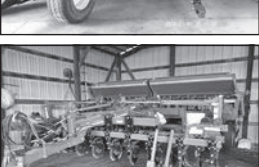




PUBLIC AUCTION

FRIDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 28, 2025
STARTING AT 10:30 AM

Location: 15682 St Rt 65 S, JACKSON CENTER, OHIO 45334



COMBINE AND TRACTORS (SELL FIRST AT 10:30!) LIVE BIDDING ON EQUIPMENTFACTS

08 Gleaner R65/combine with only 2742 eng and 1889 sep hours! field monitor, 46" dual drive tires and 26" rears, new slip clutch '24, '13 Gleaner 9250 Draper grain head, 30'; Agco 6-30 hugger corn head w/ stalk rollers; 2- header carts; Tractors: '97 JD 8300 MFWD with 3671 Hours!! 480x46" rear axle duals and 420 85Rx30 front tires, full front weights; 93 JD 7800 Cab with 4136 hours, 480-80R 42 axle duals, full front weights; '91 JD 2955 tractor w/3656 hrs, Cab heat AC; '70 JD 3020 D Tractor narrow front, side console, 9197 hours.

FARM EQUIPMENT

JD 1755 6-30" corn planter, liquid fertilizer, finger pickup; Great Plains PHD 1510 grain drill with front coulters, 10" spacing; Great Plains Turbo Max model 1800 w/rolling basket, 18'; '13 Kongskilde 2900 field cultivator 24' w/rolling basket; Brillion SB-91 disc chisel, 9 shank w/harrow; Unverferth 5 shank sub soiler, auto reset; 2- '23 J&M 455-555 Patriotic farmer edition gravity bed wagons with brakes, lights, tarps, fenders; 2-'20 J&M 440-540 gravity bed wagons with brakes, lights, tarps, fenders; 2- J&M 350 gravity bed wagons and gears; Killbros gravity wagon with seed auger; Mayrath HX2 10"x63 PTO grain auger w/power sweep, like new; '24 Mayrath WRX 10"x31 PTO grain auger; Remlinger 24' flat harrow w/hyd wings; IH 6-16 semi mt plow; Woods 18' batwing rotary mower w/ hyd fold; 2- flatbed wagons (one with sides and hoist); Pequea 16' trailer, 14,000 GVWR; United Express 12' enclosed utility trailer; flatbed wagon w/700 gal poly tank and transfer pump; small diesel tank on cart w/AC/ DC pump; AC 20 KW PTO generator on cart; JD 318 lawn tractor; other misc items found around the farm.

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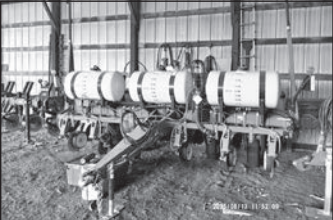
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AUCTIONEER: JOHNNY REGULA 740-360-0203

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NEIGHBORS CONSIGNMENTS: Baker (937-638-8191): '69 JD 2520 gas tractor, side console, 5400 hrs; '57 JD 820 tractor, wide front; '93 JD 9400 combine w/4000 engine hours, new concave and bars 2024; '01 JD 920 grain head w/new plastic underneath last year; Unverferth header cart, 25'. Ike(937-538-8830): JD 750 no-till drill w/fill auger and Lock up kit; JD 1000 field cultivator, 18'; J&M 385 gravity bed on 13 ton gear; Austin (937-441-1615) IH 531 3-16 plow, 3 pt; IH 2 row cultivator.

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EQUIPMENT

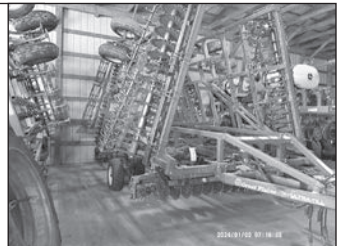
'21 JD 1745 corn planter 8-30 w/liquid fertilizer, finger pickup, only planted 400 acres! JD 1790 CCS 12-24 planter w/ Unverferth rear fill auger; Kuhn Krause 5635 field cultivator, 28', 3 bar harrow and single rolling basket; Great plains Ultra Till 30'; JD 2720 5 shank deep til w/ rear pressure crumbler, 12'6";

HARVEST EQUIPMENT AND TRUCKS

'21 Freightliner Cascadia semi tractor, 500 hp, 12 speed automatic, drum brakes, 22.5 low profile tires, new cap drives, virgin steer, 70" raised sleeper, 150 gal fuel tank, 420,000 mi; '16 Freightliner Cascadia semi tractor, 500 hp, 12 speed automatic, 70" raised roof sleeper, 100 gal fuel tank, drum brakes, 640,000 mi, '21 Corn Husker grain trailer, 41' x 60", w/Shure Lock 4500 HD automatic roll tarp; '15 Timpte grain trailer, 40' x 60" w/ new Thunder 7000 automatic roll tarp, '22 Brent V-1000 grain cart w Unverferth 520 scales, cameras, 900-6R32 tires; J&M 540 gravity bed wagon w/ solid split in wagon, roll tarp, brakes, lights, concrete truck tires; J&M 700 bu gravity bed wagon (special build, only 1 built) on Concrete truck tires, tarp; J&M 385 gravity bed wagon on 13T gears, 24' truck tires, AGI Mayrath swing auger 10" x 63" 2 years old, AGI Mayrath 10" x 31' auger w/ 10 HP electric motor, 220; 15' seed auger for gravity bed w/ plastic auger; new Shurco swing auger drive kit; old seed bag fill unit for pallet forks; Banjo transfer pump w/ 6 1/2 hp Briggs and Stratton motor; portable hydraulic pump unit w/ 13.5 hp Briggs and Stratton motor; '93 Genie 60 power lift w/ man cage, 60' boom;18.4 x 38 clamp on duals; 18,4 x 34 clamp on duals; all truck tires are 22.5 low pro-file: drive - 4 Alum rims and tires. 4 Steel rims and tires, 2 -aluminum steer rims and tires, several new and used drive and steer tires; battery charger; 2000 and 1000 gal Double wall fuel tanks w/pumps; other misc items and parts;

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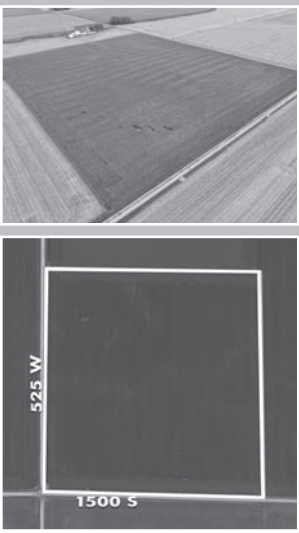
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Look into using older equipment as a way to save some money

At the end of the day, I was having a harder time finding a smile. There isn't anything I'd rather do but when we skimp and skimp and still can't see enough of a profit to treat my bride to lunch... it's a little disheartening. Like everyone else we're looking at the viability of our farm.

Yesterday, I was visiting with a good friend of mine, Joe. He was telling me that his son had a recent visit from a neighboring farmer who said that this was their last year. He and his family have farmed for decades. In my last article I mentioned that it takes two to three years to feel the full effects of a losing year, let alone two. This family has been losing and they've figured out that all the equity was going to be gone after this year. If the younger members were to have any money to start over, this has to be their last year.

This is just one of several stories I've heard recently. I have a feeling that this theme will play itself out many times this year. At the risk of showing my age and the mentality I grew up with, I have a suggestion that I believe will put together enough profit to make it through.

Look at your expenses and you'll see that equipment is a significant cost. The fellows I know who are struggling have bitten into the newer and bigger at a cost too high to sustain at \$4 corn and \$10 beans. I suggest that you contact your lenders to see if they will entertain trading down to equipment your farm can sustain. They won't like it but as opposed to losing all your business they should work with you. Does it mean you'll have zto spend more time in the tractor seat,

55 YEARS AND
COUNTING FROM THE
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BY BILL WHITMAN

sure does. Does it mean you're going to think out of the box with altering practices, such as no-till, tillage, cultivating rather than herbicide application, and going to the landlord to try and renegotiate cash rent agreements. Yes, no stone will remain unturned.

Several years ago, I compared the costs of using new equipment versus using older equipment. As many of you know, I favor using older equipment. I grew up in a time when we used equipment 10 or more years old with the exception of combines and balers. Winters were spent going over our equipment with a fine-tooth comb, replacing any part even remotely suspect. One of the advantages of going over our equipment annually is that we got to know the equipment intimately. We knew where to look when there was a failure in mid-season. Since even kids 12 years old were part of the work done in the offseason, we had a good feeling for the way the equipment worked despite our age.

It's my feeling that we need to bring our kids into the field at younger ages to help offset some labor costs. When the family has to pull together, the stress of the struggle is spread out on more shoulders. The long-term benefits are well documented as we get kids interested in agriculture and we teach a work ethic which will take them further than their peers.

Before you think I am anti-technology, I'm not. I simply want technology to more than pay for itself or you're spending dollars that may provide a greater return on investment. I am a big fan of GPS though I struggle with auto steer costs. I'm a fan of precision planting, within reason. I am a major fan of auto herbicide applications via cameras though I have a sense that the price will be descending significantly in the next two-three years. I like some of the modifications to combines the improve efficiency though I have questions as to how much it really returns. In some cases, I think that we can accomplish the same results simply by getting to know our machines better. We saw corn stands from 50-year-old John Deere 7000 planters that have received minimum updates be just as productive as new \$600,000 planters. I saw some grain samples from 40-year-old combines that were just as clean as in a brand-new X-9. And it goes without saying that running tractors pre-def are far cheaper to run and have far more power.

If there's one thing I hope everyone takes away from this article is that unlike every other industry in the country, we always find a way to survive. No matter how dismal your situation may appear, there is a way to make it through. I watched a TV show this evening where the focus was on farmers who were fearing the demise of their generation's old farm. Some were critical of the current administration suggesting that nine months is enough to uproot 100 years of survival. As suggested earlier, it takes two-three years for losses to catch up.

Because of the time involved, there is always time to find the path leading out of crisis. There is never an excuse to end your life. The TV show tonight said that farmers are three times more likely to commit suicide than every other industry. I promise each reader that there is a way out. It may be hard, it may be humbling and may require searching out advice from unlikely sources. If nothing else, let me direct you to resources that will help.

Horse Sense: People that have been kicked by a horse have usually been kicked before.

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 10 AM

LOCATION: 420 BOSWELL RUN RD. NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF ST RT 220 AND BOSWELL RUN RD., PIKETON, OHIO 45661

As agents for Larry and Jim Teeters, we will offer the items described below at public auction.

(2) Tractors; JD Backhoe; Hay Equipment; Hay; Misc

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Farm tunnels are extending growing season in South Dakota

(AP) – When snow covers the frozen ground, and most South Dakota farmers have sold or stored their products for the season, the operators of Cedar Creek Gardens are still able to grow vegetables and harvest a lucrative crop.

Located in a remote area southwest of Murdo, about 12 miles south of Interstate 90, the sprawling farm is one of dozens in the state that utilize what are called farm tunnels to extend the planting and growing seasons.

The tunnels are fortified above-ground hoop buildings covered in plastic that capture heat from the sun, creating a greenhouse effect. Many of the tunnels at Cedar Creek are covered with two separated layers of plastic and have fans that circulate warm air between the layers, creating even warmer growing conditions.

The tunnels differ from greenhouses in that crops are grown directly into the soil rather than in raised boxes or beds, and they are watered from the ground up instead of from above.

Cedar Creek is run by Peggy Martin and Bud Manke, who are business partners and good friends. Martin and Manke were some of the first South Dakota farmers to install tunnels after reading about them online in the early 2000s.

“At first, we were just going to grow food for our families,” Martin said. “But it’s become a passion, and they (the tunnels) have helped us grow to what we are now.”

Beyond extending the growing season by up to four months each year, the controlled weather conditions and targeted water use also allow them to produce top-quality, organically grown vegetables.

One-pound tomatoes that are firm, filled with nutrients and free of blemishes. Banana peppers as long as bananas and so crisp they snap. Sweet onions the size of softballs. Kale plants that top 5 feet in height.

Tunnels part of a diversified operation

On their farm, they grow crops on 14 acres, have about 1,400 free-range laying chickens, and Manke raises cattle. The farm is dotted with about a dozen tunnel buildings, the largest of which are up to 14 feet tall, 30 feet wide and 200 feet long.

Martin said the tunnels have enabled them to expand their farm and its output over the past 25 years and help them grow into the largest South Dakota specialty farming operation west of the Missouri River.

Martin, Manke and the farmhands they hire grow a wide variety of seasonal produce, including tomatoes (the primary cash crop) as well as pumpkins, mel-

ons, sweet and green onions, red and green peppers, kale, cabbage, broccoli, sugar-snap peas, radishes, lettuce and zucchini.

The foods they grow and raise are sold at area farm stands and farmers markets but also through a weekly wholesale business that serves West River grocery stores, restaurants and a buyer’s group.

The tunnels have allowed them to plant vegetables as early as March and maintain growth of some hearty varieties for picking as late as mid-December. The first frost date in their region is typically around Sept. 15, Manke said.

“There can be snow out here in the wintertime and it’s 20 degrees when the sun comes up, but it can be 100 degrees inside the tunnels,” Manke said. “It can actually get too hot sometimes, so we have to be careful and open things up.”

Higher productivity, higher profits

Martin did the math to show how the tunnels can increase productivity and profits.

In a 200-foot tunnel, they can place three rows of 100 tomato plants, each of which can produce 40 pounds of fruit, more than double a typical household tomato plant, she said. At an average of \$2.25 per pound, and even with 20 percent waste, that single tunnel can produce \$21,600 of tomatoes in a single grow-out.

Rachel Lawton, the South Dakota urban conservationist for the USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), runs the federal program that provides financial assistance to qualified individuals and operations that want to install tunnel farms.

Lawton, based in Sioux Falls, said the tunnels aren’t suitable for high-production farms that raise thousands of bushels of corn, soybeans or wheat. But they work well for specialty crop farmers or backyard gardeners who want to produce a stable, almost year-round crop of vegetables, she said.

“The season extension with high tunnels is beneficial, but it’s even more beneficial when you look at the quality of produce they’re producing while also getting protection from wind, hail, frost, chemical drift and pests,” she said.

NRCS accepts applications for financial assistance in development of tunnel gardens each fall, with recipients receiving up to 75 percent of the cost of a project, Lawton said. In addition, successful applicants receive NRCS help in developing a wider-ranging conservation plan for their commercial farms or home gardening projects, she said.

Interest in tunnels growing in South Dakota

Lawton said she has seen increased interest in tunnel farming in South Dakota in recent years.

In recent years, the agency has provided funding for about 10 to 15 tunnels projects a year with money from the USDA Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP).

The largest tunnels, up to about 3,000 square feet, can cost more than \$20,000, though smaller tunnels with fewer amenities cost far less, Lawton said. Tunnels cannot be used for equipment storage or livestock handling, and NRCS applicants must own or rent land, be U.S. citizens and make less than \$900,000 a year, she said.

Lawton cautioned that people who consider construction of a tunnel should be aware that they require frequent maintenance and are susceptible to damage from the elements.

“As wonderful and as cool as they are, I wouldn’t say they are the solution to everything,” she said. “There can be a lot of pitfalls and a lot of work if you aren’t an experienced grower.”

Martin now a ‘resident expert’ on tunnels

The tunnels come in three basic sizes, from “high tunnels” that are the tallest and widest to “caterpillar tunnels” that are shorter and more narrow to “low

tunnels” which are light enough to lift and change positions quickly.

Lawton refers to Martin as South Dakota’s “high tunnel resident expert” because she has more high tunnels than most South Dakota farmers and because she has more than two decades of operating them.

Martin likens the tunnels to “problematic 2-year-old kids” that require patience and wisdom to manage properly. “You can’t just plant them and then leave home,” she said. “If there’s bad weather coming, you have to roll down the sides and get them buttoned up.” But for those who accept the hard work and risk, the payoff in extended growing time, improved quality of products and protection of natural resources can far outweigh those drawbacks, Lawton said. Conservation benefits include soil conservation and reduced water, pesticide and electricity use, she said.

“You can do multiple successions of crops, and you have a better growing environment, which essentially translates into dollars because you can grow more and sell more or grow more food for your own family,” Lawton said. “It all starts with conservation, but the end product is something that is more efficient, more productive and more financially beneficial all at the same time.”

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For info concerning the equipment, contact Jerry Stoelting @ (812) 240-1384

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The Estate of James D. Kennedy,
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Hoosier-made honey and bison included in Holiday Gift Box

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS – An already successful Indiana beekeeper has reached a higher level, perhaps, from winning over taste testers with his whiskey-flavored honey. The bourbon barrel honey from Bastin Honey Bee Farm in Knightstown is among the foods from Hoosier producers in this year’s Indiana Grown Holiday Gift Box.

“We’re pretty excited about it. It’s a pretty big deal,” said Joe Bastin, owner of the business he started in 2004 with just a few bee hives. He’s now one of the largest producers of honey in central Indiana with about 1,000 hives producing 60,000 to 70,000 pounds of honey each year.

Indiana Grown is an ongoing initiative by the Indiana State Department

of Agriculture to promote Hoosier-made products and educate consumers on the importance of buying them.

Members of Indiana Grown include farmers, producers, processors and artisans as well as retailers, grocers, hospitals and restaurants.

Bastin said a six-ounce glass bottle of his honey aged in whiskey barrels was chosen for each of the 400 gift baskets available to purchase after submitting an application and samples of his bourbon barrel honey for tasting, as required.

He said the honey spends about four months absorbing the bourbon from the barrels made of wood prior to bottling.

He sells additional flavors of his honey at his farm store and roughly 20 other local retail locations.

The remainder is purchased by other producers to sell once their supplies run out.

Bastin was raising blackberries on what was then his parents’ farm when he acquired some bees to pollinate the crop. Eventually, he stopped raising blackberries and switched to making honey.

Another product included in the gift box is Bison Jerky made by a rancher in the northern part of the state with the meat from his herd.

Eric Horvath said he notified his wife as soon as he learned his barbecue-like flavored jerky was selected.

“It was pretty exciting,” he said.

Horvath keeps anywhere from 35 to 50 head at his Eel River Bison Ranch on 30 acres near South Whitley, about 30 miles west of Fort Wayne.

His animals are processed mostly into ground bison, bison patties, steaks and roasts offered at his farm store and other retailers throughout the state including Fresh Thyme markets.

The remainder of the meat is used to make Bison Jerky, summer sausages and bratwursts also available commercially.

Horvath said he hopes the additional exposure given to his jerky from the Holiday Gift Box will help to gradually increase his customer base and grow the herd to meet higher demand.

He developed the jerky to entice people who have never eaten bison before to try it, hoping it’ll lead to more purchases of his jerky and other products.

“We want to expand and draw more customers and get the word out that bison is good for you. Don’t be afraid of it. It’s a healthy alternative,” he said.

Just over a decade ago, Horvath was working in marketing and sales downstate when he acted on his longtime desire to be involved with agriculture in

(Hoosier continued on page 20B)

4-REAL ESTATE AUCTIONS ON SAT., DEC. 6th, 2025

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Property #1 @ 10:00 A.M. 0 N. Walnut St. Eaton, Ohio 45320: 30’x86’ Concrete block building sitting on a corner lot approx. 165’x50’-building needs a new roof & doors...Also selling older car parts, 1974 Honda motorcycle.

Property #2 @ 11:30 A.M. 301 W. Chicago St. Eaton, Ohio 45320: This is an established income producing rental with long time tenants, home has 1,069 sq. ft. of living space with 2-bedrooms, 1-bath. **The Estate of James D. Kennedy, Diane L. Crosby, Administrator-Dirk Earley Attorney-Preble Co. Probate Case #20251146**

Property #3 @ 12:30 P.M. 1731 N. Barron St. Eaton, Ohio 45320: This is an established income producing rental with long time tenants, home has 1,144 sq. ft. of living space, with 3-bedrooms, 1-bath with attached garage. **The Estate of James D. Kennedy, Diane L. Crosby, Administrator-Dirk Earley Attorney-Preble Co. Probate Case #20251146**

Property #4 @ 2:00 P.M. 6394 East Carlton Rd. West Alex, Ohio 45381: A frame home with an acre of land for that wooded Gatlinburg look right here in Preble Co. 3-bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, home also has decking looking out over the wooded area. Attached garage, fenced in backyard, home needs some tlc, possibilities are endless with an Air B & B or that weekend get-away home in the country! Live webcast bidding is available for this property. Also selling will be some 1993 Mercury Capri convertible-not running & needs master cylinder, misc. household items, garage/lawn items. **The Estate of Raymond M. Stanton, Bridget N. Woolum, Executrix-Jacob Kovach, Attorney-Preble Co. Probate Case #20251056**

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Thanksgiving books tell stories of the holiday for children

Kids' books for Thanksgiving by various authors
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Thank you.
Two words that you've known how to say almost since you were able to talk. Two words you hear a lot and say even more. So, what are you thankful for this year? Check out these new books and start making your list...

Who will be around your Thanksgiving table this year? Mom and dad, brothers and sisters, grandparents and, in most families, you can count a few friends – just like in "Happy Friendsgiving: A Thanksgiving Celebration of Found Families" by Marcie Colleen and Laura Sandoval Herrera (Doubleday, \$18.99). Gathering together, that's what friends do. They cook and eat and share and clean up, and then share some more. Kids ages 4-to-7 will enjoy having someone read this book to them, just before they sit down to eat.

And what will be on the table on Thanksgiving day? In "Family Feast!" by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Frank Morrison (Crown, \$18.99), the fare is more than fair: Big Ma and Pops have been up since dawn making the meal. Cousins arrive, adults bring their favorite dishes, and you can imagine how good it all smells. But what's the very best thing at the Thanksgiving table every year? Your 4-to-7-year-old will love finding out with this adorable, family-oriented book.

No doubt, you've heard a lot of people complaining about a lot of things. But "America Gives Thanks" by Thai My Phoung (Penguin Workshop, \$19.99), your eyes will become open to something that may make you think.

Everybody's excited about a class trip to Washington, D.C., but many of the kids on the bus are complaining about this and that. America, the narrator of this story, can't understand why that's so. Her classmates can sing at the Lincoln Memorial; Marian Anderson had to fight to do that. Ruth Bader Ginsburg worked hard for people's rights. Franklin Roosevelt tried to make sure that everyone had enough resources to live. Sen. Claiborne Pell ensured that generations of young people could go to



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Terri Schlichenmeyer

college. Complaining isn't always good, but it's not a bad thing, either, if we all do it together. This is a great book for kids ages 7-to-11, and a good reminder for adults, too.

And finally, it's fall, y'all, and that might mean a colorful skyline with yellow, orange and brown leaves. In "Leaf Town Forever" by Kathleen Rooney and Beth Rooney, illustrated by Betsy Bowen (University of Minnesota Press, \$17.95), three friends take fallen leaves and do something creative with them. Sadly, the leaves don't stick around. Instead, they do something wonderful, something that's great for the animals and the land, something that 3-to-6-year-olds will find magical.

If these books aren't enough for the youngest Thanksgiving lover in your house, then head to your favorite bookstore or library and ask for more. They'll have the right books for small readers, teen readers, and the adult who needs a reminder that the first part in "Thanksgiving" is the most important one. Your librarian or bookseller will know what you want. And thank you!



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towable air compressor, C185 WKUB-T41, 2547 hrs.; John Deere 2800 6 bottom plow; Fuel / Utility trailer has 500-gal. fuel tank. PLANTERS & DRILL: 2013 John Deere 1790 CCS 32 row Planter, 1 Owner planter! 32/16 planter w/bean meters, 30" corn row, 15" on beans; 2010 John Deere 1770 N.T. 16 row planter, Max-emerge XP, 30" Row spacing with FINGER PICKUP! Lot of money was put into this w/ new open & fertilizer blades in Dec 2024. 600-gal liquid fertilizer; 2000 John Deere 1560 20' grain drill, 7 1/2" spacing.

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ERS: 2006 Kenworth T800, Super Clean, 718,775 mi, automatic Eaton Fuller, 52,000 GVW, N-14 Cummins ISX 450ST; 1996 Kenworth T450B, Clean! Eaton Fuller 10sp, 806,488mi, M-11 Cummins, 50,000 GVW; 1977 GMC General grain truck, 148,759 mi, 6 sp, 6V92 Detroit V-6 diesel, 20' dump bed; 1972 Trail mobile 40' Flatbed spray trailer, (2) 2000-gal. tanks, (2) 2" gas pumps, ready to use. GRAIN HAULER: 2013 Wilson 37' Commander grain hauler, model DWH-500C, Shurco 4500 HD electric roll tarp w/remote; 2008 Wilson 37' Commander double hopper bottom grain hauler, Model DWH-500C, Shurco 4500 HD electric tarp w/remote. TECHNOLOGY: John Deere 2630 display; John Deere 2630 display; (3) Starfire 6000; John Deere 6000 receiver; Plus wagonloads of smalls! CONSIGNED BY NEIGHBOR: John Deere 6030, 3486 Actual Hrs.!!! 2 S.C.V.; 2012 JD 4940 Sprayer, 6801 hrs., 1200 gal. stainless tank, 120' boom 15" nozzle spacing w/5 body nozzles; Salford fertilizer cart PTPG, 1000 P.T.O. Shurco, 10-ton cap, stainless hopper.

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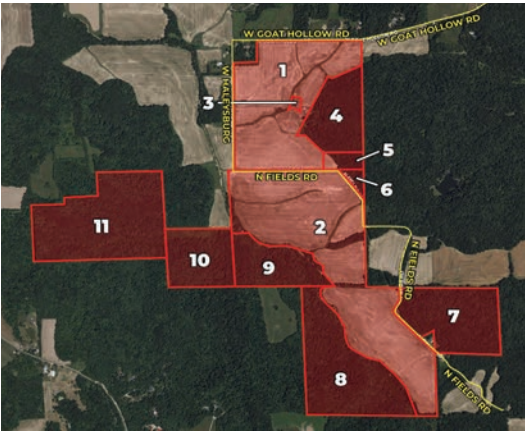
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Despite writing a cookbook, author admits he can't cook

I hate to admit this but of the 11 books I've written, the second-best seller was a cookbook... and I CAN'T COOK!

Oh sure, I can push the numbers on a microwave and I know my way around a can opener. I know the recipe for ice cubes and I'm quite good at making them. I can make Campbell's soup and it only boils over the pan about half the time. There are even some frozen dinners I can make without the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms going off. I burn the salad and can never adjust the toaster right and that's why we keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen. If I try anything more complicated even the hogs we raised wouldn't eat it. Having said all that, there are people who have eaten my cooking and have gone on to lead normal and mostly healthy lives.

I should know how to cook because my mom was a great cook but I think I inherited my grandma's cooking gene. She was a very talented singer and musician, but she never learned how to cook from her mother because they had a live-in maid who did all the cooking. So, Grandma always burned the bacon until it became elemental carbon and that's why we called her kitchen the "burn unit." Her biscuits were known far and wide as "sinkers" and she had to get help lifting them out of the oven. The white gravy she made for chicken fried steak tasted like the library paste you tasted in kindergarten. You had two choices of how you wanted your eggs: black or brown. At grandma's house we prayed AFTER the meal asking God to not let us all die from food poisoning. Her cooking was the reason grandpa was so thin he had to run through a shower twice to get wet.

As for me, for 33 years now I can hardly eat anything and I eat the exact same thing every day for breakfast, lunch and dinner. For 10 years of my life I lived on cans of Ensure and I think that destroyed all my taste buds and that's why my cooking always leaves a bad taste in my mouth. Now

I live mostly on potatoes, noodles and soup so learning how to cook would be a huge waste of time. But there was a time 50 years ago that I wanted to learn how to be a cook because in reading the want-ads I learned that being a cook on a ranch paid more than being a cowboy. But I guarantee if I went out with the chuckwagon as a cookie it would have been known as the upchuck wagon.

Not knowing how to cook became a real problem for me in college when I shared an apartment with three other roommates and each us had to take one week a month cooking supper. After the first meal I prepared one roommate sent his food back, another staggered and collapsed on the couch and yet another spent the night in the bathroom with my Hamburger Helper heaving out both ends. Even the garbage disposal got ulcers. So, we all agreed I would trade and do dishes two weeks a month and leave the cooking to the guys who actually knew how to do it.

As a kid I often had to make my own lunch and my favorite recipe was a minute steak covered with Hormel chili beans. And I made a mean peanut butter and jelly sandwich, although my wife says instead of a "PBJ" mine was actually a "PBBJ" sandwich because I made it with peanut butter on one piece of bread, jelly on the other and both sides were slathered with butter. This horrifies my wife who says that using butter on a PBJ is akin to putting ketchup on vanilla ice cream.

I absolutely love brownies, but I could never make them because it required cracking open an egg and I HATE EGGS. Actually, my I Hate Chicken Cookbook should have been called The I Hate Eggs Cookbook and just the thought of someone breaking open the yellow yolk of an egg over a perfectly good pancake or mixing it in with delicious hash browns is enough to send me into cardiac arrest or anaphylactic shock.

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By Lee Pitts

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NLRS findings: Farms not primary source of P in Illinois waterways

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — More than a dozen agricultural stakeholders, educators, soil and water experts and environmentalists spoke during the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRS) Annual Partnership Conference, held at the I Hotel and Conference Center in Champaign on Nov. 5. The topic of discussion: recent scientific discoveries regarding statewide streambank erosion-fed nutrient loads entering Illinois waterways.

While the water remains cloudy for Illinois farmers in terms of attaining NLRS nutrient load reduction goals for nitrogen (N) and nitrates, new technologies used in measuring point and non-point water pollution sources have revealed that agriculture can

no longer be identified as a primary contributor to phosphorous (P) loads in the Illinois and upper Mississippi rivers. This is according to Dr. Andrew Margenot, a professor of soil sciences for the University of Illinois, who promised that the next biannual NLRS Report Card, due to be issued in late 2025 or early 2026, will be “fixed” to reflect greater balance assigned to the primary responsibility for streambank erosion P losses to natural sources.

“Streambank erosion is a natural process. There is conflicting evidence on the effect of human activities on (streambank erosion),” said Margenot, who based his conclusions on three years of recent field trials and as many as 80 years of historical evidence. “For example, tile drainage has been found to increase or de-

crease stream power, which may or may not increase or decrease streambank erosion.”

As a non-point source of streambank erosion P losses, the lion’s share of the total state P “export” into waterways has historically been laid at the feet of Midwest farmers. In truth, much of the P loss accredited to agricultural chemicals can actually be traced to geogenic P, which originates from natural geological sources. Legacy P in waterways can likewise not be blamed primarily on agricultural fields, according to Margenot’s recent studies, with much of it likely forming through natural organic processes in the riverine system.

“The sediments that are now in the (river) channel will give off P at different times. This introduces a source of variability that’s decoupled from in-field agricultural non-point losses,” Margenot said. “Why does this matter? The current way we break down our P losses in the current NLRS report... incorrectly equates (all) non-point sources with ag. Updates are coming to fix this. We know what is exiting the state as a total, we know what the point sources are discharging by their permits, and so by the difference we can calculate non-point sources. Non-point sources are diffuse and you can not measure them correctly; you have to estimate mathematically (and) not all non-point sources are agricultural.”

Accepting Margenot’s new calculations, the question becomes what percentage of non-point source P losses into Illinois waterways can be fairly attributed to agriculture. “How much is from manure, from fertilizer, from streambanks, etcetera? Some states, like Vermont, have been doing this; they can estimate within the non-point source (category). How can we better finesse that? For the basic reason that the science is stronger, and we can better target resources and conservation dollars towards where the P is actually coming from,” said Margenot.

The general school of thought is that 40 percent of suspended sediments in rivers are thought to be from streambanks, according to the U of I soils expert, with around 31 percent of those sediments thought to be P. “This is global; in some places it is

all of (the percentage) and in some places it is none of it. Iowa published an assessment three years ago that found on a concerted estimate and 18-year average how much P is being loaded into streams across the state relative to the amount being exported. They estimated 31 percent, which is what the global evidence suggests on average,” Margenot explained.

The 2023 NLRS Report Card estimated a 35 percent P load in Illinois waterways, with cropland in a negative P balance. This means that in a time of spiking P loads, farmers were using fewer fertilizers on their crops. This suggested to Margenot that there must be other contributing factors contributing to the “historic” P loads the NLRS report suggested were being exported.

“That is exactly why these legacy sediments that are encumbered by the process of bank erosion are helpful in helping explain things like this. For this we have a multi-year project where we are trying to understand across the state...what could this magnitude of loading be. We are looking at bank erosion with erosion pins and remote sensing, which lets us go back to the 1930s, albeit somewhat crudely, to form estimates,” he said.

Margenot’s three-year research effort took samples from some 500 stream sections trying to understand relative rates of erosion and what the P load might be. His findings reveal that the average P content entering streams from streambanks reaches around 20 million pounds per year across Illinois’ 860 river miles. That’s only around 46 percent of the 44 million pound per annum P baseline used by the NLRS.

Assuming one-fourth of those 20 million pounds of streambank P originates from agriculture, the percentage of P runoff commonly accredited to farmers can be reduced to as little as 29 percent, according to Margenot. Current NLRS apportionments for P in waterways attribute 4 percent to urban runoff, 48 percent to point source and 48 percent to non-point sources including agriculture and streambank erosion.

“The math doesn’t math at this point,” he concluded.

The Illinois NLRS is a statewide, collaborative effort working to reduce the amount of nutrients, particularly nitrogen and phosphorus, entering Illinois waterways. Learn more at go.illinois.edu/NLRS.

AUCTION LOCATION: 877 E 900 S, Columbia City, IN 46725 (Turkey Farm)

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Tuesday, December 2 at 10:30am

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Machinery costs up, but rate of increase is down from 2021-2023

A recent summary analyzed machinery costs from the University of Illinois. It indicated a 3 percent increase for the period 2023-2025. Changes in overhead, fuel and labor entered into the equations.

This compared to a 32 percent increase in the 2021-2023 period and is the smallest increase since 2016. Diesel fuel price declines helped, with \$3.50 per gallon in 2023 versus \$3 in 2025.

Middle school FFA chapters continue to increase

Middle School FFA chapters continue to grow in numbers throughout the country. Some are stand-alone chapters. Others are integrated with high school chapters. Some of the new programs provide STEM courses (science, technology, engineering and math). Others offer animal science.

Tractor pulls – exciting, noisy, expensive

Investment in a pulling tractor varies widely from a few thousand in a vintage tractor to over \$100,000 in a competitive ProStock or Modified tractor.

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A 'full pull' is considered to be 330 feet (100 meters, the standard length of a pulling track).

The National Tractor Pulling Championship is held annually in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Sobering statistics

Land O' Lakes CEO Beth Storm presented these comments recently:

"There are 24,000 dairy farmers, 400,000 growers. It is estimated that these figures will decline to 21,000 and 300,000 in the near future.

"The 2024 net farm income declined by \$8.2 billion – a 5 percent decrease. This follows a 2023 decrease of 19.4 percent. Some estimate that under 5 percent of producers will be profitable this year.

"There are more age 75+ farmers than under 35.

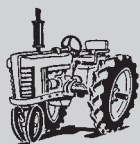
"Patriotism is a big plus in rural America. They supply 44 percent of the military yet only represent 20 percent of the total population."

IH – THE BREAKUP

This column commented in October about the 1985 merger of Case and IH, to form the new trademark

ALL ABOUT TRACTORS

BY PAUL WALLEM



Case IH.

Questions never cease about the dissolution of IH. In my 2019 book THE BREAKUP, I described the opinions given by over 100 farmers,

ranchers, dealers and company officials. A summary of those thoughts is shown below:

Dividends paid to IH shareholders were higher than those paid out by competitors. For many years, IH dividends were double that paid by Deere.

Efforts to enter the refrigeration market required huge capital expenditures and ended up in large losses.

The same was true with the even longer and more expensive effort to become a major player in the construction industry.

All these long-term expenditures required a considerable increase in borrowing. When the early 'eighties' brought high interest rates, a lengthy and expensive strike, and a grain embargo, borrowing power had been exhausted. The merger became necessary.

Was Hart-Parr the first farm tractor?

Between 1890 and 1920, an estimated 300 companies and individuals attempted to create a marketable farm tractor. Records from this period are not completely accurate, but it looks evident that Hart-Parr was the first.

Two University of Wisconsin students, Charles Hart and Charles Parr, designed their first engine while students in 1897. In 1901, they built their first tractor and took it to the field in 1902. An improved version appeared in 1903, and 15 were built. That model was called the 18-30 and provided the pattern for the 19-30 built from 1903 to 1906.

In later years, the first Hart-Parr sales manager made these comments:

"Our first engines were purely threshing engines but could propel themselves and pull a separator around the country. But the real farm tractor was not to come until after many moons of trials had passed over the heads of the early designers."

It was often said that Mr. Williams had invented the word "tractor".

Paul Wallem was raised on an Illinois dairy farm. He spent 13 years with corporate IH in domestic and foreign assignments. He resigned to own and operate two IH dealerships. He is the author of THE BREAKUP and SUCCESSES & INDUSTRY FIRSTS OF IH. See all his books on PaulWallem.com. Email comments to pwallem@aol.com



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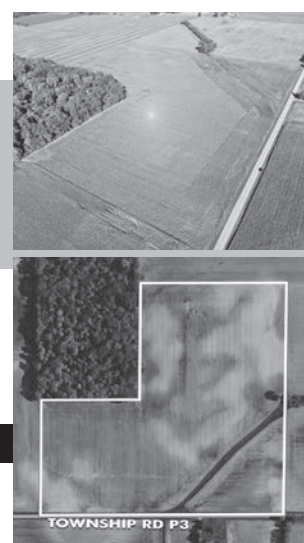
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September milk production up; government shutdown ends

Senate lawmakers finally agreed on legislation to reopen the government, and the House voted its approval Nov. 12, 222 to 209, with six Democrats joining all but two Republicans to approve the measure. President Donald Trump signed the legislation hours later, but the aftermath of the longest-ever shutdown is far from over however, especially if you were flying this week or last.

The shutdown delayed the latest milk production data by a few weeks and, unlike affected government workers, U.S. milk cows kept working. There were many more of them in September and output per cow saw healthy gains. The USDA's preliminary data showed output hit 18.990 billion pounds, up 4.0 percent from September 2024, and followed a 3.4 percent gain in August. The 24-state total, at 18.279 billion, was up 4.2 percent, after gaining 3.6 percent in August.

The growth from August to September was counter-seasonal, says High-Ground Dairy, and the herd size is the biggest since second quarter 1993.

August output in the 50 states was revised to 19.543 billion, up 23 million pounds from last month's estimate, and 3.4 percent above a year ago, instead of the 3.2 percent originally reported. The 24-state total was re-

vised to 18.8 billion, up 44 million pounds or 3.6 percent above a year ago, instead of the 3.3 percent reported.

September cow numbers totaled 9.581 million head, up 40,000 head from August, and 228,000 or 2.4 percent more than a year ago. The August count was revised up 21,000 head. The 24-state head count, at 9.146 million, was up 38,000 from August, and 235,000 or 2.6 percent above a year ago. The August count was revised, up 33,000 head. The herd has grown 191,000 head since January.

Output per cow averaged 1,982 pounds, up 30 pounds or 1.5 percent from a year ago in the 50 states and averaged 1,999 pounds in the top 24, up 30 pounds or 1.5 percent. Revisions reduced the August national average two pounds and took three pounds off in the 24 states.

StoneX broker Dave Kurzawski called the report "a big, big, bearish number," and pointed out that fat and protein in the milk was also up so component adjusted growth was up a whopping 6.1 percent.

He attributed the milk output increase primarily to cows being added



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at the fastest pace in some 40 years and reminiscent of the expansion in the mid-1980s when the government paid farmers to stop producing milk for a period of time and when those payments ran out, the herd rebounded very quickly. The past 15 months, cow numbers were up 58,000 head or 2.8 percent, according to Kurzawski.

"The market is trying to figure this all out and weigh it against demand," he said, "which seems to be spotty and lackluster at best. The bright spot in the U.S. this year has been exports and now you look at Europe and global prices and they have been coming down on butter and cheese for example."

He said it's mainly the cheese market that's reeling from the lack of exports at the moment and, "While butter prices are also coming down, so have U.S. prices, almost an equal distant dynamic so we're still in a very good spot to export butter and we'll know more when the government reopens and those reports are made available."

As to the impact of the shutdown on the dairy industry, besides missing some USDA reports, Kurzawski speculated that consumers pulled back a little on spending, understandable if you haven't been paid the past month, but "The reopening might produce a sales burst as we go into the holidays and people feel more joyful."

Cash 40-pound block Cheddar dropped to \$1.5525 per pound Wednesday, lowest CME price since April 12, 2024. It regained a quarter-cent Thursday, closing at \$1.5550, after finishing Friday at \$1.66, and that was down 10.75 cents on the week.

The 500-pound Cheddar barrels fell to \$1.6425 per pound Thursday, lowest since Sept. 26, 2025, after finishing Friday at \$1.70. That was down 10.50 cents on the week.

Central region cheesemakers are running busy schedules, according to Dairy Market news, though some are operating below capacity, due to scheduled downtime. Milk production is steady in the region and some contacts continue to send milk to bottlers, reducing Class III sales. Spot Class III demand remains light as some cheesemakers say they have volumes available and are not purchasing additional loads. Class III milk prices at mid-week ranged from flat to \$1.50 over class. Retail cheese demand is strengthening, while food service sales remain somewhat light. Lower prices for cheese in Europe are having a negative impact on export demand. Spot loads of cheese blocks are available, says DMN, but contacts report cheese barrel inventories are tighter.

Cheese manufacturers in the west are receiving sufficient milk and spot load demand varies from steady to stronger, says DMN. In a few cases, milk production is below anticipated volumes and cheese producers were securing milk. Cheese production is steady. Domestic demand varies from moderate to steady. Export demand varies from steady to strong. Demand among buyers for securing first and second quarter 2026 loads is active, according to DMN, while availability of varietal cheese loads is mixed.

CME butter started the week jumping 3.50 cents to \$1.51 per pound, then gave back a penny Tuesday. It gained 5.25 cents Thursday, climbing back to \$1.5525, following a Friday close at \$1.4750.

Milk output is steady in the Central region, but component levels are up from a year ago. Cream production is steady, but contacts say inventories are tightening somewhat. Some butter makers are increasing their internal usage of cream and reducing the volume they sell. Demand for cream is steady from butter makers, but Class II sales are picking up. Butter production is strong. Retail butter demand is strengthening as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, but food service sales remain light. Export demand is strong as domestic 82 percent butterfat butter is offered at competitive prices compared to that produced in Europe.

A few western butter manufacturers reported that milk intakes were below anticipated volumes, however, there's plenty of spot cream available to make up any shortages from lower milk intakes. Spot cream demand is stronger for butter producers and butter output is strong. Retail and bulk butter production is heavily active. Some butter producers reported that their bulk production lines were primarily focused on loads for international customers. This is tightening availability of bulk butter loads for domestic buyers.

This is expected to continue into next year. Salted 80 percent butterfat butter is readily available, while unsalted 80 percent butter is somewhat tight. Domestic butter demand is mixed, while export demand varies from steady to stronger, according to DMN.

Grade A nonfat dry milk saw a little strength this week and traded Thursday at \$1.1725 per pound, 2.75 cents higher on the week so far, after finishing Friday at \$1.1450.

Dry whey continued to be the brightest spot in the market, jumping 2 cents Monday, then gained another 2 cents Tuesday, hitting 75 cents per pound, equaling the price on January 3 of this year. It stayed there Thursday morning, following a Friday close at 71 cents per pound.

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