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New study shows microplastics disrupt cattle digestive system

By **DOUG SCHMITZ**
Iowa Correspondent

HELSINKI, Finland – A new study has revealed that microplastics – tiny plastic particles pervasive in agricultural environments – interact with and disrupt the microbial ecosystem in the rumen, the first stomach chamber of cattle, according to researchers.

“Our work is a first step toward understanding the biological consequences of microplastic exposure in farm animals,” said Daniel Brugger, University of Helsinki associate professor of production animal nutrition and lead researcher. The microbial ecosystem is bacteria, fungi and viruses, interacting with each other and their non-living environment.

Brugger added that there is an urgent need for in-vivo studies, which are experiments conducted on a whole, living organism, including animal models and humans, to better understand the impacts on animal health and food safety, especially as global plastic production continues to rise.

Published in the Journal of Hazardous Materials, the findings come from a joint study by the University of Helsinki, the University of Zurich, the University of Hohenheim, and Technical University of Munich, showing how microplastics are transformed within the digestive system of farm animals and the potential risks for animal health, productivity and food safety, the researchers said.

According to the study, using a controlled laboratory fermentation system, researchers incubated rumen fluid from cows with hay or barley and five common types of microplastics found in agricultural settings: poly-

lactic acid (PLA); polyhydroxybutyrate (PHB); high-density polyethylene (HDPE), polyvinyl chloride (PVC), and polypropylene (PP).

A controlled laboratory fermentation system is an apparatus designed to provide a precisely monitored and regulated environment for the cultivation of microorganisms, such as bacteria, yeast or fungi, to produce specific products. The microplastics were tested in various particle sizes and doses to evaluate their impact on rumen fermentation, microbial activity, and the plastics themselves.

Researchers said all tested microplastics did not remain inert (lack the ability or strength to move) in the rumen; instead, they interacted with the microbial ecosystem, altering fermentation and microbial functions. Researchers added that the presence of microplastics consistently reduced cumulative gas production, a key indicator of overall fermentation activity, regardless of plastic type, particle size or dose.

While previous research has established that livestock are exposed to microplastics through contaminated soils and feed, the researchers said it was unclear whether these particles remained unchanged or interacted with microbiome (i.e., bacteria, fungi and viruses).

“Our study shows for the first time that microplastics do not simply pass through the digestive tract of farm animals,” said Jana Seifert, University of Hohenheim professor of functional microbiology of livestock in Hohenheim, Germany.

“Instead, they interact with the gut microbiome to alter fermentation processes, and are partially broken down,” she said. “This means farm animals are not passive recipients of plastic pollution; their digestive systems may act as bioreactors that transform microplastics and redistribute them within agricultural systems.” A bioreactor is a system that provides a controlled environment for biological organisms like cells, microbes or tissues to grow and perform biochemical reactions.

Grant Dewell, Iowa State University associate professor of veterinary medicine and beef extension veterinarian, told Farm World, “We have seen, the over the last few years, the potential that microplastics may have. This study is an interesting first look at what some of those potentials in cat-



Above: Clement Clarke Moore surely had the Cold Moon in mind when he wrote “The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,/ Gave a lustre of midday to objects below,” in his famous poem, “A Visit from St. Nicholas.” The Cold Moon was the last of the Supermoons for 2025. A supermoon is a full moon which reaches its closest point to Earth in its monthly orbit. It can appear up to 14 percent larger and 30 percent brighter than the smallest moon of the year. Photo by Abby Prather Mullis

ICGA names Mark Schneidewind the 2025 ‘World of Corn’ winner

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Mark Schneidewind, retired manager of the Will County Farm Bureau, received the 2025 “World of Corn” Award from the Illinois Corn Growers Association (ICGA) during their annual meeting Nov. 25 at the Illinois Corn AgriCenter.

“His career is made up of hours and hours of making sure farmers have a voice and all communities stay connected to agriculture,” said Shane Gray, ICGA board member, when acknowledging Schneidewind at the morning awards session. “Mark served as manager of the Will County Farm Bureau from 1991 until his retirement in February of this year. That’s 40 years of service to farmers in Will County and 40 years of showing up for Illinois Corn whenever we called. Mark has always emphasized service, collaboration and education, and has served in key roles in programs like Ag in the Classroom and Illinois Farm Families – programs that wouldn’t function without farmer-leaders and farmer-volunteers.”

The World of Corn award honors individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the corn industry through leadership, advocacy, and

service. According to ICGA’s press materials, Schneidewind was recognized for his four decades of dedication to Illinois agriculture, his commitment to building relationships between farmers and policymakers and his enduring efforts to strengthen rural communities through his many years in agricultural education and outreach.


He was also praised for organizing the Will County Farm Bureau tent and

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Mark Schneidewind

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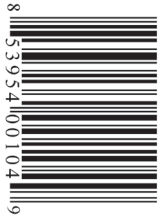


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petting zoo at the county fair, along with leading the efforts at Joliet Junior College to connect students with real-world opportunities in agriculture and agribusiness.

Schneidewind told Farm World that the aspect he enjoyed most about his time as a farm bureau county manager was connecting farmers and rural communities with needed resources during challenging times.

“To see the smiles and feel the gratitude, I think that was the biggest thing,” he said. “We were able to (receive) quite a few of those (thank-yous) in Will County over the years.”

Schneidewind cited property rights disputes as among the top challenges

he faced in Will County, a northeastern Illinois county that is the fourth-most populous in the state. Part of the Chicago metropolitan area, Will County includes 31 municipalities and is home to nearly 700,000 people, with Joliet serving as its county seat. About 64 percent of Will County, or around 347,000 acres, is zoned as agricultural land.

“With the growth outward of Chicago into the Will County area you saw thousands of acres being taken for development, such as subdivisions, new road projects and the proposed third airport. Those were big, big challenges, and while some of those did not happen, it’s been a fight that we’ve had. When I got there 40 years ago, a new airport was a fight we already had,” said Schneidewind, whose wife, Anita, has been an active partner with Mark in his decades of farm bureau events

and initiatives. Their son, Michael, has also been active in agriculture.

“I don’t think (the third airport proposal) is dead yet, especially with (recent) expansion of the roads,” he added, referring to the ongoing reconstruction of Interstate 80 and a series of projects on Interstate 55 in Will County.

Schneidewind is credited with expanding the farm bureau’s Ag in the Classroom offering by bringing the elementary education program into Chicago collar counties and beyond. “By working with Joliet Junior College’s ag department, we were able to expand the program,” he said. “We are also able to work with FFA to expand our working relationship with them, with some FFA students actually ending up (teaching) Ag in the Classroom programs,” he said.

During his recognition speech for

the corn growers, Schneidewind noted that when he began his career in agriculture four decades ago, he could have never envisioned being honored in such a way later in life. “I had a lot of great volunteers that made this (award) possible, some of whom are with me today from Will County. They are the ones that are the true people on the ground that make things work,” he said.

CORRECTION

A column in the Dec. 5 issue of Farm World contained the wrong byline. The column headlined “No autonomous tractor sales in Sweden” was written by Paul Wallem and should have had his All About Tractors standing head.



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Experts question salmonella-contaminated meat report

By **DOUG SCHMITZ**
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PORTLAND, Ore. – Poultry industry experts are questioning a recent report that claimed major U.S. brands are selling salmonella-contaminated meat.

In the report, Andrew DeCoriolis, Farm Forward executive director, said that the widespread salmonella contamination in the U.S. poultry industry is the responsibility of a handful of large meat companies, not farmers.

“In the U.S., 90 percent of poultry farmers are contract growers for large poultry companies and bear the burden of the risks and costs of production (e.g., debt, disease, environmental contamination), with few protections from the companies that contract with them,” he told Farm World.

He said integrated poultry companies control every stage of production, from supplying the genetics to controlling feed, and how birds are raised,

transported, and slaughtered.

The report said salmonella remains the leading cause of food-borne illness deaths nationwide. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the bacteria caused about 1.28 million illnesses and 238 deaths in 2019, with poultry responsible for at least one-quarter of all reported infections.

For broader annual statistics on salmonella deaths, the CDC said it relies on estimates from previous years, such as the 2019 numbers, with more comprehensive 2025 data typically released later this year.

The report added the USDA organizes poultry processors into three categories based on how often salmonella is detected in their products. Over 13 percent of processing plants fall into Category 3, meaning their meat exceeds acceptable contamination levels.

Perdue Foods spokesperson Kate Shaw told Indiana Public Media the

USDA rating reflects how often salmonella is detected, not the amount found, adding that the measure doesn’t directly correlate with the risk to public health: “We will continue to invest in rigorous food-safety systems, industry-leading controls, and ongoing third-party verification to protect the families who count on us.”

Tom Super, National Chicken Council senior vice president of public affairs, told Farm World, “Consumers should not be concerned. This is an unscientific report from an activist organization whose stated goal is to end commercial chicken farming.

“Americans eat about 150 million servings of chicken every day, and almost all of them are eaten safely,” he said. “Chicken producers have worked to drive salmonella levels to all-time lows, meeting or exceeding performance standards set by the USDA, who has the authority to pull inspection at any establishment that is not producing safe, wholesome and properly-labeled products.”

He added, “Raw chicken is not a 100-percent sterile product, and should always be handled and cooked properly. All chicken is safe to eat when properly handled and cooked.”

Microplastic

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tle could be.

“This was an in-vitro experiment, meaning that the experiment was done in a lab with a simulated ruminal environment,” he said. “They found that adding microplastics to the simulated rumen changed the bacteria that were there, and the fermentation process to some degree.”

He said it was also interesting that microplastic size was also reduced, indicating that the fermentation process was also affecting the plastic: “It is hard to extrapolate specifically what this means to an individual animal in that a real rumen is a more dynamic environment, so we won’t know for sure the impact until the study is actually conducted in live animals.

“Since microplastics are such a concern, and if we are reducing particle size in the rumen, then there is more potential for absorption of microplastics, which has some direct impacts on health and reproduction that we know of, plus it could lead to the accumulation of microplastics in the food chain,” he added.

Researchers raised the need for better management of plastic use in agriculture, including silage films, packaging materials, and sewage sludge on fields, to reduce microplastic contamination in animal feed.

“Plastic pollution isn’t just an environmental issue ‘out there,’” said Cordt Zollfrank, Technical University of Munich professor of biogenic polymers, which are produced by the cells of living organisms. “It has direct biological consequences for farm animals, and potentially for humans, through the food chain.”

Dewell said the main management of microplastics is removing loose plastic from the environment: “Probably the biggest culprit we see is the net wrap on round bales. In some cases, we have seen intestinal blockage from cattle eating a large mass of bale wrap, but as this research indicates, smaller pieces may be more insidious.”

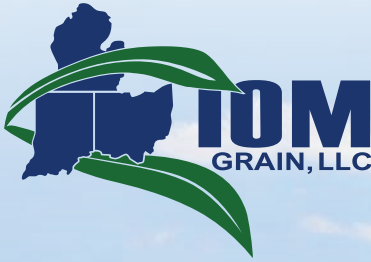
He said farmers should remove the bale wrap before, especially when grinding since that process increases the number of small particles; and feeding or bedding since cattle will chew on the bale wrap from cornstalk bales.

“Other large pieces of plastic, such as silage covers and packaging material, should be kept out of not only the feed but the environment in general as cattle will chew on things they shouldn’t,” he said. “The contamination that we already see with microplastics in the environment will be impossible to eliminate now, and the source is beyond our general control.

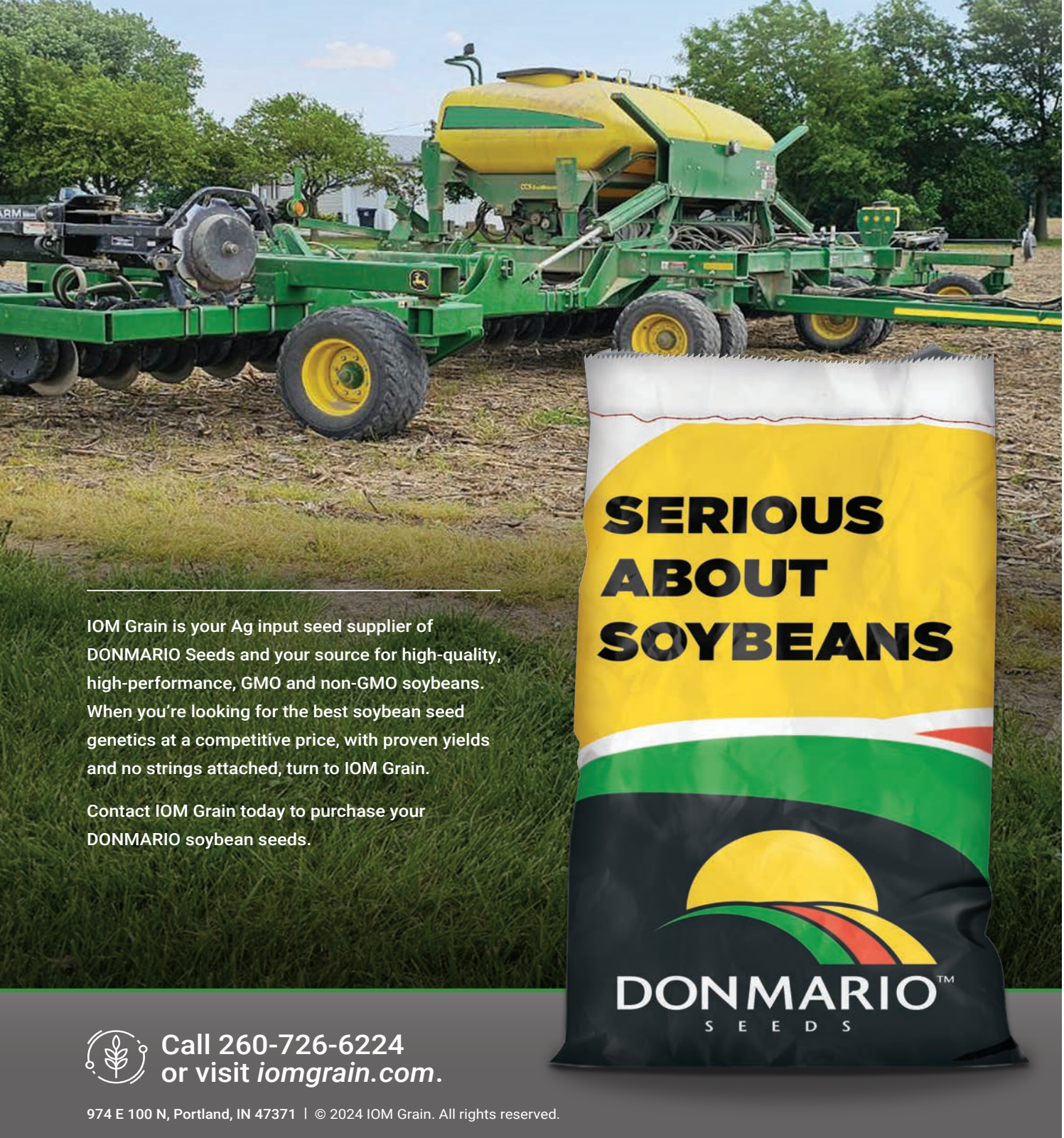
“For now, focus on the bigger issues until we know more about what impact microplastics have, and what some potential mitigation strategies may be,” he added.

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US corn, soybean and wheat exports are up in August

As the U.S. government gets back to being fully open, the release of backlogged data is taking place. One of these is the Census export totals for August. U.S. corn exports in August were a record 251.8 million bu, an increase of 25.4 percent from last year. Soybean exports in August totaled 83.53 mbu, a three-year high and a 30 percent increase from July. August meal exports were 1.34 million tons, a record for the month, but 4 percent less than in July. Wheat exports totaled 98.7 mbu, a 17 percent increase from a year ago, and the highest August volume in nine years.

Red meat exports in August were mixed. Beef exports were the lowest for any month since June 2020 and the lowest August volume since June 2015 at 190.7 million pounds. Pork exports were the second largest August total on record at 542.8 million pounds.

Building concerns over the U.S. labor market and what it may mean for future red meat demand has impacted both cattle and hog futures recently and created elevated trade volatility. Soft labor markets tend to reduce red meat consumption, especially as we are near the holiday season. This back-and-forth trade has been taking place for the past several weeks and likely will continue as the market weighs this potential slowing demand against low cattle numbers. This is especially the case with beef where the inventory will not build until higher cattle placements are seen, and we are not there yet. It will likely take another 18 to 24 months for this to happen.



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

The Brazilian soybean crush group ABIOVE revised their soybean balance sheets with mixed numbers. ABIOVE is now predicting a Brazil soybean crop of 177.7 million metric tons, down from their prior 178.5 mmt estimate. This would still be a larger crop than last year's 172.1 mmt. ABIOVE is forecasting record soybean crush of 60.5 mmt, up 2 mmt from last year. This is expected to generate 12.15 mmt of soy oil and 46.6 mmt of meal. The firm is holding its exports to 111 mmt which would also be 2 mmt more than a year ago.

Much of the interest surrounding Chinese trade has been on soybeans, but we are starting to see more attention on the country's corn demand. China imported 560,000 metric tons of corn in October, a 500 percent increase from September. This is also 43 percent more corn than China imported in October 2024. Another 1.3 million mt of Brazil corn has just been loaded out to China. Chinese officials have continued to state the country produced a "bumper" grain crop this year despite heavy flooding, and these statements are being doubted. There are also concerns over the quality of the Chinese crop, and imported corn may be needed for blending purposes to make it usable.

Domestic corn and soybean processing margins have started to stabilize after falling from summer highs. The current ethanol profit margin is 20 cents per gallon, about one-third of the summer high. The soybean crush margin is currently an average of \$1.40 per bushel. This is nearly \$1 a bushel less than last

summer's return but still quite favorable.

The analytical firm S&P Global has released its 2026 US acreage estimates. S&P is expecting U.S. corn acres of 95 million this coming year, down 3.7 million from 2025. U.S. soybean acres are estimated at 84.5 million, an increase of 3.4 million from last year. The corn/soybean ratio is currently at 2.4:1, which does not favor either crop. S&P is forecasting U.S. wheat acres of 44 million this year, down 1.3 million from 2025, mainly to fewer winter crop seedings.

The Argentine soybean planting pace is starting to garner more market attention. Data from the Buenos Aries Grain Exchange shows the Argentine soybean is now 25 percent seeded. This is a 12 percent gain on the week, but the current planting competition is 11 percent behind a year ago. Argentina's soybean planting is also 3.3 percent behind the five-year average. Areas of excessive rainfall and flooding around Buenos Aries are the main reason for the slow progress.

The question now is if these delays will persist, stretching out the Argentine growing season, and making more of the crop susceptible to late-season stress. This is even more of a factor with a La Nina weather event building, as history shows even moderate events can cut Argentine production by 50 percent.

The United States' winter weather forecast has been updated with well-defined divisions expected. The top one-third of the U.S. is expected to see below normal temperatures from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Northwest through February. The middle third of the U.S. is forecast

to see normal temperatures. The southern one-third and the Eastern Seaboard are expected to see above normal temperatures. Precipitation outlooks are just the opposite, with above normal in the north and below normal in the south. One area worth noting is the Ohio Valley, where U.S. drought is currently the worst, but the highest precipitation is forecast.

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Above: The Fischers haven't totally removed plants from their farm. In addition to aquaculture, the family tends to microgreens. (photo submitted)

Kentucky farm shelves tobacco, turns to tilapia, shrimp, greens

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

PHILPOT, Ky. – Census of Agriculture data from the USDA shows that Kentucky had more than 136,000 working tobacco farms in the early 1950s. That number dropped to 62,000 farms by 1987, and by 2022, just 984 operations were still growing the crop in the Commonwealth.

Today, North Carolina is the leading

producer of tobacco at 260.1 million pounds. Kentucky ranks second, contributing 85.6 million pounds to the nation's output. Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina and Pennsylvania round out the top seven.

With dwindling tobacco demand, most Kentucky growers shifted to corn, wheat and soybeans. Some, like those at the Fischer Family Farm, of Daviess County, took to aquaculture and microgreens.

Tobacco fields dotted the Fischer Farm landscape, as they did in most Kentucky farms, in the mid-1950s. The generation that followed has learned to evolve to more profitable crops.

Kenny and Becky Fischer, along with their daughter Laura Dalton and son-on-law Quincy Dalton, now operate Fischer Family Farm, which includes corn, soybeans, canola, hay and cattle. But it's their unique foray into aquaculture and greenhouse production that has set them apart from most family farms in the region.

"My dad started this place back in '54," Kenny said. "We bought in around 1989 and took it over in the early 2000s. Back then, it was tobacco, cattle and row crops. When tobacco started playing out, we got into greenhouses and shrimp. We were just trying to find things to diversify. Now, we're featuring shrimp and microgreens."

The Fischer's shrimp operation began as an experiment but quickly grew into a local success story, supported by guidance from Kentucky State University (KSU). The family once raised tilapia as well, but shrimp has become their main thrust.

"We've never had trouble selling shrimp, it's getting the little ones that's hard," Kenny said. "The guy we usually buy from just isn't supplying them anymore."

Laura said shrimp farming has been a steep learning curve, describing the creatures as "very sensitive to change."

The Fischers reached out to KSU researchers for assistance, starting with the water. Researchers at KSU have assisted the family in refining their process and collecting water data for a research collaboration.

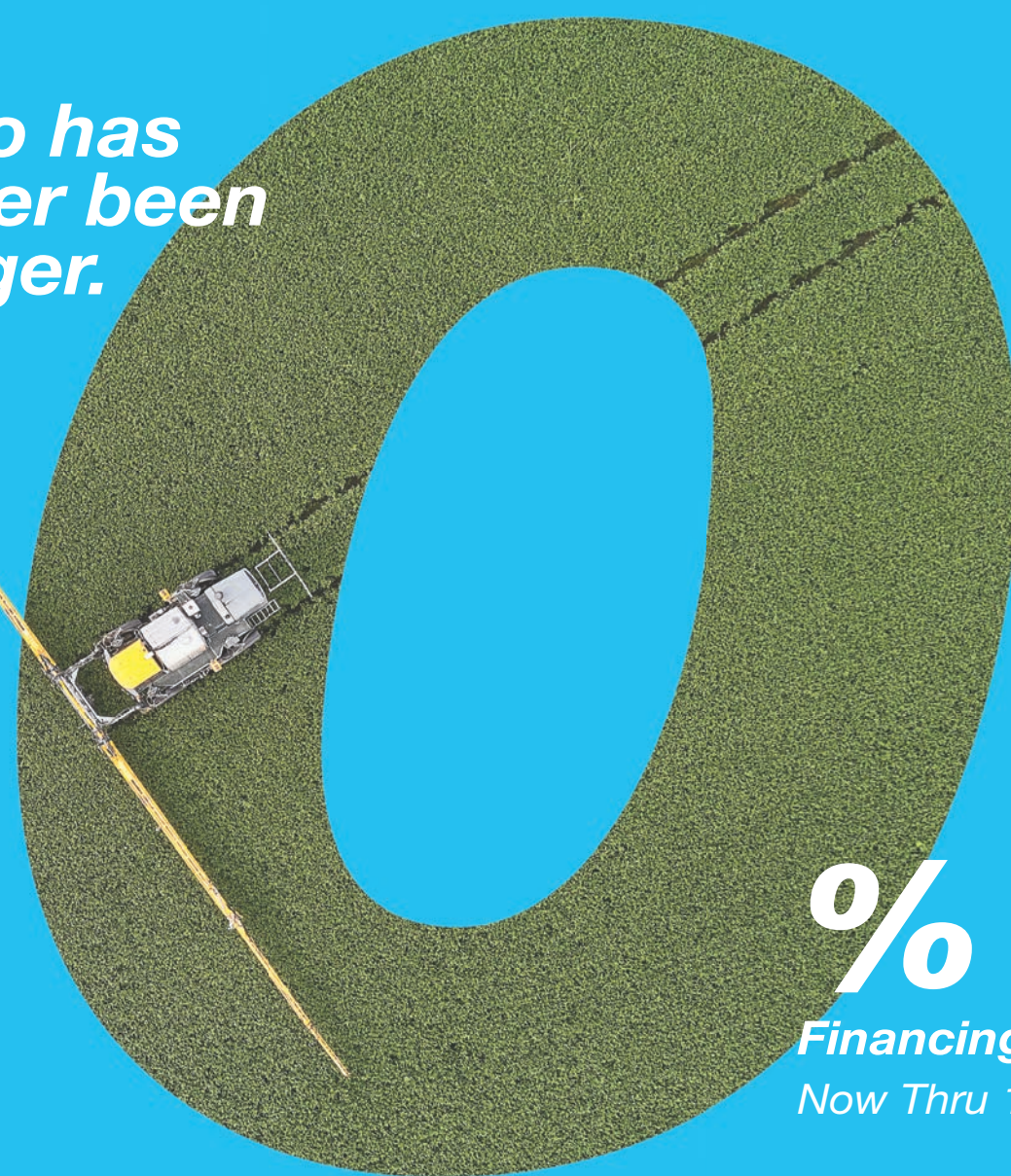
"They've told us we're not raising shrimp, we're farming water and that the shrimp are the byproduct," Laura said. "We test the water and weigh the shrimp weekly, sharing all the data with the university."

Their Pacific white shrimp live in heated pools in a converted barn, surrounded by aerators, pumps and filtration systems. The family also manages a greenhouse where they grow lettuce and microgreens to sell at the Owensboro Regional Farmers Market.

"Plants and fish require very different environments," Laura said. "We tried combining them under aqua-




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	This Week	Last Reported 11/24/2025	Last Year
Total Receipts:	925	536	1,150
Feeder Cattle:	788(85.2%)	451(84.1%)	996(86.6%)
Slaughter Cattle:	112(12.1%)	82(15.3%)	152(13.2%)
Replacement Cattle:	25(2.7%)	3(0.6%)	2(0.2%)

Compared to last Monday both the feeder and slaughter markets were stronger with a good quality offering. Feeder steers and heifers 600 lbs and under were sharply higher with a good supply and strong demand for long weaned cattle and guaranteed open heifers . Yearling steers and heifers appeared stronger as well, however there were no true head to head comparisons. Slaughter cows were 3.00 to 5.00 higher with a good supply and strong demand, while the slaughter bulls were 2.00 to 4.00 higher with strong demand for higher dressing individuals. Supply included: 85% Feeder Cattle (35% Steers, 50% Heifers, 16% Bulls); 12% Slaughter Cattle (81% Cows, 19% Bulls); 3% Replacement Cattle (79% Bred Cows, 21% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 63%.

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8	550-565	561	350.00-361.00	355.37	
7	566-580	570	377.00-381.00	379.84 Value Added	
13	600-640	610	313.00-340.00	322.55	
13	605-621	614	349.00-354.00	353.01 Value Added	
14	665-699	697	295.00-318.00	316.43	
43	658-676	660	332.50-342.00	340.82 Value Added	
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1	380	380	325.00	325.00	
2	430-445	438	355.00-373.00	364.15	
3	482-485	483	367.50-373.00	371.16	
2	527	527	341.00	341.00	
3	550-565	558	314.00-324.00	320.29	
5	650-690	672	275.00-292.50	281.01	
1	795	795	267.00	267.00	
1	820	820	250.00	250.00	
2	1045	1045	208.00	208.00	
1	1065	1065	201.00	201.00	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	325	325	370.00	370.00	
1	325	325	405.00	405.00 Fancy	
5	350-395	377	372.00-392.50	380.70	
8	400-443	424	343.00-362.50	359.60	
5	400-437	415	380.00-382.50	381.05 Fancy	
18	472-493	487	332.50-355.00	347.68	
2	460-470	465	365.00-375.00	369.95 Fancy	
38	507-545	527	325.00-350.00	343.27	
1	530	530	300.00	300.00 Fleшы	
24	550-591	574	322.00-347.50	332.73	
1	575	575	292.50	292.50 Fleшы	
11	600-647	623	315.00-329.00	320.77	
7	651-695	665	299.00-311.00	305.65	
1	675	675	260.00	260.00 Fleшы	
81	660-697	693	323.00-324.50	324.34 Value Added	
12	705-735	713	277.50-301.00	291.40	
15	755-788	769	285.00-300.00	292.02	
1	830	830	260.00	260.00	
57	848	848	286.50	286.50 Value Added	
2	850-890	870	245.00-263.00	254.21	
5	866	866	278.00	278.00 Guaranteed Open	
1	930	930	257.50	257.50 Guaranteed Open	
1	985	985	244.00	244.00 Guaranteed Open	
2	1117	1117	215.00	215.00 Guaranteed Open	
2	1200	1200	191.00	191.00	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	185	185	310.00	310.00	
1	265	265	340.00	340.00	
2	305-315	310	330.00-347.50	338.61	
1	390	390	340.00	340.00	
6	400-435	412	325.00-340.00	334.72	
6	452-495	471	302.00-325.00	317.44	
2	515	515	300.00-305.00	302.50	
4	553-555	554	317.00-317.50	317.13	
1	620	620	305.00	305.00	
2	707	707	262.50	262.50	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	285	285	300.00	300.00	
2	320	320	310.00	310.00	
1	595	595	270.00	270.00	
2	665	665	245.00	245.00	

HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	445	445	297.50	297.50	
1	735	735	242.00	242.00	

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	290	290	392.50	392.50	
1	340	340	410.00	410.00	
3	310-340	322	442.50-470.00	457.10 Fancy	
4	372-397	385	407.50-422.50	415.24	
1	355	355	450.00	450.00 Fancy	
6	410-430	419	387.00-412.50	397.50	
5	465-485	477	372.50-383.00	379.55	
8	500-535	516	350.00-372.50	360.80	
10	555-595	571	330.00-355.00	338.57	
7	600-640	625	315.00-325.00	320.49	
1	605	605	347.00	347.00 Fancy	
3	650-687	675	317.50-325.00	319.91	
3	715-720	718	291.00-299.00	296.35	
8	750-788	779	272.00-292.50	277.37	
10	800-820	816	272.00-285.00	274.55	

BULLS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	280	280	295.00	295.00	
1	300	300	335.00	335.00	
4	420-432	426	357.50-381.00	374.70	
1	450	450	371.00	371.00	
4	520-540	531	305.00-330.00	318.24	
2	550-560	555	300.00-322.50	311.35	
2	620-645	633	272.50-290.00	281.42	
3	667-680	671	290.00-293.00	291.99	
2	705-710	708	245.00-270.00	257.54	
4	750-790	774	265.00-285.00	270.48	
2	820	820	230.00	230.00	
1	1090	1090	165.00	165.00	

BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	405	405	255.00	255.00	
1	525	525	250.00	250.00	
1	590	590	260.00	260.00	

BULLS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	645	645	275.00	275.00	
1	685	685	262.50	262.50	
1	890	890	190.00	190.00	

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
8	1305-1875	1572	155.00-163.00	159.41	Average	
20	1350-1900	1620	165.00-182.00	170.04	High	

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
5	1015-1320	1156	151.00-163.00	157.05	Average	
11	1070-1460	1257	165.00-175.00	169.46	High	

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
20	985-1435	1152	130.00-148.00	140.59	Average	
7	915-1600	1139	150.00-158.00	153.74	High	
3	980-1320	1120	114.00-120.00	118.11	Low	
1	710	710	82.50	82.50	Very Low	

BULLS - 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
2	1910-2070	1990	222.00	222.00	High	

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)						
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing	
6	1310-1705	1531	185.00-196.00	190.08	Average	
8	1505-2280	1825	200.00-216.00	209.43	High	
2	1125-1185	1155	160.00-162.00	161.03	Low	

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T2	2	1070-1150	1110	2600.00-2900.00	2755.41
>4	T2	9	1085-1795	1465	2050.00-2725.00	2389.45
>5	T3	2	1260-1605	1433	2400.00-2650.00	2540.05
>8	T2	1	1210	1210	1900.00	1900.00

MARKETS

Kentucky Daily Grain Bids

Grain Report for Thursday, December 4, 2025 - Final

		FUTURE SETTLEMENTS						
Exchange		Commodity Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 12/4/2025						
CBOT	Corn	437.75 (Dec 25)	447.25 (Mar 26)	454.50 (May 26)	459.00 (Jul 26)	454.25 (Sep 26)	464.75 (Dec 26)	477.50 (Mar 27)
CBOT	Soybeans	1119.50 (Jan 26)	1128.75 (Mar 26)	1137.25 (May 26)	1144.75 (Jul 26)	1137.50 (Aug 26)	1115.50 (Sep 26)	1114.75 (Nov 26)
CBOT	Wheat	541.00 (Dec 25)	540.25 (Mar 26)	547.25 (May 26)	555.25 (Jul 26)	567.25 (Sep 26)	583.00 (Dec 26)	595.75 (Mar 27)
CBOT	White Oats	303.00 (Dec 25)	315.00 (Mar 26)	320.50 (May 26)	326.00 (Jul 26)	325.50 (Sep 26)	330.50 (Dec 26)	334.00 (Mar 27)
KCBT	Wheat	529.50 (Dec 25)	534.00 (Mar 26)	545.25 (May 26)	558.00 (Jul 26)	573.00 (Sep 26)	591.75 (Dec 26)	607.75 (Mar 27)
MGE	Wheat	581.50 (Dec 25)	573.00 (Mar 26)	582.50 (May 26)	595.25 (Jul 26)	611.00 (Sep 26)	630.75 (Dec 26)	643.00 (Mar 27)

US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change
	Pennyrile	50.00H to 160.00Z	UNCH	4.9725-5.9775	UP 0.0375-UP 0.0625
Average					5.4750
Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change
	Ohio River - Lower KY	180.00H	UNCH	6.2725	UP 0.0375
	Ohio River - Lower KY	50.00Z	5.1475	5.1475	
	Purchase	170.00Z	DN 5.00	6.0775	UP 0.0125
	Purchase	65.00Z	UNCH	5.2975	UP 0.0125
Average					6.0775

US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change
	Purchase	5.00H	UP 3.00	4.5225	UP 0.0675
	Green River	15.00H	UNCH	4.6225	UP 0.0375
	Green River	-10.00Z	UNCH	4.5475	UP 0.0125
	Pennyrile	-10.00Z to 13.00H	UNCH-UP 5.00	4.2775-4.6025	UP 0.0625-UP 0.0875
	Pennyrile	-30.00Z to -15.00Z	UP 2.00-UNCH	4.3475-4.4975	UP 0.0325-UP 0.0125
	Louisville	-8.00H	UNCH	4.3925	UP 0.0375
	Louisville	-8.00H	UNCH	4.3925	UP 0.0375
	Bluegrass	-20.00Z	UNCH	4.1775	UP 0.0625
	Bluegrass	-45.00Z	UNCH	4.1975	UP 0.0125
Average					4.4725

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change
	Ohio River - Upper KY	-1.00H to 1.00H	UNCH-UP 2.00	4.4625-4.4825	UP 0.0375-UP 0.0575
	Ohio River - Upper KY	-30.00Z	UNCH	4.3475	UP 0.0125
	Ohio River - Lower KY	3.00Z to 13.00H	UNCH-UP 1.00	4.4075-4.6025	UP 0.0625-UP 0.0475
	Ohio River - Lower KY	-35.00Z to -20.00Z	UNCH	4.2975-4.4475	UP 0.0125
	Purchase	4.00H to 15.00H	UP 1.00-UP 3.00	4.5125-4.6225	UP 0.0475-UP 0.0675
	Purchase	-20.00U	4.3425	4.3425	
	Purchase	-35.00Z to -15.00U	UNCH	4.2975-4.3925	UP 0.0125-UP 0.0150
Average					4.3450

US #2 SORGHUM (BULK)					
Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change
	Ohio River - Lower KY	-90.00H	UNCH	3.5725	UP 0.0375
Average					3.5725

US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change
	Purchase	-5.00F	UNCH	11.1450	UP 0.0375
	Purchase	5.00F	UP 5.00	11.2450	UP 0.0875
	Green River	-20.00F	UNCH	10.9950	UP 0.0375
	Green River	-20.00F	UNCH	10.9950	UP 0.0375
	Pennyrile	-35.00F to 17.00F	UNCH-UP 9.00	10.8450-11.3650	UP 0.0375-UP 0.1275
	Pennyrile	-30.00F to 23.00F	UNCH-UP 4.00	10.8950-11.4250	UP 0.0375-UP 0.0775
	Louisville	-65.00F	UNCH	10.5450	UP 0.0375
	Louisville	-65.00F	UNCH	10.5450	UP 0.0375
	Bluegrass	-45.00F	UNCH	10.7450	UP 0.0375
	Bluegrass	-40.00H	UNCH	10.8875	UP 0.0325
Average					10.8875

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change
	Ohio River - Upper KY	-2.00F	UNCH	11.1750	UP 0.0375
	Ohio River - Upper KY	6.00F to 11.00F	UNCH-UP 2.00	11.2550-11.3050	UP 0.0375-UP 0.0575
	Ohio River - Lower KY	3.00F to 17.00F	UP 3.00-UNCH	11.2250-11.3650	UP 0.0675-UP 0.0375
	Ohio River - Lower KY	14.00F to 27.00F	UP 3.00-UNCH	11.3350-11.4650	UP 0.0675-UP 0.0375
	Purchase	3.00F to 15.00F	UP 3.00-UP 5.00	11.2250-11.3450	UP 0.0675-UP 0.0875
	Purchase	12.00F to 25.00F	UP 1.00-UP 3.00	11.3150-11.4450	UP 0.0475-UP 0.0675
Average					11.3850

US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change
	Pennyrile	5.00H	UNCH	5.4525	UP 0.0200
	Pennyrile	10.00N	UNCH	5.6525	UP 0.0225
Average					5.6525

US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)					
Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change
	Green River	-75.00N	UNCH	4.8025	UP 0.0225
	Pennyrile	-50.00H	UNCH	4.9025	UP 0.0200
	Pennyrile	-55.00N to -18.00N	UNCH	5.0025-5.3725	UP 0.0225
	Louisville	-17.00H	DN 12.00	5.2325	DN 0.1000
	Louisville	-74.00N	UNCH	4.8125	UP 0.0225
Average					4.8125

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change
	Ohio River - Upper KY	-35.00N	UNCH	5.2025	UP 0.0225
	Ohio River - Lower KY	10.00H	UNCH	5.5025	UP 0.0200
	Ohio River - Lower KY	-13.00N to -5.00N	UNCH	5.4225-5.5025	UP 0.0225
	Purchase	-20.00N to -5.00Z	UNCH-DN 15.00	5.3525-5.3600	UP 0.0225-DN 0.1175
	Purchase	-26.00N to -10.00N	UNCH	5.2925-5.4525	UP 0.0225
Average					5.3725

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, December 4, 2025 - Final

Current Day Slaughter								
Thur., Dec. 4, 2025	Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week	Last Year	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	YTD % Change
Calves	1,000	0	491	4,000	3,000	2,688	191,118	
Cattle	121,000	1,000	118,247	475,000	370,000	484,974	29,238,585	
Hogs	490,000	0	472,797	1,943,000	1,474,000	1,932,873	120,286,043	
Sheep	8,000	0	7,870	35,000	29,000	34,247	1,772,242	
Chicken (Young)	35,475,000	2,023,000	35,123,000	141,410,000	107,686,000	139,260,000	8,706,749,000	8,822,358,000 -1.3%
Previous Daily Slaughter								
Wed., Dec. 3, 2025	Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week	Last Year	2025 YTD	2024 YTD	YTD % Change
Calves	1,000	996	3,000	3,000	2,197	190,627	190,627	
Cattle	117,000	124,000	123,513	354,000	369,000	366,727	29,120,338	
Hogs	482,000 R	487,000	489,351	1,453,000	1,474,000	1,460,076	119,813,246	
Sheep	7,000	7,000	6,914	27,000	29,000	26,377	1,764,372	
Chicken (Young)	35,433,000	34,677,000	34,739,000	105,935,000	105,663,000	104,137,000	8,671,274,000	8,787,235,000
Previous Day Breakdown								
Wed., Dec.3, 2025								
Cattle			Steers/Heifers ... 95,000			Cows/Bulls ... 22,000		
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	12/2/2025	Sheep	Cows
Chickens	\$2-\$7.50	Ewes \$.80-\$1.50	Cull Cows \$.85-\$1.40
Bantys	\$3.50-\$6.50	40-60# Lambs \$2.35-\$4.15	Bulls \$1.45-\$1.60
Ducks	\$3-\$7.50	61-80# Lambs \$2.50-\$3.75	11
Pigeons	\$3-\$4.75	81-100# Lambs \$2.20-\$3.10	Fat Cattle
Eggs	\$2.25-\$3.50	82	Colored \$1.90-\$2.07
Rooster	\$2-\$9		3
Turkey		Goats	Pigs
Peacock		Billys \$75-\$300	Fat Hogs \$.50-\$.75
Rabbits	\$3-\$14	Nannies \$90-\$290	Sows \$.50-\$.65
895		Kids \$90	Boars \$0.10
		64	56
Veal Calves	Feeder Cattle Dairy and Beef	Feeder Pigs	
Holstein (80# and UP) \$700-\$1000	200-500# \$1-\$2.80	20-45# \$25-\$35	
Beef Cross (80# and UP) \$975-\$1225	501-800# \$1-\$2.60	46-65#	
331	60	10	

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December 3rd 2025 30th Auction
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	Hd. Ct.	High	Avg.
Fat Hogs:	N/A		
Sows:	N/A		
Boars:	N/A		
Feeder Pigs:	20	\$15.00	\$5.50
Beef & X Veal #1:	20	\$1300	\$1120
Beef & X Veal #2:	10	\$950	\$725
Dairy Veal #1:	43	\$1220	\$1000
Dairy Veal #2:	7	\$775	\$528.50
Jersey Cross:	N/A		
Beef Fdrs 200#-550#	8	\$2.40	\$1.50
Beef Fdrs 551#-1000#	5	\$2.40	\$2.12
Dairy Fdrs 200#-550#	10	\$1.90	\$1.48
Dairy Fdrs 551#-1000#	2	\$1.91	\$1.83
Cull Cows #1:	7	\$1.43	\$1.37
Cull Cows #2:	6	\$1.25	\$1.05
Fat Cattle Colored:	N/A		
Fat Cattle Holstein:	N/A		
Bulls:	3	\$1.60	\$1.40
Cow/Calf Pair:	N/A		
Breed Cows Colored:	N/A		
Milk Cows:	N/A		
Springers:	N/A		
Sheep Ram:	N/A		
Sheep Ewe:	N/A		
Lamb 0-60:	N/A		
Lamb 61-85:	N/A		
Lamb 86-100:	N/A		
Goat Nannies :	2	\$75	\$72.50
Goat Billys :	1	\$50	\$50
Goat Wethers:	N/A		
Total Hd.Cnt:	144		

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After Dec. 5th small animal sales will occur only on Dec. 17th, Jan.30th,Feb.27th,Mar. 27th



Above: Grain Hopper Trailers are again being made by Drake Trailer after a recent acquisition of the once-idled Indiana firm.

Former classmates revive longstanding grain trailer maker

**By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent**

SHELBYVILLE, Ind. – An Indiana company is back to making and repairing grain hopper trailers under new ownership with deep roots at the firm.

Drake Trailer, founded in 1995, has a new location in Shelbyville about 15 miles from where it used to operate in Edinburgh.

One of the new owners is Jacob Cord, who worked nights at the company alongside former owner Jerry Drake after high school.

It's also where Cord began cutting his teeth in what's been a long career for him in manufacturing and welding.

"It's a proud moment to come full circle and contribute to the success of this outstanding Indiana company," he said.

He and childhood friend, Mark Drake, bought the firm after learning Jerry Drake, who is battling health problems and wanted to retire, was interested in selling. Mark and Jerry are not related.

A deal was quickly struck and the sale was finalized in a few months.

Mark Drake said the former owner, due to health-related issues, went three years without producing a trailer but six have been made since he and Cord obtained their state manufacturer's license, as required, during the summer.

"We're fully ramped up now to take any orders. Next year, we're hoping to double that," he said.

The trailers sought by farmers with small- to medium-sized operations range from 34 to 40 feet in length with single, double and tri-axle varieties available. Farmers who need hopper trailers to haul corn and soybeans to elevators or grain bins make up the company's entire customer base.

Partnering in the acquisition is Custom MCK, a steel fabricating and machining company since 1938 that also adds a protective coating to its products. Drake Trailer is now at Custom MCK in a structure added to what was once a three-building campus.

Cord, as operations manager, and Drake, as sales manager, are employed at Custom MCK and use the equipment there to make the trailers.

"We can do everything in-house," Drake said.

Perry Pepka, owner of Custom MCK, said the collaboration will enhance the service offerings of his company and pave the way for its continued growth.

"The integration of Drake Trailer into the Custom MCK family is a perfect blend of expertise and resources," he said.

Custom MCK has over 30 full-time employees with most of its customers being large makers of steel.

Drake said its other customers include John Deere, which uses parts made and coated by the company in its farm tractors, along with CAT and International Harvester.

The new owners were once classmates from elementary school through high school in Shelbyville.

Cord grew up on a small farm and helped with chores while Drake worked on farms doing things like bailing hay and detasseling corn.

They later went separate ways before reuniting years later. Cord went to Vincennes University in the southern part of the state and returned to the Shelbyville area to resume his

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Indiana horses temporarily quarantined after potential exposure to EHV-1

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
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INDIANAPOLIS – More than two weeks after they were potentially exposed to equine herpesvirus type 1 (EHV-1), about 30 horses in Indiana were showing no signs of developing the contagious disease, according to the Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH).

The horses had participated in events in Waco, Texas, and Guthrie, Okla., in November. BOAH issued a health advisory after horses from those states that had attended either event tested positive for EHV-1. In the Hoosier state, the owners of horses listed on the event rosters were contacted and asked to adhere to a self-imposed quarantine for 14 to 21 days beginning Nov. 18, BOAH said.

EHV-1 is common in the horse population and most often clinically manifests as just a mild respiratory illness, especially in young horses, known commonly as equine rhinopneumonitis, the agency said. Less commonly, EHV-1 manifests itself as a neurological form known as EHM, or EHV-1 myeloencephalopathy, BOAH said. Symptoms of EHV-1 include decreased coordination, fever,

hind limb weakness, lethargy and the inability to get off the ground.

EHM can progress to recumbency and death in severe cases, said Dr. Heather Solomon-Gabl, BOAH's equine health director.

"Survivors may have residual neurologic deficits for weeks to months," she told Farm World. "(Another) concern is the ease of transmission. The most common route of exposure is via the respiratory route such as inhalation of droplets from coughing and snorting or direct contact with respiratory tract secretions. EHV-1 may also cause abortion, and direct contact with aborted fetuses, fetal membranes and/or fluids serves as a source of contagion.

"Virus-contaminated fomites are the cause of indirect transmission. Fomites are objects that carry the virus and potentiate viral spread. Examples include clothing, footwear, grooming equipment, tack, water and feed sources, and the surfaces of stalls and wash racks."

As of Dec. 3, there were no confirmed cases of EHV-1 in the state, Solomon-Gabl said. The incubation period is typically four-seven days, though it can vary with clinical signs appearing as early as 24 hours or as late as 14 days, she added. Horse owners were asked to contact their local veterinarians for testing should clinical signs develop.

When a veterinarian receives a positive laboratory result for EHV-1 on a horse showing neurologic signs, the veterinarian will contract BOAH. The BOAH district veterinarian will help manage the situation to lessen spread of the disease, the agency said.

Good biosecurity when traveling and interacting with other horses at equine events and boarding facilities is important, Solomon-Gabl said.

"Wash hands frequently and avoid sharing tack and other equipment unless it has been properly cleaned and disinfected," she said. "Vaccination is important but unfortunately, there are no licensed vaccine products labeled to prevent or control EHM. From a regular standpoint, EHV-1 outbreaks during the autumn and winter are not surprising. In Indiana, BOAH expects to see at least one case per year."

As the 14-day self-imposed quarantine period ended, Solomon-Gabl said there was less concern for new cases over the following seven days.

"It is important for owners to recognize the risk for contagious disease at any event. Good biosecurity and vigilant monitoring for abnormalities are paramount to keeping our horses healthy."

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Indiana soybean farmers host Vietnamese chefs at World Food Championships

INDIANAPOLIS – From the farm fields of Indiana, soybeans grown by Hoosier farmers took the spotlight of the largest food competition during this year's World Food Championships (WFC), Oct. 16-17, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center. The Indiana Soybean Alliance (ISA), the state's soybean checkoff program, hosted several top chefs from Vietnam to showcase how Indiana soybeans, especially high oleic varieties, contribute to healthier and better-tasting food.

Working in tandem with the USA Poultry and Egg Export Council (USAPEEC), ISA hosted chefs and culinary influencers from Vietnam who had previously competed in the ISA-sponsored Best Poultry Challenge – Season 3. This program, held in September, was a cooking competition in Danang that highlighted U.S. chicken and duck in Vietnamese Cuisine.

The chefs traveled to Indiana this month to take part in this year's WFC, visit Indiana farms and learn more about high oleic soybean oil. For the second consecutive year, high oleic soybean oil was provided to WFC competitors through a partnership with the event. High oleic soybean oil served as the "official cooking oil" for the WFC and was made available to all contestants via the event's Kitchen Arena pantry.

The chefs from Vietnam performed cooking demonstrations featuring Indiana-grown poultry products prepared in high oleic soybean oil during the WFC. Among the chefs was Doan

Van Tuan, the executive chef of the Furama Resort and Ariyana Convention Center in Danang. "It was an amazing experience preparing U.S. duck in high oleic soybean oil from Indiana farmers through a Vietnamese dish," Doan said. "The customers love food prepared in the high oleic soybean oil. It's a good color and quality."

The Furama Resort and Ariyana Convention Center was the host of this year's Best Poultry Challenge in Vietnam. ISA Board Director David Hardin, a farmer from Avon, Ind., attended the Challenge in Vietnam, then he hosted the chefs for a tour on his farm following the WFC. He said most of world's population is outside of Indiana and the United States. Events like the Best Poultry Challenge and the WFC allow farmers to showcase products to a wider market.

"While in Vietnam in September, I learned it is a very dynamic market with a young population that is growing in its purchasing power," Hardin explained. "They are the type of consumers we are looking for. We have been working with different influencers in the food space over there attempting to get U.S. products and Indiana products into their restaurants. We hope that it's going to trickle down to the average consumer in Vietnam to eat more U.S. poultry that has been grown with Indiana soybeans."

Influencing consumers

Chon Hoa "Crystal" Nguyen is one of those food-space, social media personalities that ISA and USAPEEC has worked with to promote the Best Poultry Challenge in Vietnam. Crystal also attended the WFC and toured Indiana farms. "This is my first time in the U.S. and in Indiana," she said. "It's a pleasure and an honor to work with Indiana farmers and the Indiana Soybean Alliance through programming they support highlighting the quality of their products."

Nguyen added that it was a great opportunity for the Vietnamese chefs to showcase their talents for American consumers, too. "We are so happy and honored to represent Vietnam in these demonstrations. With the help of USAPEEC and ISA we are promoting Vietnamese cuisine using U.S. chicken and duck. It was exciting to show the different ways we use these products. The chef team visited Indiana farms, and it was exciting to see how big the machinery is and how the crop is managed sustainably while working on a large scale. It was great to see the corn and soybeans in the field. We trust the quality of the corn and soybeans that make U.S. chicken and duck healthy. Our chefs recognize the consistent quality."

Along with Hardin, the group from Vietnam also toured the farm of ISA Director Chris Eck, who has also grown high oleic soybeans on his Shelby County farm for several years. Eck attended the Best Poultry Challenge with

Hardin earlier this fall.

Hardin said improving trade relations with countries like Vietnam opens opportunities for Hoosier farmers. He added that soybean meal is a primary feed source for poultry. Five years ago, prior to the Best Poultry Challenge, Vietnam imported nearly zero U.S. poultry products. Today, Vietnam is the seventh-largest importer of U.S. poultry.

The 2025 World Food Championships, known as "Indy's Most Delicious Event," featured more than 400 teams battling for their share of \$450,000 in prize money and the coveted title of World Champion. The event also included the 58th annual World Championship Chili Cook-off along with unique ticketed attractions including the Taste of WFC Premium Experience. Partners and fans of fine cuisine can relive WFC events by going to worldfoodchampionships.com.

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University of Illinois study looks at tile drainage, why it's effective

URBANA, Ill. – A new study from the Agroecosystem Sustainability Center (ASC) at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign provides one of the most comprehensive explanations to date of how tile drainage, a common agricultural practice, enhances the functioning of agricultural landscapes. Although tile drainage has been widely studied as an important form of agricultural infrastructure, the study built a comprehensive framework to explain why tile drainage is so effective across a wide range of outcomes. The study pinpoints soil oxygen dynamics as the critical, hidden mediator that is pivotal for drainage impacts on crop growth, soil health and crop resilience.

The study, recently published in Hydrology and Earth System Sciences, demonstrates that the benefits of tile drainage extend far beyond simply removing excess water from fields. Tile drainage fundamentally alters soil hydrology by reducing soil water content, which then enhances soil oxygenation. These hydrological impacts have complex effects on soil biogeochemistry and plant biology. For example, the improved aerobic condition alleviates crop oxygen stress during wet springs, which, in turn, promotes early crop root growth. The increase in oxygen availability also stimulates microbial activity, which accelerates the decomposition of organic matter and nutrient cycling.

The research team used an ad-

vanced, process-based model called ecosys that is uniquely capable of simulating the physics of soil oxygen movement and crop oxygen uptake. After validating the model against multi-year field data, the researchers ran simulations comparing drained and undrained conditions to understand the full set of ecological changes following drainage.

According to Kaiyu Guan, the project's principal investigator and a Levenick Endowed Professor and director of the center, "Previous models that do not explicitly simulate soil oxygen dynamics fail to capture the true impacts of tile drainage, making it hard to accurately predict agriculture outcomes such as yield, nutrient availability, and nutrient leaching. These outcomes and the underlying processes must be understood through the lens of soil oxygen."

Lead author Zewei Ma, a doctoral student in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) at Illinois, said, "Most models use soil water as a simple proxy for oxygen stress, but without explaining the underlying physical mechanisms that improve crop outcomes. Our work focuses on the central role of oxygen. Its availability depends on the balance between supply (oxygen diffusion through soil) and demand from roots and microbes. This allows us to provide a holistic view of how tile drainage impacts the broader agroecosystem."

The authors note that while conventional tile drainage provides clear agronomic benefits, emerging practices such as controlled drainage offer a more comprehensive approach that helps mitigate potential water-quality trade-offs. By adjusting outflow during different parts of the season, controlled drainage can retain more water and nutrients in the field while still improving soil oxygen dynamics when crops are most vulnerable to oxygen stress.

The key findings of the study include:

- **Soil oxygen as the key controlling factor:** By removing excess water, tile drainage actively oxygenates the soil. The improved aerobic environment results in a range of soil health benefits.
- **Stronger root development:** Improved soil oxygen levels during wet springs alleviate stress on crop roots, allowing them to respire and grow more efficiently. This leads to the development of denser and deeper root systems.
- **Accelerated nutrient cycling:** Higher oxygen levels stimulate microbial activity, which accelerates organic matter turnover and increases nutrient availability for crops.
- **Water quality trade-off:** The study also confirmed that tile drainage can lead to increased leaching of soil nitrogen into waterways, highlighting the need for paired conservation practices to protect water quality.

"This research provides a mechanistic understanding of why drainage

benefits crops. It goes far beyond water management; it improves the conditions for microbes and crop roots in the soil. By reducing oxygen stress in the root zone, the plants have greater ability to establish a resilient foundation for the entire growing season," said co-author Bin Peng, an assistant professor of agricultural water management and water quality in the Department of Crop Sciences in the College of ACES.

Guan emphasized the broader implications, saying, "As we face a future with more climate extremes, strategic water management is essential for food security. This study gives us a powerful predictive tool to assess where and how tile drainage can best serve as an adaptation strategy, not just for increased yield, but for greater long-term yield stability."

The researchers hope their findings will inform farmers, agricultural advisers and policymakers on the multifaceted value of drainage management and the importance of integrating it with other practices to ensure both productivity and environmental sustainability.

The paper, "Soil oxygen dynamics: a key mediator of tile drainage impacts on coupled hydrological, biogeochemical, and crop systems," is published in Hydrology and Earth System Sciences (DOI: 10.5194/hess-29-6393-2025). The full article may be viewed at <https://hess.copernicus.org/articles/29/6393/2025/>.

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Weinzierl: Domestic ethanol market hingers on ‘major policy shift’

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The future of the U.S. domestic fuel market hinges on a potential major policy shift that would require automobile engines to operate on high-octane fuels, according to the executive director of the Illinois Corn Growers Association (ICGA). Speaking during their annual meeting on Nov. 25 at the Illinois Corn Agri-Center, Rodney Weinzierl discussed the need to vastly increase domestic demand for U.S. corn to bolster the sagging market and compete with anticipated electric vehicle sales.

“The auto industry believes that 20 to 25 percent of auto sales will over time be electric to satisfy that segment of the consumer market. This is 9 percent market penetration by 2031. The liquid fuel market is going to continue to erode over time,” Weinzierl said.

As of Nov. 13, the Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimated ethanol production averaged 1.075 million barrels per day, a decline of 48,000 from the previous week and 38,000 barrels on the year. Ethanol stocks, at 22.219 million barrels, were 436,000 less than the previous week. In addition, the Renewable Fuels Association reported net inputs of ethanol purchased by refiners and blenders hit a five-week low.

With ethanol consumption tracking closely with gasoline usage, U.S. fuel ethanol consumption remains below pre-pandemic levels because of lower gasoline consumption. Fuel ethanol consumption tracks closely with motor gasoline consumption because nearly all motor gasoline sold in the United States is about 10 percent ethanol by volume (E10) and

virtually all fuel ethanol is used for blending with gasoline, according to the EIA.

Meanwhile, ethanol exports continue to climb, averaging 157,000 barrels per day. This was an increase of 50,000 barrels over the week before and 13,000 barrels over 2024. The U.S. is on track to export a record amount of fuel ethanol for the second year in a row in 2025. In the first seven months of 2025, U.S. fuel ethanol exports averaged 138,000 barrels per day – the highest January through July average since at least 2010, the EIA reported.

Weinzierl noted that although the Trump administration has slowed the domestic incursion of electric vehicles in the U.S. market, consumer demand will keep the electric vehicle market alive for the foreseeable future. “We’re looking at a billion-gallon market loss for ethanol (by 2031),” Weinzierl said, “and we are in a decline now.”

One thing that could reverse the domestic demand reduction would be through Congressional passage of year-round E15 sales, something the ICGA has been lobbying for since 2011, according to the Illinois Corn leader. “To satisfy that billion-gallon loss over the next six years, we need to convince 20,000 to 55,000 retailers across the United States to sell it. That’s what it’s going to take to offset that billion gallons,” Weinzierl said. “We are at around 4,600 or 4,700 stations now, so we need at least a 400 percent increase in the number of stations in six years.”

He went on to say that longer term, the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), first passed in 2005, will need to be increased to support biofuels. With no new federal energy policy affect-

ing liquid fuels enacted in the past 17 years, a “major policy shift” toward high-octane fuels is necessary to spark an increase in domestic ethanol demand, according to Wienzierl.

“Fundamentally, we’ve got to change the landscape to be able to better compete with what’s happening with electrification. To me, this whole discussion is about keeping the internal combustion engine around for another two, three, four decades,” he said.

Weinzierl sees opportunities to promote a major policy shift toward renewable fuels production at both the state and federal levels. “I think one of the personality traits of President Trump is that he is willing to take on high-risk, massive change ideas. Changing the liquid fuel policy over time, that is kind of a big

thing. If we can make that pitch, maybe he bites, especially if we can reach an agreement with the petroleum industry to save liquid fuels,” he said. “Our governor is very interested not only in the (governor’s) race next year but perhaps in the (presidential) race in three years. That tempers the choices he makes now, because he doesn’t want to make decisions that would hurt him in three years if he announces to run. That’s an opportunity.”

Weinzierl said he is concerned that with cotton prices bottoming out for southern planters, base acres for corn and beans will increase overall, increasing domestic supply while doing nothing to satisfy demand. “There will be more base corn acres next year, and they will not come from Midwest farmers,” he said.



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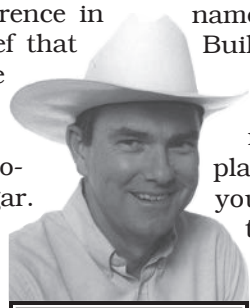
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It's THE PITTS
By Lee Pitts

I, on the other hand, have been cursed by a bad name from the day I was born. Did you know that the most prevalent name amongst mass murderers is Lee? It's no wonder I'm always disappointing myself. If only I had a decent name. Of course, I blame my parents for my lack of achievement in life. I understand why they named my older brother John, one of the best names in the English language. Our father was named John as were his dad and his granddad. But how do you switch from giving him such a good name to naming me Leland Warren Pitts? Goodness gracious, I had two strikes against me before my first bowel movement. Thanks a lot mom and dad.

I'll never know why my parents double cursed me with two names that were last heard in the 1800s, and even then they weren't all that popular. These days your name is your brand and it's all about marketing and in business your good name is your most valuable asset. Do you think Baxter Black and Waddie Mitchell would have become great cowboy poets if instead their names had been Hieronymus or Grayson Monet? John Wayne knew he'd never amount to much if he kept his real name, which was Marion, which comes close to almost being as bad as Leland. I often wonder how many more books I could have sold as a Cody, Rope, Stetson, Ty or Clint, great cowboy names one and all.

I suppose I should be grateful they didn't name me Harry with a middle name of Arm so I could have gone through life with a nickname of "Stinky." I think my very first words were, "Please call me Lee." But that was before I realized that Lee could also be used as a girl's name. Now you know why I'm a big promoter of the idea that a kid should be able to change his name when entering kindergarten. Personally, I've always seen myself as a "Tom Roberts" kind of guy and if that was my name I'm quite sure I'd have won a Pulitzer and owned a ranch the size of Delaware by now.

Speaking of Pulitzer's, I read a lot and one of my favorite writers is John Sandford who came up with an interesting system of name calling that I fully endorse. Because one father lived and breathed fishing he named his children after outboard motors, so he ended up with two sons named Mercury Johnson and Johnson Johnson. His daughter Evie was named after Evinrude. I think we should take a page from Sandford's book and farmers should name their children after tractors, for example John Deere, Alice Chalmers, Massey Ferguson and Oliver Oliver. If you're a Caterpillar family instead you could name your daughter Kitty Cat, although that name strikes me more as a female engaged in the adult entertainment industry. Kids in a trucker's family with the right last

name could be Ken Worth, Peter Built, or Otto Carr.

The animal industries offer up a plethora of possible names that a good marketing plan could be built around. Can you imagine the name recognition of a red headed purebred breeder whose name was Red Angus? And there are other breed names that would make good people monikers. Brahma is an excellent name for a future PRCA cowboy and if a ranch couple had twins, they could name them Angus and Brangus. Charolais sounds like a lovely girl's name and if a daughter already had the last name of Ford you could name her "Her" and the Hereford Association would put Her in their Hall of Fame.

Writers and actors often change their names and I should have changed mine a long time ago. Heck, John Sandford isn't really his name either, although I think he has a great real name which is John Roswell Camp. I guarantee that if his name had been Leland Warren Pitts, he'd still be writing obituaries for some small-town newspaper instead of having written over 50 books.

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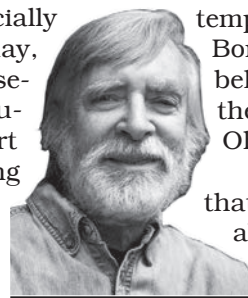
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Poor Will's ALMANACK
By Bill Felker

The Moon enters its last quarter on Dec. 14

The Moon is new on Dec. 20

The Moon enters its second quarter on Dec. 27

The Sun: The 14th of the month, sunset begins to occur a minute later every two to three days. This small advance, however, is offset by the sun rising later in the morning. And the point-counterpoint of time lost and gained creates a weeklong standoff around winter solstice during which the day's length remains its shortest of the year, nine hours and 20 minutes in this location.

The Stars: Traveling relatively close to Mars and Jupiter is the bright star, Arcturus (the fourth-largest star in the sky), just west of those planets. Low in the northeast, Vega is rising.

Meteors: The Geminid meteors fall before dawn in Gemini on Dec. 13-14.

Weather Trends: The Dec. 15 Front: This cold wave can bring below-zero

temperatures as far south as the Border States, and double-digit below-zero temperatures enter the realm of possibility in the Ohio Valley.

Zeitgebers: Events in Nature that Tell the Time of Year: The absence of migratory birds magnifies the rattle of the remaining downy woodpeckers, isolates the calling of the crows, the chatter of sparrows, chickadees, titmice and kingfishers. Solitary sparrow hawks are back to hunt mice. Only a few ducks overwinter on the rivers. Now barberry shows off its scarlet berries better than at any other time of year. Blood-red staghorns remain on the sumacs. In the garden, hardy flowering cabbage and kale show off their rainbows under clouds or sun. Without snow and ice, the leaves dapple the ground with brindle chromatrics, bronze, cinnamon, hazel, fawn, chocolate.

Farm and Garden Time: Plant your bedding plants under lights with gentle radiant heat provided below the flats, if possible. Root grape vine cuttings, too. Check on bulbs that you dug up in autumn, making sure they are not getting moldy.

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The fallen leaves are coming apart now, letting go of their shapes, dissolving back into the ground. I can't tell a box elder from a maple or an Osage or mulberry leaf. The leaves accept the rain, their resilience turned to receptivity by the freezing and thawing. Their surfaces have become porous and absorbent, sometimes skeletal, letting all the weather through, offering no resistance.

On the north side of my home, the ferns have fallen across the hostas, providing a mantle of protective mulch. Amaranth is bowing to set its seeds, the weakening of the stalk contributing to the planting. Black pokeberries dangle on their soft, dried stems. Snapdragons finally succumb to the cold, their foliage dark green with the freeze. Japanese honeysuckle leaves are blackening. Foxtail grasses cling to one another, waving in the wind. The crisp zinnias bob and sway.

Almanack Literature

What's in YOUR water?
By Rick Taylor, Norwich, Ohio
It was back on Independence Day in 1976 when an old neighbor called me and said: "My water tastes funny!" So, I drove up to his place, and we walked down to his dug well, which was along a township road. We looked down in with a flashlight and discovered two whistle pigs (groundhogs) lying at the bottom of the well.

So, I went and got my wooden extension ladder and buckets. I bailed most of the water out of that 32-foot-deep rock-lined circular wall one bucket at a time and then lowered the ladder down where there were still several feet of water. At the bottom, I was colder than a well-digger's fanny.

When I put the groundhogs in the bucket, their hides came off and their skin was as smooth and soft and white as baby's skin. And the cold had kept the pigs from getting too rank, and their odor wasn't very bad. I bailed out the rest of the water and went home tucked out at age 28, and I didn't go to celebrate that 4th of July at all.

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ponics but found we got better-quality produce and better-quality shrimp when we kept them separate.”

Quincy added that locally sourced seafood may cost more but offers a safer, cleaner and fresher product.

“Once you see where some imported shrimp are raised, you’d never touch them again,” he said.

The Fischers, along with many other farmers in Kentucky who have ventured into aquaculture, leaned heavily on those at KSU’s Aquaculture Research Center, which has 33 research ponds, a 3,000-square-foot hatchery that houses spawning, holds and experimental tanks, as well as a 3,500-square-foot nutrition laboratory that also contains a wet laboratory for aquarium studies.

The Aquaculture Research Center also has a 14,400-square-foot indoor aquaculture production technologies laboratory for researchers who can test and develop technologies to raise fish in a controlled environment.

Though the Fischers no longer raise tobacco, their efforts with row crops have helped them stay connected to both traditional and innovating farming. Farming (this time fish farming) is what now binds the family. Through social media, they’ve found new audiences who are curious about their new, locally grown food.

“Social media is a free marketing tool,” Laura said. “It’s helped people see that harvest season isn’t just row crops anymore.”

According to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA), Kentucky’s aquaculture industry is growing, supported by educational programs, research initiatives, and favorable environmental conditions for fish farming.

“Kentucky benefits from suitable soil for pond construction, limestone water that is excellent for fish production, and its strategic location within a day’s drive to half of the U.S. metropolitan areas,” the KDA said in a recent report.

According to KyFoodandFarm.info, “the aquaculture industry in Kentucky is poised for growth, with increasing demand for local fish and seafood products. The integration of aquaculture into existing agricultural practices is seen as a win-win for local farmers, enhancing their portfolios and contributing to the state’s economy.”



Above: Laura Dalton holds a shrimp that’s being raised inside a saltwater pool inside the family’s farm. (photo submitted)



Above: Kenny Fischer and his daughter, Laura, work near the saltwater shrimp pool inside the family’s barn in Philpot. (photo submitted)



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South Korean farmers sue power company over changes in climate

SEOSAN, South Korea (AP) – Hwang Seong-yeol stood at the edge of a golden field, watching nervously as a combine harvester crawled through his rice, churning up mud and stalks. Its steady hum filled the damp autumn air as grain poured into a truck waiting at the other end of the muddy paddy.

It was the final day of what Hwang said was one of his toughest seasons in three decades of farming. He and other farmers feel helpless against increasingly erratic weather that they link to climate change and damage to their crops. It has complicated their work and cast uncertainty over their futures.

Hwang is one of five South Korean farmers who recently sued the state utility Korea Electric Power Corp. and its power-generating subsidiaries, alleging that their reliance on coal and other fossil fuels has accelerated climate change and damaged their crops.

The lawsuit raises questions about whether power companies' role in driving climate change, and the resulting agricultural losses, can be quantified. It is the first of its kind in South Korea, said Yeny Kim, a lawyer with the Seoul-based nonprofit Solutions for Our Climate, who is handling the case.

The case underscores the challenges South Korea, a manufacturing power that industrialized long after the Western nations now pressuring others to abandon fossil fuels, faces in transitioning to cleaner energy.

Unstable weather causes 'agricultural disasters'

Hwang's fields are on a reclaimed coastal plain along South Korea's western sea, where glimmering wa-

terways crisscross dark, rich soil and flocks of migratory geese drift overhead, moving like a giant, living quilt.

A remarkably rainy September and October followed a bitterly cold spring that stunted plant growth. Summer floods caused further damage before the wet autumn bred fungal disease.

Hwang would have preferred to harvest in drier weather but had to do so sooner as relentless rains pushed rice stalks into the soil, causing the ripe grains to sprout. That day in late October was only the second dry day after 18 straight days of rain.

"It's really unsettling – we know how much rice we should normally get from 30,000 pyeong (25 acres) of land, but the yield has been steadily declining every year," said Hwang, who expects this year's harvest to be 20-25 percent below normal.

"We began to question why it's always the farmers – who haven't done anything wrong – that end up suffering the consequences of the climate crisis. Shouldn't we be demanding something from those who are actually causing it?"

Farmers are "inherently vulnerable" to climate change, said Kim, the lawyer.

In an annual climate report in April, South Korea's government detailed how a year of extreme weather events in 2024, the country's hottest year ever, triggered a series of "agricultural disasters" of heavy summer rains that destroyed thousands of hectares (acres) of cropland, followed by weeks of intense heat that wrecked still more crops, mostly rice.

Lawyer says KEPCO group is liable for 0.4 percent of global climate damage

Kim and her colleagues decided

to file the lawsuit, which represents plaintiffs from across South Korea, after speaking with Hwang and others at farmers markets.

They say KEPCO, which holds a monopoly on electricity transmission and fully owns its subsidiaries, should bear some blame for the destabilized weather, citing what they say are excessive carbon emissions and a lagging transition to renewable energy.

From 2011-2022, the companies produced about 30 percent of South Korea's greenhouse gas emissions and roughly 0.4 percent of global emissions, based on Kim's analysis of publicly available data.

"Therefore, they should also bear 0.4 percent of the responsibility for the farmers' losses," Kim said.

The lawsuit seeks initial damage claims of 5 million won (\$3,400) per client, an amount likely to be adjusted as the case proceeds. The plaintiffs are also symbolically seeking 2,035 won (\$1.4) each to urge the government to phase out coal power plants by 2035, ahead of its 2040 target.

Renewable energy accounted for only 10.5 percent of the national energy mix in 2024, and the five KEPCO subsidiaries relied on coal for more than 71 percent of the electricity they produced that year, according to government data.

KEPCO told The Associated Press it considers carbon reduction a key responsibility, citing its goal of cutting emissions 40 percent by 2030 from 2018 levels. But it declined to comment further on the lawsuit, saying it "cannot share information that could influence the verdict."

Experts say mounting debt, now at over 200 trillion won (\$137 billion), that accumulated over decades of

government policies that kept electricity rates low for households and industries, limits the utility's ability to expand and modernize the power grid or invest in renewable energy.

Uncertain impact of a largely symbolic lawsuit

Yun Sun-Jin, a professor at Seoul National University, said the lawsuit has symbolic value but questioned whether blame could fall solely on KEPCO, given that everyone benefits from its cheap electricity.

It would be difficult to prove the utility directly caused farm losses, when climate change is a "global problem," she said.

It does draw attention to South Korea's need for a more effective approach to renewable energy, Yun said, including deregulating solar investments, expanding sources such as offshore wind, and ending KEPCO's monopoly over electricity transmission to encourage other competitors with diverse technologies.

South Korea is expected to reach its target of 32.95 percent renewable energy by around 2038 – far slower than the 33.49 percent average in 2023 among developed economies in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, according to the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis.

Some experts, including Yun, warn that South Korea's slow shift to renewable energy could hinder its ambitions in advanced semiconductors and artificial intelligence, as its tech giants face global pressure to operate on clean power.

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Trump ends tariffs on beef, coffee, other commodities

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Donald Trump announced Nov. 14 that he was scrapping U.S. tariffs on beef, coffee, tropical fruits and a broad swath of other commodities – a dramatic move that comes amid mounting pressure on his administration to better combat high consumer prices.

Trump has built his second term around imposing steep levies on goods imported into the U.S. in hopes of encouraging domestic production and lifting the U.S. economy. His abrupt retreat from his signature tariff policy on so many staples key to the American diet is significant, and it comes after voters in off-year elections this month cited economic concerns as their top issue, resulting in big wins for Democrats in Virginia, New Jersey and other key races around the country.

“We just did a little bit of a rollback on some foods like coffee,” Trump said aboard Air Force One as he flew to Florida hours after the tariff announcement was made.

Pressed on his tariffs helping to increase consumer prices, Trump acknowledged, “I say they may, in some cases” have that effect.

“But to a large extent they’ve been borne by other countries,” the president added.

Meanwhile, inflation – despite Trump’s pronouncements that it has vanished since he took office in January – remains elevated, further increasing pressure on U.S. consumers.

The Trump administration has insisted that its tariffs had helped fill government coffers and weren’t a major factor in higher prices at grocery stores around the country. But Democrats were quick to paint the move as an acknowledgement that Trump’s policies were hurting American pocketbooks.

“President Trump is finally admitting

what we always knew: his tariffs are raising prices for the American people,” Virginia Democratic Rep. Don Beyer said in a statement. “After getting drubbed in recent elections because of voters’ fury that Trump has broken his promises to fix inflation, the White House is trying to cast this tariff retreat as a ‘pivot to affordability.’”

Grocery bill worries

Trump slapped tariffs on most countries around the globe in April. He and his administration still say that tariffs don’t increase consumer prices, despite economic evidence to the contrary.

Record-high beef prices have been a particular concern, and Trump had said he intended to take action to try to lower them. Trump’s tariffs on Brazil, a major beef exporter, had been a factor.

Trump signed an executive order that also removes tariffs on tea, fruit juice, cocoa, spices, bananas, oranges, tomatoes and certain fertilizers. Some of the products covered aren’t produced in the United States, meaning that tariffs meant to spur domestic production had little effect. But reducing the tariffs will still likely mean lower prices for U.S. consumers.

The Food Industry Association, which represents retailers, producers and a variety of related industry firms and services, applauded Trump’s move to provide “swift tariff relief,” noting that import U.S. taxes “are an important factor” in a “complex mix” of supply chain issues.

“President Trump’s proclamation to reduce tariffs on a substantial volume of food imports is a critical step ensuring continued adequate supply at prices consumers can afford,” the association said in a statement.

In explaining the tariff reductions, the White House said that some of the original levies Trump relished imposing on nearly every country on earth months ago were actually no longer necessary

given the trade agreements he’d since hammered out with key U.S. trading partners.

Indeed, the announcement follows the Trump administration having reached framework agreements with Ecuador, Guatemala, El Salvador and Argentina meant to increase the ability of U.S. firms to sell industrial and agricultural products in these countries, while also potentially easing tariffs on agricultural products produced there.

During an interview that aired earlier in the week with Laura Ingraham of Fox News Channel, Trump hinted that lower tariffs might be coming.

“Coffee, we’re going to lower some tariffs,” the president said then. “We’re going to have some coffee come in.”

Tariff checks?

Despite pulling back on so many tariffs, Trump used his comments aboard Air Force One to repeat his past assertions that his administration would use revenue the federal government has collected from import levies to fund \$2,000 checks for many Americans.

The president suggested such checks could be issued in 2026, but was vague on timing, saying only, “Sometime during the year.” Trump, however, also said federal tariff revenue might be used to pay down national debt – raising questions about how much federal funding would be needed to do both.

Trump rejected suggestions that attempting direct payments to Americans could exacerbate inflation concerns – even as he suggested that similar checks offered during the coronavirus pandemic, and by previous administrations to stimulate the economy, had that very effect.

“This is money earned as opposed to money that was made up,” Trump said. “Everybody but the rich will get this. That’s not made up. That’s real money. That comes from other countries.”

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trality are not just environmental concerns – they are economic issues, ultimately about jobs and our survival,” Yun said.

From tangerines to rice: a shared threat

The impact of extreme weather resulting from climate change is far reaching in South Korea.

Farmers now face higher costs and must use more labor to produce the same or lower yields.

Ma Yong-un, an apple farmer in the southeastern town of Hamyang, said he is using more pesticides as pests and diseases become harder to control due to prolonged heat and humidity. The apples that thrived in cooler weather during his father’s days are less plentiful and tasty, he said.

From tangerine farmers on Jeju island to strawberry growers in Sancheong to the southeast, farmers are trying to devise ways to survive.

For the first time since he began farming in 2011, Ma coated all the fruit on his 2,200 trees with a mixture of copper sulfate and lime to prevent fungal infections and skin damage from intense sunlight.

He began to think seriously about climate change in 2018, when a heavy April snowstorm damaged flower buds, leading to one of his worst harvests. Farming is becoming harder each year and he constantly wonders how much longer he can carry on.

“I think about that every day,” said Ma, who is raising two teenage boys with his wife. “The biggest concern is my children.”

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Illinois farmland plows past \$13,000 per acre at Moss auction

Illinois

Edgar County – Moss Auction Team presented 153.15 +/- acres of highly productive farmland, with 145.6 FSA tillable acres, in Grandview Township. The primary soil types were Drummer silty clay loam, Dana silt loam, and Raub silt loam, with a Productivity Index of 137.1. Corn and soybeans were enrolled in county ARC. The farm offered excellent blacktop road frontage on the west side and had an easement for an old railroad right-of-way along the north. The parcel sold for \$2,052,210 (\$13,400/acre).

Jasper County – On November 3, SellaFarm concluded a month-long preview and auction of approximately 161 +/- acres, offered as three tracts, including mineral rights and 2026 farming access. Tract 1 consisted of 80 +/- acres (78.52 +/- tillable), featuring Cisne, Hoyleton, Hoyleton-Darmstadt, and Bluford silt loam soils. Tract 2 included 40 +/- acres (37.56 +/- tillable), predominantly in Hoyleton and Cisne silt loams. Tract 3 was 41 +/- acres (24.7 +/- tillable), mainly in Cisne and Hoyleton silt loams, and was suitable for a homesite, recreational use, or additional tillable acreage. Tract 1 sold for \$960,000 (\$12,000/acre), Tract 2 brought \$396,000 (\$9,900/acre), and Tract 3 sold for \$315,700 (\$7,700/acre).

Indiana

Jennings County - LandProz hosted a simulcast auction on November 13 of 178 +/- acres offered in three tracts. Tract 1 consisted of 92 +/- acres (84.65 +/- tillable), with a WAPI of 131.5. Prominent soils were Holton and Ryker-Muscatatuck silt loams.

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Tract 2 had 36 +/- acres (27.68 +/- tillable), with a WAPI of 134.6. Soil types were mainly Ryker-Muscatatuck and Nabb silt loams. Tract 3 held 50 +/- acres (36.48 +/- tillable), with a WAPI of 129.4. Predominant soils were Nabb and Avonburg silt loams. The tracts sold combined for \$1,318,400 (\$7,407/acre).

Starke County – On November 18, Geswein Farm & Land conducted an auction of 240 +/- acres in Davis Township, offered as two tracts on behalf of the Daniel C. Fullen Trust. The property features convenient frontage along US Highway 35 and potential home-sites. The farm included 230.84 FSA crop acres with soils primarily Gilford sandy loam, Prochaska loamy sand, and Maumee sand. The sale included all mineral rights and an open lease for 2026. Tract 1 consisted of 160.3 +/- acres with 152.1 FSA crop acres, and Tract 2 included 80 +/- acres with 78.74 FSA crop acres. The two tracts sold together for \$1,945,000 (\$8,095/acre).

Kentucky

Henderson - Herron Auction & Realty conducted an online-only auction on November 29 for 75.75 +/- acres of hunting and timber land. The property had approximately 500 feet of blacktop road frontage, some marketable timber with the remainder select-cut three years ago, interior logging roads, food

plots on the northeastern portion, and abundant wildlife. It sold for \$158,500 (\$2,113/acre).

Lawrenceburg – On November 22, Noel Auctioneers & Real Estate Advisors conducted a simulcast absolute auction of a 32.7 +/- acre farm featuring a classic 1.5-story farmhouse and outbuildings. Located on a quiet secondary road with gravel-drive access, the level, easily navigable land was suited for a homestead, hobby farm, pastureland, or future improvements. The 1,813-square-foot farmhouse offered 3 bedrooms and 1 bath, plus an approximately 756-square-foot unfinished basement, and featured central heat/air, aluminum siding, and a metal roof. Outbuildings included a 360-square-foot one-car garage and two barns for storage or livestock. The farm sold for \$420,000.

Michigan

Fennville - On September 11, Miedema's Lastbid Real Estate auctioned a 58.15-acre property on the Blue Star Highway off I-196, formerly housing Waypost Brewing Company. The site was zoned Residential/Agricultural/Commercial and included more than 20 acres of blueberries, plus additional strawberries and raspberry acreage. On-site was a 3,149-square-foot one-story building built in 2003, a 1,440-square-foot equipment building, two ponds, plus well, and septic system. A farm market operated with u-pick and we-pick berries, locally grown produce, artisan foods, and ice cream, with both indoor and outdoor seating. The highly visible location made it suitable for continued farm-market use, a u-pick operation, a bakery, or a small restaurant. Bidding opened at \$50,000; the property sold for \$680,000.

Watrousville - Albrecht Auction hosted an online auction on their BidNow platform on November 24 for 35.59 +/- acres of certified organic farmland (35.12 tillable) offered as a single parcel. The land, ready for the 2026 season, was partially tilled with good drainage, consisting mainly of Guelph and Guelph-Londo loam soils. It sold for \$190,000 (\$5,339/acre).

Ohio

Ada - Kaufman Realty & Auctions hosted an online-only auction on November 20 of 13.2 acres of gently rolling, tillable open farmland with access from State Route 309. The final contract price was adjusted to the nearest hundredth of an acre. The parcel sold for \$143,000 (\$11,000/acre).

Clark County - on November 13, Wilson National presented 142 +/- acres of vacant land, locally known as Westmoreland Farm. The grain farm featured 85 tillable acres with gently rolling terrain, predominantly in Eldean Miamian, Miamian and Ross silt loams, and Strawn and Kokomo silty clay loams. The remaining acreage was woodland offering recreational opportunities. The farm sold for \$837,558 (\$5,900/acre).

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Truth and honesty are needed in today's agriculture industry

Like many of us, I am disappointed with what I see in the news each day and the examples of the levels of deceit seen in all parts of our culture. From politicians to the NBA and now the MLB, the morals displayed are disgusting. I suppose we all have always thought that politics was dirty but now there is virtually nowhere to turn and see anything but dirt.

This has me thinking (something my wife believes to be dangerous) about what it is that has always allowed agriculture to survive every challenge given. I believe the reason we always overcome it is because we always cling to the truth. What is factual and more so, what is right. Whether growing crops or raising livestock, we see daily what is real.

Over the past couple years, I have singled out businesses and men of integrity that do what is right, even if the current culture is trending toward getting all you can, however you can. I read something from Warren Buffett where he talked about the stock market being an investment you must be in for years to realize profits. I'm thinking that integrity is very much like that. When I think of men like Dean Ford, John Thacker, BJ Biltz, Dayne Jessup and Ted Everett, and look for a common denominator in their respective successes, it is integrity. They do what's right and know that doing the right thing will pay greater dividends than any other business practice they can use over the long run.

So here is what I propose. Agriculture is facing losses unparalleled in history and is bringing pressure on agriculture unlike any other time. If we look at history and especially at periods when disaster after disaster threatened our industry, one common trait seemed to be present in all the farms that survived: integrity and hard work. I propose that in a world where corruption is everywhere, integrity will always make its way back

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on top. When we stand for truth and honesty in our dealings, right will gravitate to our side as eventually, business and life retreat to facts.

I want to simplify this rather confusing tenet with an analogy. We grow crops to meet the needs of our country and livestock to feed them as well. If we continue to do what we do the way we know is right, eventually the world comes back around to respecting and we find ourselves surviving and being rewarded not only with profitability (over the long haul) but with the emotional knowledge that we did it the right way. I can assure you, a vast number of the 98.4 percent of people that work in the city worry that their actions, based on the latest fad, will let them down.

Please don't misunderstand, there is a significant part of the grain farmers in this country in financial distress. But I suggest that most will remain steadfast in their belief that doing what they and their industry have done for centuries, making "operational changes" we will come out on top... again. I once heard that there is a Chinese proverb that suggests that there is no problem that can't be solved with three minutes of uninterrupted, concentrated thought. I've tried to give three minutes of focused time on several problems but each time other thoughts about other issues worked their way in. I have a great uncle who met the Lord while plowing. He said the long hours in the tractor, in those days without radios, smartphones, etc., he finally got around to dealing with the most important decision of his life. Maybe we can all benefit from returning to the tractor seat and turn off the radio and screens for a few hours, and connect with ourselves and maybe more.

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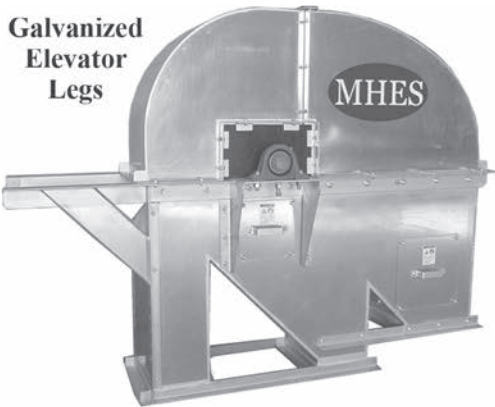
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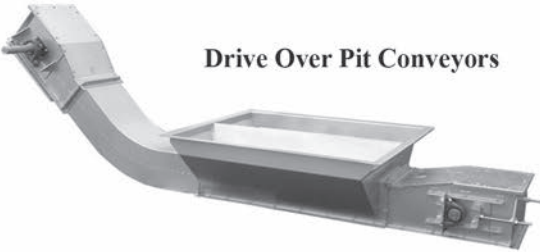
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Drake said the decision to purchase Drake Trailer was not too difficult given the level of expertise he and Cord have in manufacturing and sales.

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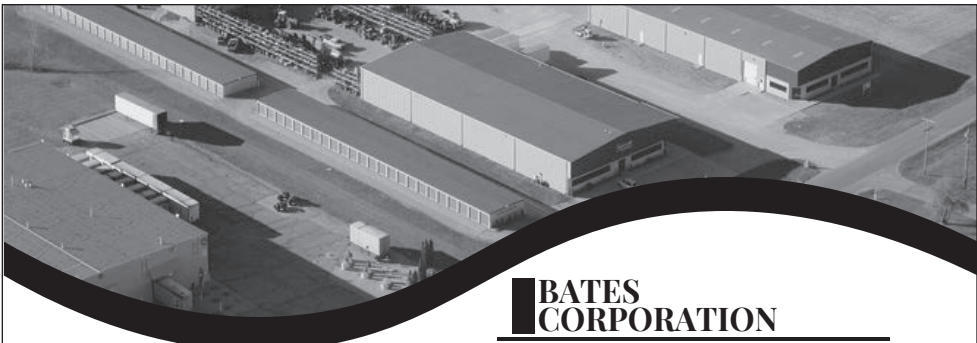
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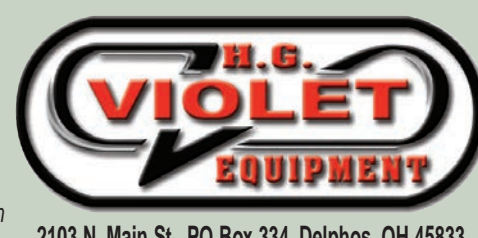


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Michigan tree serves as official White House Christmas tree

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

SIDNEY, Mich. – On the Monday before Thanksgiving, Jessica and Rex Korson, their family and friends, watched as two Clydesdales pulled a carriage holding a tree from their farm,



Above: The Korson's tree was the first tree from Michigan to be placed in the White House since 1985. To avoid cords on the floor, the chandelier is taken down and the electricity from the chandelier powers the tree. The tree must go to the ceiling so no cords show.

Korson's Tree Farms, up the North Drive to the White House. After the First Lady examined the tree, they all went inside for a conversation.

In July, judges selected a tree from the Korson's farm as the 2025 National Christmas Tree Association Grand Champion. This earned them the opportunity to present one of their trees as the Official White House Christmas tree.

"The White House sent the Secretary of Grounds, Dale Haney, to our farm in late September to look around and see if any of the trees we had met the specifications of what White House requires for the Blue Room Christmas tree," Jessica Korson said. "It has to be at least 19.5 feet tall."

The tree goes in the center of the Blue Room, said Rick Dungey, executive Director of the National Christmas Tree Association. They don't want any electrical wires going across the floor to power the lights.

"So they take the chandelier down in the center of the room, and they use the electricity that normally powers the chandelier to power the lights," Dungey explained. "They don't like the cords hanging down from the ceiling to be visible, so they want the tree to go right up to the top of the ceiling to hide the cords that are powering the lights."

In September, Haney selected a 22-year-old concolor fir. The Korsons used sizing poles to measure the height.

"We put a big bow on it," Korson said. "Then the week before Thanks-



Above: The Korson family watched as two Clydesdales pulled the carriage holding the tree up to the White House. First Lady Melania Trump examined it to be certain it was what she wanted.

giving, that Tuesday, we cut the tree down, baled it up, and the tree went into an enclosed trailer and was delivered to Washington, D.C."

On Friday, the tree had to go through security measures and was then placed on the carriage that would deliver it to the White House.

"The Monday before Thanksgiving, our family and some of our friends got to go to the White House," Korson said. "We went on a private tour of the White House first, and then we got to watch two horses pulling the carriage with the tree as it came up the North Drive of the White House. (Melania) Trump came out and made sure it was what

she wanted and took pictures with it. Then we got to go inside the White House and meet the First Lady and have a conversation with her and get some pictures with her.

"She was wonderful," Korson said. "She was so nice, and she is gorgeous. She was very cordial. We talked about our farm. She talked to our oldest son, Jack, who is going to be a third-generation farmer, she asked him about his college, because he just graduated with his MBA, and what his plans were. It was very short but it was very nice."

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Thanksgiving night fire damages Terre Haute, Ind., feed company

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. – Investigators were looking into the cause of a Thanksgiving Day fire that significantly damaged a longtime maker and distributor of grain and feed in Indiana.

Graham Feed Co. in Terre Haute is still in business in a limited capacity despite the feed mill portion of the business being destroyed.

Quality Manager Ben Furlong said feed from other mills is getting brought in to fill orders placed before the fire and meet the current needs of existing customers.

“These companies we’re working with have been excellent to try and help us out,” he said.

Emergency responders were called about 10 p.m.

Fire Department spokesman Nick Arnold said at least two aerial trucks were used to spray water onto the blaze from up above. It took about two hours to bring the fire under control but firefighters were there well into the next day putting out hotspots and later returned, occasionally, to put out flames whenever they rekindled.

He said firefighters also worked aggressively to prevent the fire from spreading to a connected warehouse area that stores livestock feed.

Arnold said he went to the site four days later and discovered the fire continuing to smolder despite about five inches of weekend snowfall.

“There was still quite a bit of steam coming off the pile of debris,” he said.

Arnold said a significant portion of the office space and multiple silos containing various amounts of grain were also damaged. Some of the burning silos wound up on the ground.

“Some were full. Some were half full,” he said.

Arnold said the Indiana State Fire Marshal’s office along with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were assisting in trying to determine the cause of the fire and where it started.

He said heavy machinery was used to move parts of the building that collapsed to help firefighters reach lingering hotspots with water.

Arnold said the same type of equipment will be used to help investigators comb through the rubble in their attempt to uncover the cause and origin of the blaze.

“I’m sure there will be more heavy



Above: A fire Thanksgiving night destroyed the feed mill at Graham Feed Co.

equipment on site as the investigation gets a little bit more in depth,” he said.

For over 70 years, Graham Feed Co., with three mixing lines, has manufactured feed for horses, cattle, poultry, pigs, caged small animals and wild birds.

There’s also a farm store offering a wide array of wild bird products, pet foods, animal health products like dewormers and shampoos along with miscellaneous items such as feed pans, tank deicers and halters.

The farm store is housed in a separate building and was not damaged in the fire.

Tyler Nettles, 22, said he was at home watching TV with his girlfriend when they kept hearing the sirens of fire trucks and other emergency response vehicles.

Eventually, he looked out a window and spotted the fire at the company about 150 yards from his residence. Nettles said he immediately stepped out his front door to see “the entire roof was completely on fire. It was like a giant orange ball in the sky,” he said.

Nettles said he watched the entire roof collapse about 30 minutes later. “It was kind of scary,” he said.

Several streets leading to the facility were closed to allow firefighters to work the blaze as safely as possible.

Furlong said no decisions have been made yet on rebuilding, but the plan is to remain in business in some form or fashion.

“Where that goes and how that evolves in the future that’s still yet to be determined but we’re here for the long haul,” he said.



Above: The First Lady invited the family inside for a conversation. That included Rex and Jessica Korson, their son, Thomas, the First Lady, Wayne and Vicki Korson (Rex’s parents), Kim Korson (Rex’s sister), and Jack Korson, Rex and Jessica’s son, in the back.

Christmas tree

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President Trump invited the family back to the White House to see the tree decorated and in place. They plan to go in mid-December.

“It was amazing to be able to bring a Michigan tree to the White House,” Korson said. “That hasn’t happened in 41 years. We were very honored to have that experience and that privilege.”

Dungey said he was pleased and wants people to know that the White House uses a farm-fresh Christmas tree to decorate.

“I think it is cool that we support American farmers by using a real Christmas tree in the White House,” he said. “It is a 60-year-old tradition of picking the tree from the farm of a National Grand Champion to display in the Blue Room. I think it is a great tradition and it highlights how wonderful real Christmas trees are that are grown by American farmers.”

It is difficult to win the Champion



Above: White House Grounds Superintendent Dale Haney visited Korson’s Tree Farms in September to select the tree for the White House. Shown here, Rex and Jessica Korson, their sons Thomas on the left and Jack on the right, with Dale Haney next to the bow.

Tree contest, Dungey said. Growing a really good Christmas tree is a skill. It takes a lot of hard work and years of experience.

“When somebody finally wins the National Contest, the prize needs to be good,” he said. “I can’t think of a better one than decorating the White House with the tree.”

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Closure of Tyson beef plan in Nebraska could impact rancher profits nationwide

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) – Tyson Foods’ decision to close a beef plant that employs nearly one third of residents of Lexington, Neb., could devastate the small city and undermine the profits of ranchers nationwide.

Closing a single slaughterhouse might not seem significant, but the Lexington plant employs roughly 3,200 people in the city of 11,000 and has the capacity to slaughter some 5,000 head of cattle a day. Tyson also plans to cut one of the two shifts at a plant in Amarillo, Texas, and eliminate 1,700 jobs there. Together those two moves will reduce beef processing capacity nationwide by 7-9 percent.

Consumers may not see prices change much at the grocery store over the next six months because all the cattle that are now being prepared for slaughter will still be processed, potentially just at a different plant. But in the long run, beef prices may continue to climb even higher than the current record highs – caused by a variety of factors from drought to tariffs – unless American ranchers decide to raise more cattle, which they have little incentive to do.

An increase in beef imports from Brazil, like President Donald Trump encouraged recently by slashing tariffs on the South American country, may help insulate consumers while ranchers and feedlots struggle with high costs and falling prices.

Here’s what we know about the impact of the plant closure and the changing tariffs:

A ‘gut punch’ to the community

Clay Patton, vice president of the Lexington-area Chamber of Commerce, said that Tyson’s announcement felt like a “gut punch” to the community in the Platte River Valley that serves as a key link in the agricultural production chain.

When it opened in 1990, the Lexington plant that Tyson later acquired revitalized and remade the formerly dwindling town by attracting thousands of immigrants to work there and nearly doubling the population.

When the plant closes in January, the ripple effects will be felt throughout the community, undermining many first-generation business owners and the investment in new housing, Patton said. Tyson said it will offer Lexington workers the chance to move to take open jobs at one of its other plants if they are willing to uproot their families for jobs hundreds of miles away.

‘I’m hopeful that we can come through this and we’ll actually become better on the other side of it,’ Patton said.

Elmer Armijo was struck by how established the community was when he moved to Lexington last summer to lead First United Methodist Church. He described solid job security, good schools and health care systems and urban development – all in doubt now.

“People are completely worried,” Armijo said. “The economy in Lexington is based in Tyson.”

Many local churches, Armijo’s included, are already offering counsel-

ing, food pantries and gas vouchers for community members.

Cattle prices falling in response

The prospect of losing a major buyer for cattle and increasing imports from Brazil, which already accounted for 24 percent of the beef brought into the country this year, only adds to doubts about how profitable the U.S. cattle business might be over the next several years, making it less likely that American ranchers will commit to raising more animals.

“There’s a just a lack of confidence in the industry right now. And producers are unwilling to make the investment to rebuild,” said Bill Bullard, president of Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund United Stockgrowers of America.

Boosting imports from Brazil has the potential to affect the market – much more than Trump’s suggestion to increase imports from Argentina – since the country sends more beef to America than any other. But for steak lovers, the sky-high price of the cut isn’t likely to be affected regardless, as most imports are lean trimmings that get mixed into ground beef.

Kansas State University agricultural economist Glynn Tonsor said it’s hard to predict whether imports will continue to account for roughly 20 percent of the U.S. beef supply next year. He pointed out that Trump’s tariffs have changed several times since they were announced in the spring and could quickly change again.

The only constant in the equation has been that consumers have contin-

ued to buy beef even as prices soar. Tonsor said on average Americans will consume 59 pounds of beef per person this year.

Tyson faces continued losses in the beef business

There has long been excess capacity in the meat business nationwide, meaning the nation’s slaughterhouses could handle many more cattle than they are processing. That has only been made worse in recent years as the government has encouraged more smaller companies to open slaughterhouses to compete with Tyson and the other giants that dominate the beef business.

Tyson expects to lose more than \$600 million on beef production this year after already reporting \$720 million of red ink in beef over the past two years.

Tonsor said it was inevitable that at least one beef plant would close. Afterward, Tyson’s remaining plants will be able to operate more efficiently at closer to full capacity.

Ernie Goss, an economist at Creighton University in Omaha, said the Lexington plant likely wasn’t measuring up in the industry increasingly reliant on technological advancements that enhance productivity.

“It’s very difficult to renovate or make the old plant fit the new world,” said Goss, who completed an impact study for a new Sustainable Beef plant. The Lexington facility “just wasn’t competitive right now in today’s environment in terms of output per worker.”

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Time to look back at 2025 and plan for next year’s pasture

December has a way of bringing the year into focus. By the time the last leaves have blown away, and the pasture has stopped changing from week to week, we finally get a chance to look back and evaluate what the season gave us. Weather patterns across Indiana varied throughout 2025. Some areas received decent moisture; others dealt with dryness or rain that came out of rhythm with forage needs. Even within my own operation, some pastures held up beautifully while others struggled. My forage quality was also precarious. Every year reminds us that the only constant is variability. Even so, winter always arrives, and with it comes the shift from growing forage to managing what we’ve grown.

Stockpiled forage is the backbone of winter grazing, and this year is no different. Tall fescue continues to prove itself as the most reliable winter feed in the Midwest. Its ability to hold nutritional value, stay upright and withstand repeated freeze-thaw cycles is unmatched. Good orchardgrass is worth having, but it should be used first; it doesn’t hold together once winter sets in. Fescue, on

the other hand, ages gracefully, and a well-managed stockpile often beats hay that could have been cut from the same field at the same stage – both nutritionally and fiscally.

The key to making stockpiling work is timing. Dormancy is the line in the sand. Once plants experience several nights at 25 degrees or below, the risk of damaging next spring’s growth drops significantly. In parts of Indiana this year, dormancy came later because of milder stretches of weather, but some areas are still waiting. That weather variability makes it even more important to watch the pasture itself rather than the calendar. Grazing too early can strip remaining leaves, initiating the plant to try and regrow while pulling from root reserves and setting the plant back. But once forage is dormant, it becomes a renewable winter resource that can be grazed down to a reasonable residual without harming spring regrowth.

Residual height still matters, even

GRAZING BITES

BY VICTOR SHELTON,
RETIRED NRCS AGRONOMIST/
GRAZING SPECIALIST

in winter. Leaving a few inches protects the soil surface, reduces erosion, enhances infiltration and helps catch moisture from snowmelt or winter rains. Fields that enter winter with strong residue respond better in spring. Controlled allocations, offering livestock one to three days of forage at a time, help stretch the stockpile and keep nutrients near where the forage was grown. Once plants are dormant, back-fencing becomes less critical; but controlled access still helps maintain even grazing and avoid selective pressure. While managing forage, it’s also worth checking that livestock maintain body condition and get adequate minerals, especially in years with variable weather.

Where stockpile is thin or dormancy hasn’t fully set in, bale grazing becomes a useful tool – not only for feeding livestock, but also for improving soil fertility and building organic matter. I’ve used bale grazing on my own farm and can attest to its long-term value when done with purpose. Placing bales strategically across weaker areas, thin soils or places needing more organic matter turns each feeding location into a nutrient deposit and soil-building event. As the animals work through each bale, they leave behind a mix of trampled hay, manure and urine that feeds soil biology and improves water-holding capacity. The results show up in the following growing season: darker soil, thicker forage, more even growth and more resilience during hot or dry spells.

Bale grazing is especially valuable in years when stockpile is limited or delayed. Instead of opening pastures too early and risking long-term damage,

feeding a few bales in targeted spots keeps livestock fed while protecting the perennial base. It also reduces tractor time and mud issues compared to feeding in the same concentrated area all winter. Spreading bales several yards apart distributes nutrients more evenly. Because livestock pull apart and trample part of the outer layer, much of the carbon enters the soil quickly. Don’t continue feeding in the same area. Once bales are consumed, it’s time to move on to start recovery. Bale grazing has repeatedly shown through university and producer trials to be one of the most cost-effective ways to distribute nutrients and improve weaker ground.

Temporary fencing continues to make both stockpile grazing and bale grazing more efficient. Good reels, strong poly-wire with multiple stainless-steel strands, and durable step-in posts with steel tips make life easier when the ground starts getting hard. In frozen soils, sturdy posts make the difference between a simple move and a frustrating one. Longer, narrower paddocks simplify allocations and movement, especially when animals are eager to move into fresh forage. During winter grazing, water access is more important than back-fencing, and a single water point often suffices since trailing is reduced in cold weather.

One of the quiet benefits of winter grazing is how much it reveals about pasture structure and management. When everything is green and growing, it’s easy to overlook weaker or thinner areas or places lacking organic matter. Winter exposes them. These are often the ideal spots for bale grazing or heavier stockpile use the next year. Each winter becomes a chance to rebuild the system from the ground up – literally. Areas that were overtaken by annuals during

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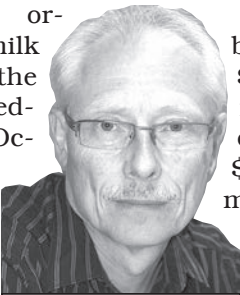
November Class III milk price up from October, but below year ago

The November Federal order benchmark Class III milk price was announced by the USDA at \$17.18 per hundred-weight, up 27 cents from October, but is \$2.77 below November 2024. That put the 11-month average at \$18.20, down from \$18.92 a year ago, but compares to \$17.11 in 2023. Wednesday's Class III futures settlements had December at \$15.80; January, \$15.26; February, \$15.42; March, \$15.74; and April at \$16.17 per cwt.

The November Class IV price is \$13.89, down 41 cents from October, \$7.23 below a year ago, and the lowest Class IV price since Feb. 2021. Its 11-month average is \$17.72, down from \$20.75 a year ago, and \$19.11 in 2023.

Global dairy prices continued to fall as fat lowered the boom in this week's Global Dairy Trade, the eighth consecutive event of decline. The weighted average fell 4.3 percent, biggest drop since Sept. 2, and followed a 3.0 percent decline on Nov. 18 and 2.4 percent on Nov. 4. Volume dropped to 75.6 million pounds, lowest since July 15, and down from 85.1 million on Nov. 18. The average metric ton price slipped to \$3,507 U.S., lowest since March 19, 2024, and down from \$3,678 on Nov. 18.

Butter again led the declines, plunging 12.4 percent, following a 7.6 percent drop on Nov. 18. Anhydrous milkfat was down 9.8 percent, after dropping 5.0 percent. Cheddar was up 7.2 percent, after falling 2.7 percent. Mozzarella was off 1.0 percent, after dropping 2.8 percent. Skim milk powder was down 1.6 percent after slipping 0.6 percent. Whole milk powder was down 2.4 percent, following a 1.9 percent decline. Buttermilk powder was up 1.8 percent and lactose was up 4.2 percent.



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY
By Lee Mielke

StoneX says the GDT 80 percent butterfat butter price equates to \$2.2874 U.S. per pound, down from \$2.6045. GDT Cheddar equated to \$2.1043, up from \$1.9632 last time. GDT skim milk powder averaged \$1.1331 per pound, down from \$1.1529, and whole milk powder averaged \$1.5259, down from \$1.5657 per pound.

Analyst Dustin Winston stated, "Volume sold in this GDT auction was down over 4,000 metric tons from the last event. As a result, every region had lower overall purchase volume compared to the previous week. North Asia, which includes China, total purchases was very close to last year's purchase volume. While most other regions declined in purchase volume, the biggest surprise was the Middle East growing more than 50 percent from last year's levels."

HighGround Dairy's Cara Murphy called it "a massive price correction, especially on milkfat," in the Dec. 8 Dairy Radio Now broadcast, and said New Zealand butter is below EU pricing but both are still below the U.S. so we will continue to see exports.

She added that New Zealand Cheddar is still holding at \$2.08 per pound or about 60 cents per pound more than the U.S. and EU so the U.S. will remain competitive in the Asiatic region in 2026.

She adds the caveat that there's a lot of milk coming out of New Zealand and the rest of the world so the market is over supplied and prices are definitely showing it. "Supply is driving the boat," she said, even while "demand isn't overly bad. We're really paying attention to the supply side of things as there's a lot of milk coming out of every place across the globe and that will impact the amount of dairy commodities

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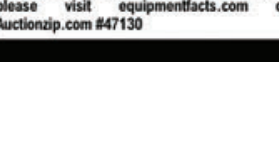
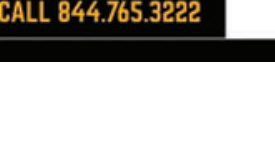
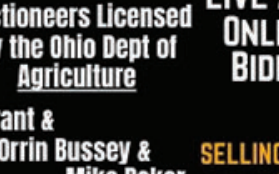
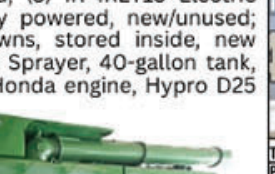
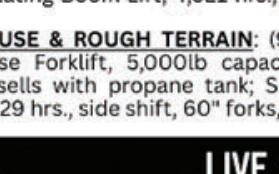
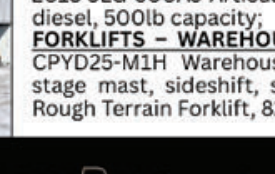
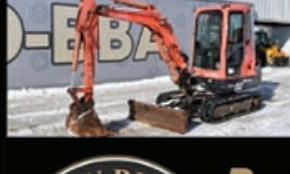
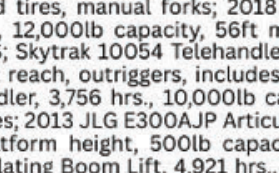
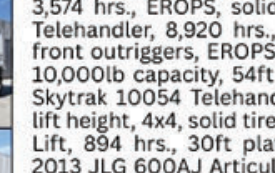
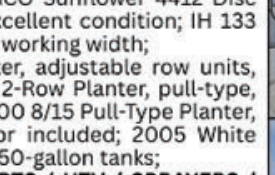
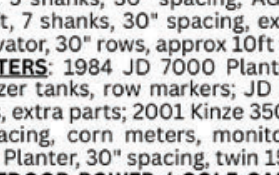
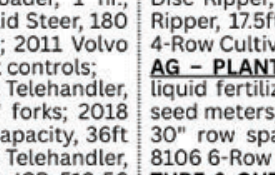
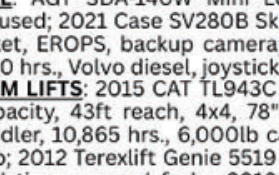
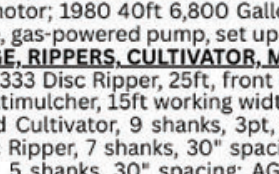
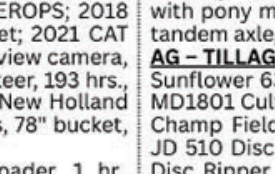
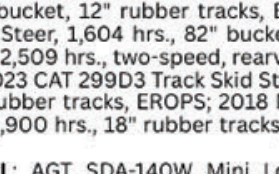
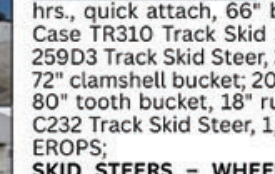
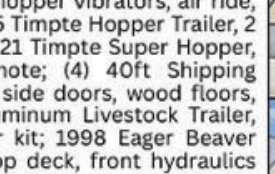
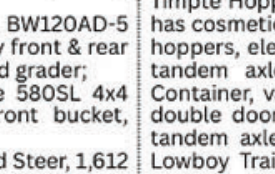
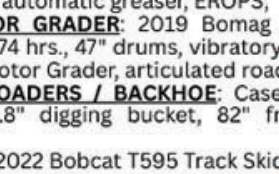
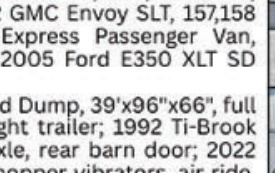
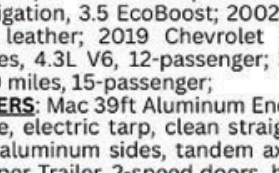
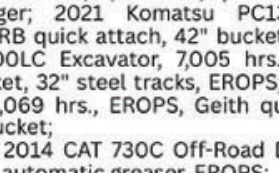
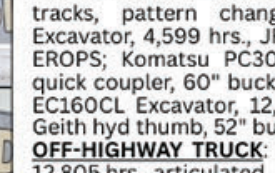
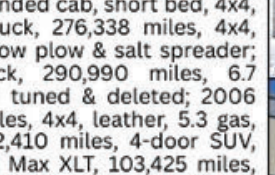
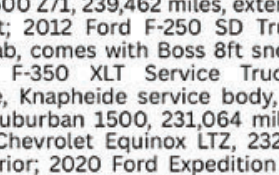
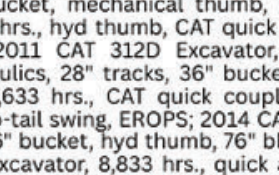
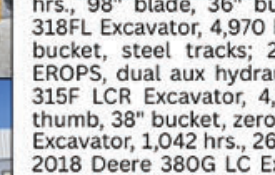
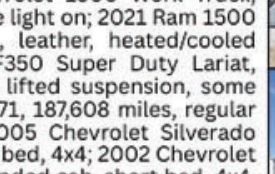
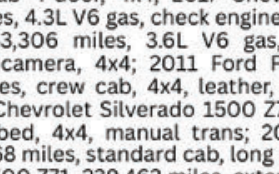
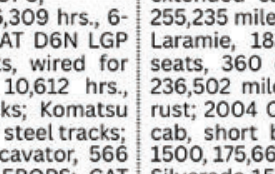
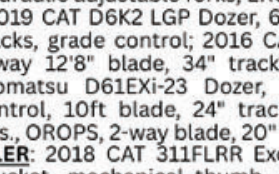
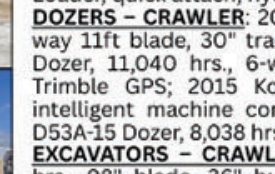
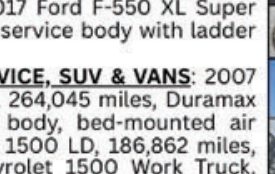
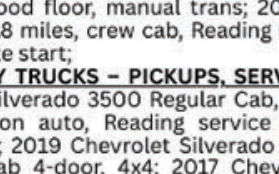
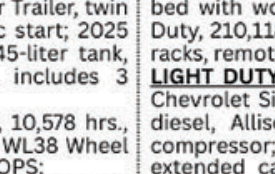
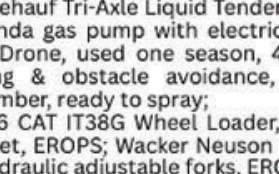
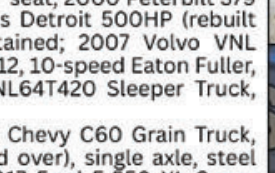
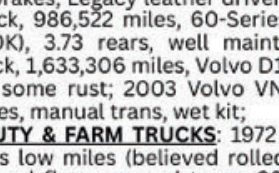
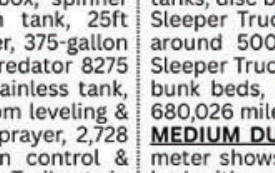
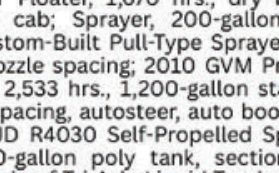
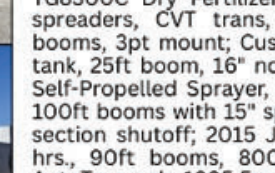
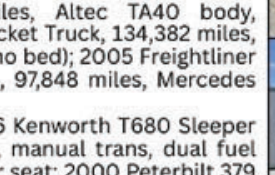
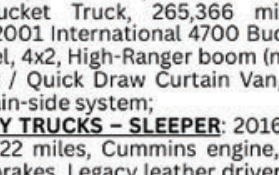
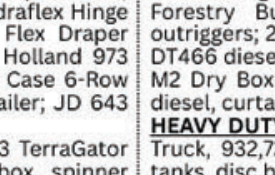
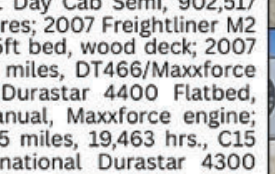
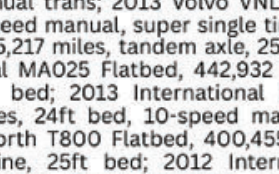
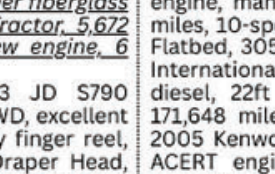
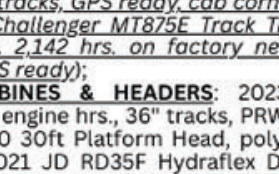
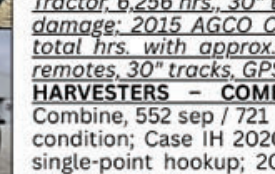
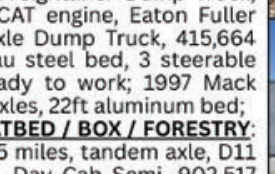
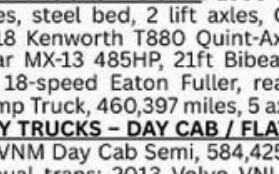
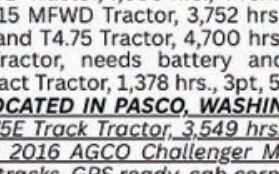
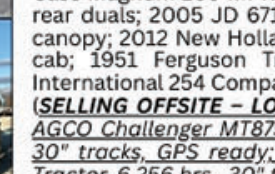
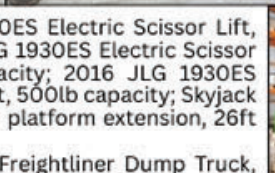
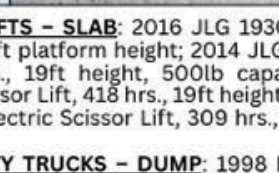
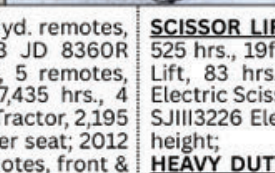
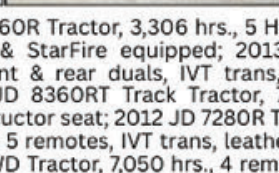
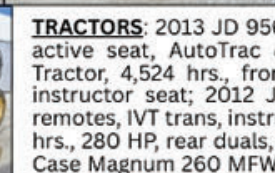
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(SELLING OFFSITE - LOCATED IN PASCO, WASHINGTON: 2017 AGCO Challenger MT875E Tractor, 3,549 hrs., 5 remotes, 30" tracks, GPS ready; 2016 AGCO Challenger MT875E Tractor, 6,256 hrs., 30" tracks, GPS ready, cab corner fiberglass damage; 2015 AGCO Challenger MT875E Tractor, 5,672 total hrs. with approx. 2,142 hrs. on factory new engine, 6 remotes, 30" tracks, GPS ready);

HARVESTERS - COMBINES & HEADERS: 2023 JD S790 Combine, 552 sep / 721 engine hrs., 36" tracks, PRWD, excellent condition; Case IH 2020 30ft Platform Head, poly finger reel, single-point hookup; 2021 JD RD35F Hydraflex Draper Head, 35ft, poly reel, low acres; 2022 JD HD50F 50ft Hydraflex Hinge Draper, grain saver belts; 2020 JD 740FD 40ft Flex Draper Platform, single-point hookup, poly snouts; New Holland 973 Terrain Tracer 30ft Platform Head, hydraulic reel; Case 6-Row Corn Head, 30" rows, head sells separate from trailer; JD 643 Corn Head, 6-row;

SPRAYERS, FLOATERS & TENDERS & DRONE: 2023 TerraGator TG8300C Dry Fertilizer Floater, 1,670 hrs., dry box, spinner spreaders, CVT trans, cab; Sprayer, 200-gallon tank, 25ft booms, 3pt mount; Custom-Built Pull-Type Sprayer, 375-gallon tank, 25ft boom, 16" nozzle spacing; 2010 GVM Predator 8275 Self-Propelled Sprayer, 2,533 hrs., 1,200-gallon stainless tank, 100ft booms with 15" spacing, autosteer, auto boom leveling & section shutoff; 2015 JD R4030 Self-Propelled Sprayer, 2,728 hrs., 90ft booms, 800-gallon poly tank, section control & AutoTrac, cab; 1995 Fruehauf Tri-Axle Liquid Tender Trailer, twin 3,000-gallon tanks, Honda gas pump with electric start; 2025 EA Vision J100 Spray Drone, used one season, 45-liter tank, LiDAR terrain following & obstacle avoidance, includes 3 batteries, has FAA N-number, ready to spray;

WHEEL LOADERS: 2006 CAT IT38G Wheel Loader, 10,578 hrs., quick attach, 105" bucket, EROPS; Wacker Neuson WL38 Wheel Loader, quick attach, hydraulic adjustable forks, EROPS;

DOZERS - CRAWLER: 2019 CAT D6K2 LGP Dozer, 6,309 hrs., 6-way 11ft blade, 30" tracks, grade control; 2016 CAT D6N LGP Dozer, 11,040 hrs., 6-way 12'8" blade, 34" tracks, wired for Trimble GPS; 2015 Komatsu D61EXI-23 Dozer, 10,612 hrs., intelligent machine control, 10ft blade, 24" tracks; Komatsu D53A-15 Dozer, 8,038 hrs., OROPS, 2-way blade, 20" steel tracks;

EXCAVATORS - CRAWLER: 2018 CAT 311FLR Excavator, 566 hrs., 98" blade, 36" bucket, mechanical thumb, EROPS; CAT 318FL Excavator, 4,970 hrs., hyd thumb, CAT quick coupler, 48" bucket, steel tracks; 2011 CAT 312D Excavator, 6,226 hrs., EROPS, dual aux hydraulics, 28" tracks, 36" bucket; 2016 CAT 315F LCR Excavator, 4,633 hrs., CAT quick coupler, CAT hyd thumb, 38" bucket, zero-tail swing, EROPS; 2014 CAT 306E Mini Excavator, 1,042 hrs., 26" bucket, hyd thumb, 76" blade, EROPS; 2018 Deere 380G LC Excavator, 8,833 hrs., quick attach, steel tracks, pattern changer; 2021 Komatsu PC138US LC-11 Excavator, 4,599 hrs., JRB quick attach, 42" bucket, 24" tracks, EROPS; Komatsu PC300LC Excavator, 7,005 hrs., Werk-Brau quick coupler, 60" bucket, 32" steel tracks, EROPS; 2007 Volvo EC160CL Excavator, 12,069 hrs., EROPS, Geith quick coupler, Geith hyd thumb, 52" bucket;

OFF-HIGHWAY TRUCK: 2014 CAT 730C Off-Road Dump Truck, 12,805 hrs., articulated, automatic greaser, EROPS;

COMPACTION & MOTOR GRADER: 2019 Bomag BW120AD-5 Double Drum Roller, 1,174 hrs., 47" drums, vibratory front & rear drums; Galion A500E Motor Grader, articulated road grader;

WHEEL & BACKHOE LOADERS / BACKHOE: Case 580SL 4x4 Backhoe, 6,261 hrs., 18" digging bucket, 82" front bucket, EROPS;

SKID STEERS - TRACK: 2022 Bobcat T595 Track Skid Steer, 1,612 hrs., quick attach, 66" bucket, 12" rubber tracks, EROPS; 2018 Case TR310 Track Skid Steer, 1,604 hrs., 82" bucket; 2021 CAT 259D3 Track Skid Steer, 2,509 hrs., two-speed, rearview camera, 72" clamshell bucket; 2023 CAT 299D3 Track Skid Steer, 193 hrs., 80" tooth bucket, 18" rubber tracks, EROPS; 2018 New Holland C232 Track Skid Steer, 1,900 hrs., 18" rubber tracks, 78" bucket, EROPS;

SKID STEERS - WHEEL: AGT SDA-140W Mini Loader, 1 hr., smooth bucket, new/unused; 2021 Case SV280B Skid Steer, 180 hrs., quick attach, bucket, EROPS, backup camera; 2011 Volvo MC115C Skid Steer, 1,550 hrs., Volvo diesel, joystick controls;

TELEHANDLERS & BOOM LIFTS: 2015 CAT TL943C Telehandler, 4,229 hrs., 9,000lb capacity, 43ft reach, 4x4, 78" forks; 2018 Genie GTH-636 Telehandler, 10,865 hrs., 6,000lb capacity, 36ft lift height, enclosed cab; 2012 Terexlift Engine 5519 Telehandler, 3,574 hrs., EROPS, solid tires, manual forks; 2018 JCB 512-56 Telehandler, 8,920 hrs., 12,000lb capacity, 56ft max lift, 4x4, front outriggers, EROPS; Skytrak 10054 Telehandler, 4,101 hrs., 10,000lb capacity, 54ft reach, outriggers, includes 95" bucket; Skytrak 10054 Telehandler, 3,756 hrs., 10,000lb capacity, 54ft lift height, 4x4, solid tires; 2013 JLG E300AJP Articulating Boom Lift, 894 hrs., 30ft platform height, 500lb capacity, electric; 2013 JLG 600AJ Articulating Boom Lift, 4,921 hrs., 60ft height, diesel, 500lb capacity;

FORKLIFTS - WAREHOUSE & ROUGH TERRAIN: (9) 2025 Heli CPYD25-M1H Warehouse Forklift, 5,000lb capacity, LPG, 3-stage mast, sideshift, sells with propane tank; Sellick SD-80 Rough Terrain Forklift, 829 hrs., side shift, 60" forks, cab;

SCISSOR LIFTS - SLAB: 2016 JLG 1930ES Electric Scissor Lift, 525 hrs., 19ft platform height; 2014 JLG 1930ES Electric Scissor Lift, 83 hrs., 19ft height, 500lb capacity; 2016 JLG 1930ES Electric Scissor Lift, 418 hrs., 19ft height, 500lb capacity; Skyjack SJIII3226 Electric Scissor Lift, 309 hrs., platform extension, 26ft height;

HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS - DUMP: 1998 Freightliner Dump Truck, 330,711 miles, steel bed, 2 lift axles, CAT engine, Eaton Fuller manual; 2018 Kenworth T880 Quint-Axle Dump Truck, 415,664 miles, Paccar MX-13 485HP, 21ft Bibbeau steel bed, 3 steerable drop axles, 18-speed Eaton Fuller, ready to work; 1997 Mack RD688S Dump Truck, 460,397 miles, 5 axles, 22ft aluminum bed;

HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS - DAY CAB / FLATBED / BOX / FORESTRY: 2015 Volvo VNM Day Cab Semi, 584,425 miles, tandem axle, D11 engine, manual trans; 2013 Volvo VNL Day Cab Semi, 902,517 miles, 10-speed manual, super single tires; 2007 Freightliner M2 Flatbed, 305,217 miles, tandem axle, 25ft bed, wood deck; 2007 International MA025 Flatbed, 442,932 miles, DT466/Maxforce diesel, 22ft bed; 2013 International Durastar 4400 Flatbed, 171,648 miles, 24ft bed, 10-speed manual, Maxforce engine; 2005 Kenworth T800 Flatbed, 400,455 miles, 19,463 hrs., C15 ACERT engine, 25ft bed; 2012 International Durastar 4300 Forestry Bucket Truck, 265,366 miles, Altec TA40 body, outriggers; 2001 International 4700 Bucket Truck, 134,382 miles, DT466 diesel, 4x2, High-Ranger boom (no bed); 2005 Freightliner M2 Dry Box / Quick Draw Curtain Van, 97,848 miles, Mercedes diesel, curtain-side system;

HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS - SLEEPER: 2016 Kenworth T680 Sleeper Truck, 932,722 miles, Cummins engine, manual trans, dual fuel tanks, disc brakes, Legacy leather driver seat; 2000 Peterbilt 379 Sleeper Truck, 986,522 miles, 60-Series Detroit 500HP (rebuilt around 500K), 3.73 rears, well maintained; 2007 Volvo VNL Sleeper Truck, 1,633,306 miles, Volvo D12, 10-speed Eaton Fuller, bunk beds, some rust; 2003 Volvo VNL64T420 Sleeper Truck, 680,026 miles, manual trans, wet kit;

MEDIUM DUTY & FARM TRUCKS: 1972 Chevy C60 Grain Truck, meter shows low miles (believed rolled over), single axle, steel bed with wood floor, manual trans; 2017 Ford F-550 XL Super Duty, 210,118 miles, crew cab, Reading service body with ladder racks, remote start;

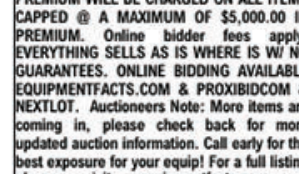
LIGHT DUTY TRUCKS - PICKUPS, SERVICE, SUV & VANS: 2007 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 Regular Cab, 264,045 miles, Duramax diesel, Allison auto, Reading service body, bed-mounted air compressor; 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LD, 186,862 miles, extended cab 4-door, 4x4; 2017 Chevrolet 1500 Work Truck, 255,235 miles, 4.3L V6 gas, check engine light on; 2021 Ram 1500 Laramie, 183,306 miles, 3.6L V6 gas, leather, heated/cooled seats, 360 camera, 4x4; 2011 Ford F350 Super Duty Lariat, 236,502 miles, crew cab, 4x4, leather, lifted suspension, some rust; 2004 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Z71, 187,608 miles, regular cab, short bed, 4x4, manual trans; 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500, 175,668 miles, standard cab, long bed, 4x4; 2002 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Z71, 239,462 miles, extended cab, short bed, 4x4, leather, rust; 2012 Ford F-250 SD Truck, 276,338 miles, 4x4, extended cab, comes with Boss 8ft snow plow & salt spreader; 2012 Ford F-350 XLT Service Truck, 290,990 miles, 6.7 Powerstroke, Knapheide service body, tuned & deleted; 2006 Chevrolet Suburban 1500, 231,064 miles, 4x4, leather, 5.3 gas, rust; 2012 Chevrolet Equinox LTZ, 232,410 miles, 4-door SUV, leather interior; 2020 Ford Expedition Max XLT, 103,425 miles, leather, navigation, 3.5 EcoBoost; 2002 GMC Envoy SLT, 157,158 miles, 4x4, leather; 2019 Chevrolet Express Passenger Van, 113,404 miles, 4.3L V6, 12-passenger; 2005 Ford E350 XLT SD Van, 118,670 miles, 15-passenger;

SEMI-TRAILERS: Mac 39ft Aluminum End Dump, 39'x96"x66", full liner, air ride, electric tarp, clean straight trailer; 1992 Ti-Brook End Dump, aluminum sides, tandem axle, rear barn door; 2022 Timpte Hopper Trailer, 2-speed doors, hopper vibrators, air ride, has cosmetic fire damage to front; 1995 Timpte Hopper Trailer, 2 hoppers, electric tarp, tandem axle; 2021 Timpte Super Hopper, tandem axle, electric tarp with remote; (4) 40ft Shipping Container, various configurations with side doors, wood floors, double doors; 2011 Eby Bull Ride Aluminum Livestock Trailer, tandem axle, rear roll-up door, winter kit; 1998 Eager Beaver Lowboy Trailer, 22ft wood deck, 8ft top deck, front hydraulics with pony motor; 1980 40ft 6,800 Gallon Tanker Trailer, air ride, tandem axle, gas-powered pump, set up for fertilizer;

AG - TILLAGE, RIPPERS, CULTIVATOR, MULCH FINISHERS: AGCO Sunflower 6333 Disc Ripper, 25ft, front disc, 16" spacing; Brillion MD1801 Cultimulcher, 15ft working width, pull-type; DMI Coulter Champ Field Cultivator, 9 shanks, 3pt, approx 12ft width; 1998 JD 510 Disc Ripper, 7 shanks, 30" spacing, pull-type; M&W 1165 Disc Ripper, 5 shanks, 30" spacing; AGCO Sunflower 4412 Disc Ripper, 17.5ft, 7 shanks, 30" spacing, excellent condition; IH 133 4-Row Cultivator, 30" rows, approx 10ft working width;

AG - PLANTERS: 1984 JD 7000 Planter, adjustable row units, liquid fertilizer tanks, row markers; JD 2-Row Planter, pull-type, seed meters, extra parts; 2001 Kinze 3500 8/15 Pull-Type Planter, 30" row spacing, corn meters, monitor included; 2005 White 8106 6-Row Planter, 30" spacing, twin 150-gallon tanks;

TURF & OUTDOOR POWER / GOLF CARTS / UTV / SPRAYERS / SEEDERS: (16) Gas & Electric 201-2021 Golf Carts, Rear Seats; Toro Wheel Horse Garden Tractor, 1,288 hrs., 48" fabricated deck, Kohler gas engine, clean, well maintained; Wheel Horse GT-2500 Garden Tractor with Blade; (2) SDLGC80 4-Seater Electric Golf Carts, Bluetooth multimedia display, LED dashboard, roof; (3) SdLanch SDLGC80 4-Seater Electric Golf Carts, digital dash, LED lights, off-road tires, new/unused; (3) IR IRET13 Electric Utility Carts, blue, cargo bed, battery powered, new/unused; Brillion 5ft Seeder, 3pt, used for lawns, stored inside, new brushes in 2025; Fimco Pull-Type Yard Sprayer, 40-gallon tank, electric pump; Gas-Powered Sprayer, Honda engine, Hypro D25 pump, 30-gallon tank;



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MFWD TRACTORS: ’19 CIH 340, 4 hyds, 4600 hrs, 420/85R34 frnt, 480/80R50 rear tires/ duals, q-hitch, 18 frnt wts, inside rear wts, lg 1000 pto, red interior, globe & screen, w/ plntr outlets; CIH 8910, 5900 hrs, CAH, cold a/c, frnt wts, 18.4-42 duals, farm retire; CIH 8910, CAH, 540-1000 pto, 3 hyds, 18.4-42 duals, 7600 hrs, frnt wts; ’17 JD 6120E, 3300 hrs, 3 hyds, 24 sp, LH reverser, 540/1000 pto, JD H3120 ldr; JD 5065E, 16.9-24, 3pt, 650 hrs, sngl hyds, top link, joy stick; JD 5410, w/ JD 540 ldr, 3pt hook up, 5400 hrs, joy stick, 6’ bkt, cab, dsl, LH rvrsr, diff lock, 2 hyds; JD 8400, CAH, 18.4-46, lg 1000 pto; JD 8400, CAH, 3 hyds, lg 1000 pto, plntr hook-up, 3pt, quick cplr, 480/46 rear, 380/34 frnt, 10 bolt, frnt fndrs, frnt & rear wts, good solid tractor; ’88 JD 4650, shows 2300 hrs (approx. 12K), 3hyds, 1000 pto, pwr shift, q-hitch, new hyd pump, rebuilt trans & scv’s, rebushed ps housing; ’97 JD 8100, 6000 hrs, frnt wts, 1000 pto, 4 hyds, 380/85R30 frnt & 18.4R42 rear; JD 8100, CAH, 3 hyds, 18.4-42 tires/ duals, 10 bolt, frnt fndrs, lg 1000 pto, 3pt, 250 lb inside rear wts, CFX 750, Trimble auto steer, xtra hyd for plntr, new tires; White 6195, 4100 hrs, “work horse”, 20.8-42 duals, 10 bolt, 90%, 3pt, lg 1000 pto, frnt wts; ’95 Agco Allis 9695, CAH, 3500 hrs, 18 sp, ps, 18.4-46 duals, frnt wts, lg 1000 pto, top link, 3 hyds, cold a/c, well maint.

4X4 TRACTORS: JD 9360R, diff lock, 360hp, lg 1000 PTO, 18F/6R pwrshft, 710/70R42 duals, 5 rear hyds, Cat 4 drawbar, premium HID lights, greasable steer cyl pins, 2 inner 1350 lb whl wts, Premium Command View II cab; JD 8650, 3500 hrs, 4 hyds, 3pt, q-hitch, 20.8-38 (50%) & duals (20%); JD 8450, 6800 hrs, 3 hyds, 3pt, lg 1000 pto, quick cplr, 20.8-34 tires/ duals, 10 bolt, estate; Case 2470, duals, 3pt, pto, runs & drives, stored outside.

TRACTORS: IH 1586, approx. 6000 hrs, led lights, 20.8 tires/duals, CAH, new cam in ’24, new frnt damper pulley in ’25, rod & main brngs good, dynos @ 200hp, good T.A., everything works; CIH 7220, 6500 hrs, 2 ownrs, 4 sp rev, dual pto, 3 hyds, top link; CIH 7120, CAH, 6100 hrs, eng OH @ 5806 hrs, 2 ownrs, 540/1000 pto, 18.4-42 tires & duals, 3 hyds, top link, 4 sp reverse, frnt wts, farmer retire; IH 1086, 3300 hrs, 2 ownrs, CAH, 540/1000 pto, 2 hyds, 3pt, top link, diff lock, off 70 acre farm; IH 1086, 540/1000 pto, off 200 acre farm, 2 ownrs, 2 hyds, CAH, shows 819 hrs, 18.4-38, diff lock; IH 1086, 5200 hrs, 18.4-38, CAH, 134 a/c, diff lock, 540/1000 pto, 3 hyds; IH 986, CAH, red pwr, 10.00-16 frnt & 18.4-38 tires/duals, q-hitch, 540/1000 pto, 2 hyds, 5000 hrs, 3pt, frnt wts, diff lock, 1 ownr, farmer retire; IH 806, single hyds, dual pto, new FS 18.4-38 tires; ’67 IH 706, 6600 hrs, gas, frnt fndrs, new torque & clutch, 3pt, 540/1000 pto, 15.5-38, sngl hyds, runs sweet; IH 656, hydro, w/ BH ldr, 4300 hrs, 540 pto, 2 hyds, gas; IH 5288, CAH, 20.8-38, 10 bolt, 3 hyds, 1000 pto; IH 3688, 7300 hrs, CAH, 540/1000 pto, 3 hyds, 3pt, eng OH, diff lock, 18.4-38; IH 3588, sm 1000 pto, 18.4-38, runs good; CIH 1896, dsl, CAH, 18.4-38, dual hyds; CIH 895, dsl, w/ CIH 2250 frnt ldr, open station, 2 hyds, 2100 hrs, 540 pto, 3pt, diff lock, one ownr, farmer retire; Case 2590, 20.8-38 tires/axle mnt duals, frnt wts, 2 hyds, 1000 pto, 6100 hrs, farmer owned, used ’25, parking brake doesn’t work; Case 2390, 5700 hrs, 2 hyds, 1000 pto; Case 1370, CAH, shows 1700 hrs, not accurate, 18.4-38, 90%, dual hyds, 3pt, top link, sm 1000 pto, 9 bolt hubs; JD 4630, 18.4-38 tires/duals, frnt wts, 1000 pto, q-hitch, 3 hyds, 1 ownr; ’74 JD 4430, 3pt, 540-1000 pto, 4 hyds, quad range, dsl, 2 hyds, CAH, 8600 hrs, farmer estate; JD 4030, dsl, 5100 hrs, quad range, fctry canopy, w/ JD 148 ldr, bkt & forks, 2 hyds, 540 pto, 3pt, top link, diff lock, 15.5-38, farmer retire; JD 4020, dsl, pwr shift, WFE, dual hyds, diff lock; JD 2510, w/ JD 148 ldr, 6500 hrs, diff lock, 3pt, 540/1000 pto, 2 hyds, 13.6-38; ’12 NH TS6.125, CAH, dsl, 18.4-34, 1600 hrs, dual hyds, frnt/rear wts, 540/1000 pto, 3pt, quick cplr, LH reverser; MF 1135, dsl, cab, 18.4-38, 540/1000 pto, dual hyds, 6100 hrs, a/c out; Deutz 6006, 2500 hrs, 540 PTO, 2 hyds, 80% rubber, runs exc; Agco White 6710, 2000 yr, 5700 hrs, 540/1000 pto, CAH, w/ mwr, broken door; IH 1586, runs but looks rough.

Randy Rosenboom Estate – Sells at 11:30am

’04 JD 7420 Tractor, 8895 hrs, 3 hyds, 16 spd pwr quad, 3pt, top link, dual pto, 18.4-38 rear, 14.9-28 steer tires, grill guard, 8 frnt wts, frnt fndrs; ’08 JD 9630T Tractor, 4609 hrs, 4 hyds, 18 speed pwr steer, ISO harness, GreenStar ready, leather seat, Sturd-E-Built rock box; ’11 JD 4830 Sprayer, 1000 gal, SS tank, 100’ booms, 3207 hrs, 7 sec cntrl, hyd head aug, 5 pos nzls, inductor, hand rinse, FS 380/90R46, fenders, hyd steps, JD 2630 mon, GreenStar ready.

Ken & Marilyn Swanson Estate – Sells @ 9:30am

AC XT190 Tractor, new FS 18.4-34, 4300 hrs, 3pt, 2 hyds, dsl, 540 pto, doesn’t jump out of gear; IH 1086 Tractor, 4600 hrs, dsl, 2 hyds, 540/1000 pto, quick cplr, FS 18.4-38, 90%, rear whl wts; Ford 4500 Tractor, gas, frnt ldr, bhoe attach, only 2100 hrs, gas, no welds, straight, hasn’t ran 9 yrs, eng is free, needs carb work, 42” ditch bkt; JD 960 Field Cult, 20’, 9” swps, single pt depth cntrl, walk tands on main, gauge whls on wings. IH 55 Chisel Plow, 15’, 3pt, 3 bar, w/ springs; Tye Series V Drill, 15’, 8” sp, hyd frnt hitch, good blds; IH 496 Disk, 18’, 7.5” sp, 18” frnt & 19” rear blds; Demco 150 gal Sprayer, 40’ booms, 540 pto, ditchbank wand, dbl-fold, never used; Case 9’ Sickle Mwr, 3pt, 540 pto, end guard; Ficklin 231 Wgn, w/ hyd auger & motor; Ficklin 231 Wgn, on EZ Trail 1074 10T gear, w/ seed auger; Ficklin 231 Wgn; (2) Ficklin 231 Wgns, on Lindsay gear, 11L-15 tires; Ficklin 231 Wgn, on Lindsay gear, 11L-15 tires; Ficklin 231 Wgn, w/ unload auger, elec gear, 12.5-15 tires, 8 bolt whls; Ficklin 231 Wgn, rough, elec gear, side auger, 12.5-15 tires, 8 bolt whls, has beans inside; Ford 6’ Mower, 540 pto; Dual Hyd Multiplier, off IH 1086; 24” & 36” Excavator Bkts, w/ teeth, off Ford 4500; Ford 44’ Fork Attachment; (6) IH 100# Frnt Wts; (2) BF Goodrich 18.4-38 Duals, 10 bolt rims; (6) IH Frnt Wts; (4) 12.5L-15, 8 bolt rims; (2) 9.5L-14SL, 6 bolt rims; (1) 11L-15, 6 bolt rims; (1) New 11L-15, 6 bolt rims; (2) IH 10 Bolt Hubs.

COMPACT TRACTORS: JD 1025R, 927 hrs, cab, heat, q-hitch, w/ JD 52” broom.

FRONT LDRS/BUCKETS/BLADES/FORKS: JD 148 Ldr, off JD 4020; JD 148 Frnt Ldr, w/ bale spear; CIH 2355 Ldr, w/ brkts; CIH 2355 Ldr, w/ bkt; Better Built Ldr, came off IH 1086, w/ brkts; Farmhand F348 Frnt Ldr, off IH 666; Better Built Ldr off IH 1086; Great Bend Frnt Ldr, off Case 970, works good; Great Bend 760 Frnt Ldr, QT bkt, forks; Westendorf Frnt Ldr, w/ hrdwr; Several 48” Pallet Forks, 5500 lb, skid ldr mount.

COLLECTORS: JD G, WFE, restored, fenders, 14.9-38, 540 pto, nut & bolt paperwork; IH 1586, MFWD, CAH, 1000 pto, dual hyds, 20.8-38; Case DC, WFE, straight; Case 830, 540 pto, 2 hyds, WFE, 540 pto, 3pt, 7.5L-15 frnt & 18.4-34 rear, runs & drives good; IH 706, wheatland, 4900 hrs, 3pt, gas, dual pto, dual hyds; ’67 Case 1030, dsl; ’67 Oliver 1850, dsl, 5300 hrs, 540 pto, dual hyds, pwr adjust, 18.4-34, rear wts, set back frnt end; Cockshutt 770, wheatland, dsl; IH M, NFE, 13.6-38 (like new), belt pulley, runs good, rear wts; IH Farmall 350, 2pt hitch, 540 pto, 14.9-26, runs good; Massey Harris 22, older repaint, runs good; IHC F20, chevy eng, frnt ldr w/ 5’ bkt, 540 pto, starts & runs; JD 40 Crawler, frnt blade w/ hyds, 4 spd, 25hp, restored, runs smooth, tilt, 540 pto, new tracks.

INDUSTRIAL: ’22 CAT 279D2 Skid Ldr, XPS, 470 hrs, hyd detach, hi flow, 2 spd, tracks, CAH, sharp!; Case 1845C Skid Steer, 5800 hrs, aux hyds, Cummins dsl eng, 12-16.5 NHS, 78” bkt, well maint; Case 1835B Skid Ldr, w/ forks, SN: 1720706; Stout HD72-4 Brush Grapple; Stout 78-3 Grapple; Stout 84” Utility Grapple; ’99 Komatsu WA250 Articulating Whl Ldr, one ownr, quick-tach, bucket & forks, 4200 hrs; JD 544B Whl Ldr, 3100 hrs, JD 6 cyl turbo dsl eng, 105hp, 4 spd pwr shift, runs & works good; Kubota R520 Whl Ldr, 4WD, dsl, 5600 hrs, frwd & rev, grapple, pallet forks & adaptor, articulating; ’16 JD 300G-LC Excavator, 5800 hrs, JRB quick cplr, 48” bkt, 32” trks, good under carriage, rear camera, a/c, heated seat, 1 own; JD 860A Scraper, 215 hp, 5 spd, powershift, hyd brakes, diff lock, 15.1 cu yd, self loading.

MECHANIC SPECIALS: CIH 8010, 5300/3900 hrs, 73x44.00 frnt tires, chpr, Pro 700 auto steer, feeder chain broke & went thru machine; NH LW230 Wheel Ldr, 5200 hrs, 26.5R15 Bridgestone radial tires, 80% tread, 8.3 Cummins eng, ACS hyd q-tach bkt, 4 sp pwr shift, 48,000 lb operating weight, does not move forward; IH 1466, doesn’t run; IH 666, dsl, hydro, 2 hyds, 540 pto, 13.6-38, runs but has blow-by; IH 574, gas, w/ IH 2050 ldr, pow steer, 3pt, top link, 540 pto, runs, fuel tank needs cleaning; Case 2390, drives but has a knock; Bobcat 773 Skid Steer, cab, q-tach bkt, runs but has blow-by; JD 5205, 3400 hrs, w/ JD 521 frnt ldr,

joy stick, 2 hyds, top link, 540 pto, 9.5-24 frnt & 14.9-28 rear, q-hitch bkt & pto doesn’t work; Farmall 350, 2WD, frnt ldr & bhoe, carb needs cleaning.

COMBINES: ’01 CIH 2388, 3800/2700 hrs, rock trap, Maurer bin ext, 30.5-32 frnt & 14.9-24 rear, JD lift cyl, AFS contour master, prec globe, been thru Birkey’s shop; CIH 1660, 4100 hrs, 4WD, bin ext, 30.5L-32 frnt (90%) & 16.9-26 rear, sm grain & corn concaves, rock trap, well maint, farmer retire, shedded; ’92 JD 9400, 2WD, Maurer bin ext, chpr, chaff sprdr, 4500/3200 hrs; ’13 JD S680, 2WD, 3800/2800 hrs, pwr bin ext, duals, power tail board; JD 6620, 2800 hrs, 2WD, 24.5-32, chpr, Vittatoe sprdr, well maint, farmer retire; JD 6620, Titan II, 2WD, 5800 hrs, sidehill; JD 6620, 2WD, 23.1-26; JD 7700, 2WD, 5100 hrs, hydro, hyd reel drive, dam hdr cntrl, new unload auger tube, Lowen chaff sieve, 134A a/c, chpr slow down.

CORN HEADS: JD 612C, “Stalk Master”, 12R-30”, sngl pt hook up, hyd deck plts, stubble lights; JD 606C, “Stalk Master”, 6R-30”, 2008 yr, adj deck plts, lights; JD 893, 12R-20”, good poly; JD 893, 8R-30”, rebuilt, good rolls & deck plts; JD 893, 8R-30”; ’05 JD 693, 6R-30”, hyd deck plts, pto drive, low acres; JD 693, 6R-30”, local farm retire; JD 653A; JD 643, 6R-30”, lo-tin, good rolls, oil bath, deck plates, stlk stmptrs, ear svrs; JD 643, 6R-30”, good rolls, oil bath, ear svrs, used fall ’25; JD 643, 6R-30”, lo-tin, oil bath, farmer retire; JD 643, 6R-30”, oil bath, ear svrs, used ’25; JD 444, 4RW; JD 444, 4RW, hi-tin, good rolls; JD 443, 4R-30”, hi-tin, good rolls; CIH 2412, 12R-30”, hyd deck plates; CIH 2208, 8R-30”, stalk stmptrs, roll cones, farm retire; CIH 2208, 8R-30”, hyd deck plts; CIH 2206, good rolls, hyd deck plts; IH 963, 6R-30”, good knives & chains.

GRAIN HEADS: JD 930F; ’96 JD 925, 25’, poly dvdrs; JD 925F, 25’, fore & aft, full finger, sngl pt hook up, pto drive; JD 925F, 3” cut, SS floor, good poly, fore & aft, chain cplr hook up, full finger, good poly, farm retire; JD 925, 25’, SS floor; JD 920F, poly skd plts & auger liner, converted to pto hook up; JD 920, 20’, hyd fore & aft, SS floor, ok poly, no rock damage; JD 915, flex hd, ss floor, skd plts, excellent auger pan & fngrs; JD 216, 16’, 3” cut, very nice; JD 215, 15’, 3” cut, SS floor, dial-o-matic; CIH 2020, 30’, full finger, 3” cut, good drum; CIH 1020, 20’, 3” cut, good poly, fore & aft, good drum, oil bath; CIH 1020, 17.5’, oil drive, 3” cut, farmer retire; ’03 CIH 1020, 15’, flex hd, dual drive, hyd fore & aft, 3” sickle, MF 9316, 16’.

HEAD CARTS: ’23 EZ Trail 680, 26’, JD brkts, dbl tie downs, 20.5 tires; (2) EZ Trail 680, 20’, ext tongue, same as new; EZ Trail 680, 20’, black; UM HT-30.

AUGER CARTS: Brent 620, 14” unload auger, new inside auger, unload auger & gear box, fighting is exclnt; Parker 500, 500 bu, crnr auger, 23.1-26, 10 ply, sm 1000 pto, good augers; EZ Trail 475, good augers, 18.4-26, fndrs, sm 1000 pto, no welds; A&L 500, 18.4-26, good auger, tarp; UM GC4900, new tarp & tires, 1000 pto, light on auger; Ficklin CA9600, 1000 pto, 23.1-26 tires, 85%, 14” unload auger, runs exclnt.

WAGONS: KB 1065, 4 brks, ext hitch, light kit, 425/65R-22.5, like new, always shedded; EZ Trail 3400, 11L-15SL, 6 bolt whls, 300 bu, LH side dump; Ficklin 400, center dump; UM 530, lights, used ’25; (2) DMI 350 bu, center dump; DMI E280, ext hitch, 12.5L-15SL, farmer retire; DMI 280 bu, center dump, 10.00-20 truck tires, 8 lug; DMI 280 bu, center dump, 11.00-16.5 truck tires, 8 lug.

GRAIN AUGERS: Westfield 8056, 8”x56’, 540 pto driven; Westfield 10”x53’; GSI S-4787, 12”x80’, elec swing away, 540 pto, scissor hyd lift, remotes.

GRAIN DRYERS: Farm Fans CF-225, LP gas, 3 phase, 3800 hrs, new upper fan motor, ready to go!.

PLANTERS: Kinze 4900, 12R-30”, bulk-fill, narrow trans, sharp!; Kinze 3800, 24R-30”, NT, floating trash whls, Keeton frmrs, fold mrkrs, nice!; ’11 Kinze 3700, 24R-30”, u-set vac, spike clsg whls & trash whips, 2x2 fert w/ flow sense, furrow jet fert, seed firms, 20/20 Gen II, (2) ground pumps, sharp; Kinze 3600, 16/32R, c/b mtrs, box exts, 4 spring DP, Kinze NT combos, bevel on blds, KPM II; Kinze 2600, 16R-30”, dry fert, SD fert opnrs, Kinze NT, 2 ownrs, new fert bxs, cross auger, poly cross auger, prcsn corn mtrs, no welds, KM3000; Kinze 2600, 12/24R, brush bean/finger corn mtrs, spike clsg whls, rebuilt spring 2023; Kinze 2500, 8/15R, NT combos on corn, NT on beans, 4 sprg DP, Kinze bean mtrs; ’97 JD 1770, 16R-30”, flex frame, vac, 1.6 Bu bxs, 2pt hitch, mrkrs, rubber closing whls, hvy DP springs, liq fert w/ pump, CT 250; JD 1760, 12R-30”, c/b mtrs, row cltchs, NT, row clnrs, CT350; JD 1750, 6R-30”, vac, dry fert, Max-Emrg, NT combos, hvy duty DP springs, insect bxs, cons frame; JD 7200, 12R-30”, frnt fold, vac, new chains, hyd motor, Precision corn mtrs, JD bean mtrs; JD 7200, 12R-30”, NT, liq fert, flex frame, c/b plates; JD 7200, 12R-30”, liq fert, finger pu; JD 7200, 6R-30”, finger pu, NT, 4 spr down press, 1 ownr, low acres; JD 7200, 4RW, dry fert, vac; JD 7100, 6R-30”, 3pt, NT, units rebushed, bvl on blds; JD 7000, 12R-30”, end trans; JD 7000, 12R-30”; JD 7000, 6R-30”, press corn mtrs, lift cyl, 4 sprng DP; JD 7000, 6R-30”, min-till, corn mtrs; JD 7000, 6R-30”, NT, hvy duty DP springs, prec corn mtrs, insect bxs, lift cyl, sharp! JD 7000, 4R-38”, dry fert, mrkrs; JD 7000, 4R-30”, liq fert, Ytr NT combos, 2 sprg DP, c/b meters, insect bxs, drag chains; JD 7000, 4R; ’10 CIH 1250, 24R, 2500 ac on rebuild, always shedded, farm retire; CIH 1220, 6R-30”, sngl disk liq fert opnrs, mrkrs, row clnrs, vac, insect bxs, 6” closing whls, red ball system, grnd drive John Blue piston pump; White 8106, 6R-30”, dry fert, DD fert opnrs, Ytr NT combos, frame mntd, Keeton seed frmrs, insect, bevel on blds; White 6242, 12R-30” corn, 12R-15” bean, NT, 4 sprg DP; White 6100, 6/13R, 540 pto pump; NI 9800, 6R-30”, dry fert, SD fert opnrs, same as White 6100.

GRAIN DRILLS: GP 3010, 30’, 7.5” sp, NT, mrkrs; GP 3010, 30’, 7.5” sp, NT, mrkrs, used in ’25, just out of shed; ’04 GP 2000, 20’, NT, only 9200 acres, new seed blds & NTs, mrkrs; GP 1500, 15’, 7.5” sp, NT caddy, new seed blds, 2” press whls, farmer retire; GP 1205, 12’, 7.5”sp, 4250 acres, 2 ownrs; ’11 JD 1590, 15’, 7.5” sp, NT, dolly whl, q-fill auger, new blds; JD 1590, 15’, NT, dolly whl, 7.5” sp, JD mrkrs, new blds; JD 1560, 15’, 7.5” sp, dolly whl, Ytr mrkrs, bevel on blds; JD 750, 15’, 7.5”, dolly whl, new seed blds, gauge whls, bearings & seed tubes, PM 4000; ’97 JD 750, 15’, NT, new seed blds, grass seed; ’97 JD 750, 15’, NT, 7.5” sp, damage to rightside of box, still usable; ’96 JD 750, 15’, NT, new seed blds & gauge whls; JD 750, 15’, mrkrs, 7.5” sp, grass seed, well maint, farmer retire; JD 8300, 3pt, press whls, hardly used; CIH 5500, 30’, 15” sp, soybean special; CIH 5400, 15’, 7” sp, Ytr NT caddy; CIH 5300, 21x7, grass, press whls; IH 5100, 15’, new tires, seed tubes, disk opnrs, press whls, chains, drive cltchs; IH 5100, 21x7, press whls, 4 bar CT scratcher; IH 5100, 21x7”, w/ UM caddy & Bervac bschts; IH 510, 15”; Tye 114-4360, Series V, 15’, NT, 8” sp, grass; GP 20’, 3pt.

PLANTER & DRILL PARTS: (2) Pr Ytr 15’-20’Mrkrs, cmplt; (12) JD NT’s; White 6100 Plant Unit; (2) JD 7000 Row Units; (2) Sets of (2) JD 7000 Drive Whls, w/ spkts & cyl, cmplt; (2) 70 gal Liq Fert Tanks, w/ JD mounts; JD 7000 Lift Wheel, cmplt; Pr JD Mrkr Ends; JD 7200 Whl Asmbly; (8) Kinze PU Fngrs; (12) Kinze Brush Meters; Pr Ytr 15’ NT Mrkrs, cmpl w/ hoses & dvtr; Vac Motor & Blwr, works good; JD 70 gal Fert Tank; (12) Kinze Corn Meters; (6) JD 7000 Row Units, t-hndl w/ cltrs; (12) Drag Chains; (16) Ytr SD Fert Cltrs; (15) Trash Whls; (16) Seed Mtrs, off JD 7000; (2) Sets of (8) NT/Trash Whl Combos; (12) E-set Plntr Mtrs; (12) JD Plntr Air Bags; (12) JD 7000 Radial Bean Mtrs, fits Kinze; Pr Ytr 15’ Mrkrs; (5) GP Drill Row Units; (8) New Martin Spike Whls; (6) Cast Clsg Whls w/ bearings; GP 20’ NT Caddy, 7.5” sp, adjustable, good blds; Ytr 20’ Mrkrs; Seed Trans off JD 7200; Fert Pump off JD 7200 12R; (8) Bean Cups; (6) Keeton Seed Frmrs; (3) JD 70 gal Liq Tanks; (8) JD DD Fert Opnrs; (12) Kinze Brush Mtrs; Pr 15’ Ytr Mrkers, complete; (6) Kinze Bean Mtrs.

SPRAYERS: 02’ Rogator 854 Ag Chem, 4900 hrs, 1000 gal, 90’ bms, 20” sp, auto steer, Viper Pro mon; Hardi NAV1100, 80’ booms, 1100 gal, 1000 pto, pull type, 12.4-42, Mustand 3500 cntrls; Hardi NAV1000, 60’ booms, 13.6-38, fmr, rinse tank, Eagle booms, org Hardi pump, one own, farm retire, always shd; Hardi NAV550, 550 gal, 45’ booms, hvy duty chassis, 11.2-38, adj axle 60”-90”, trpl nozzles, indctr, 5 gal rinse tank, hand wash, quickfill, Hardi joystick boom, cntrls, hyd pump; Top Air TA1200, pull type, 80’ booms, hyd fold, dual whls, pto pump, rinse tank, inductor, hand rinse, hyd booms, triple valve body, 320-90R46 duals; GP TSF1290, 90’ booms, 1250 gal, rinse tank, 14.9-46, no welds, straight booms, good cond; Century HD1000, 60’ booms, rinse tank, foamer, Hiniker 8150 cntrls; Tyler Patriot XL, 80’ booms, 3200 hrs, EZ Guide 500, 750 gal tank, new oils; Spra-Coupe 4440, self-propelled, 400

gal, ss tank; JD 4700, 750 gal, 80’ booms, SS tank, inductor, hand rinse, 4WD, 20” sp, trpl nozzles, farmer retire, UC-4 Norac rate cntrlr, GreenStar; JD 6500, 60’ booms, 4500 hrs, hyd frnt fold, fndrs, new pump 1 yr ago, CAH, JD rate cntrls, elec ladder lift, farmer retire.

APPLICATORS: DMI 3250 ANH3 Bar, 11x, 30” sp; DMI 3250, 12R-30”, set up for strip-till, Ravens 440; 8R Side Dresser, ss, 500 gal tank, Cymer cltr blds w/ 28% knvs.

FERTILIZER SPREADERS: 16 ton Fert Tender, roll tarp, hyd unload, 2 comprt, hyd raise, rear unload, hyd tank, good cond; Chandler 6 ton, 9” chain, dual fan, 60” trk sp, hyd engage; Tyler 8 ton, stainless steel; Chandler 5 ton, 540 pto drive, SS, tand axle, dbl fan, 12.5-15, 6 bolt whls.

VERTICAL TILLAGE TOOLS: ’17 GP 3000TM, 30’, roll hrw, rear roll bschts, new plates; ’10 GP 2400TT, 24’, 11L-15, one ownr, blds replaced; GP 2400TT, 24’, turbo till, wts kit, cush gang, 19” frnt/rear blds, Phoenix hrw, Bervac bschts; CIH 335, 33’, hyd rear bscht.

ROCKFLEX DISKS: Landoll 6320, 23’, 1 ownr, only wrkd 500 ac, 23.5 frnt & 23.75” rear blds, sngl pt depth cntrl, duals on wings, always shedded; JD 635, 25’, 9” sp, new 22” blds, duals on main & wings, hyd hitch; Frontier 15’, tand axle; Krause 4990, 30’, 9” sp, 21” frnt/rear blds, sngl pt depth cntrl, hyd level on hitch, rear hyds; Taylorway 20’, 8” sp, 22” frnt & rear blds, hyd fold, duals on main.

DISKS: JD 637, 13’7”, 9” sp, 21” frnt & 20” rear blds, mdl buster bar; JD 630, 22.5’, 7.5” sp, 20.5” frnt & 21” rear blds, cntr furrow filler, sngl pt depth cntrl, org blds, good scrprs; JD 630, 15’, 9” sp; JD 235, 29’, 7.5” sp, 19.5” frnt & 20.5” rear blds, no welds, good scrprs; JD 210, 14’, 21” frnt & 21.5” rear cone blds, dan-tine hrw. CIH RMX340, 28’, 9” sp, 19.5” frnt & 20.5” rear blds, hyd level, walk tand; CIH RMX340, 32’, 9” sp, 20.5” frnt & 21” rear blds, mdl bstr bar, hyd leveling hitch; CIH 3900, 30’, 7.5” sp; CIH 3900, 25’, 7.5” sp, 21.25” blds; CIH 3800, 15’, 9” sp, 19.5” frnt & 20” rear blds; CIH 496, 25’, 7.5” sp, 21” front/rear blds, new blds & bearings; IH 496, 24’; IH 496, 22’; IH 496, 18’, 9” sp, 19” frnt & 20.5” rear blds, mdl bust bar; IKrause 1921, 21’; Krause 1901, 18’, hyd fold, 9” sp, 18” frnt & 18.5” rear blds, 10’ main frame, farm retire; Kew 1020, 18’; Frontier DH1512, 12’, 7.5” sp, 20” blds, like new; JD 620, 10’, adj gangs, scrprs, same as new!; White 256, 21’, 7.5” sp.

OFFSET DISKS: Kew 2000, 13’, 32” frnt blds, 33” rear blds; Miller 9100, Series III, 9’; CIH 770, 10’, 26.5 frnt blds, 27.5” rear ntchd blds; MS Zook 8’, 22” frnt ntchd blds, 23” rear blds.

FIELD CULTIVATORS: JD 2210, 45’, danish-tine shvls, 3 bar spike drag, JD roll bscht, rebuilt hrw, new spikes, good shape; JD 980, 36’, walk tands on main/wngs 5 bar spike hrw, nice; JD 980, 25’, c-shank, walk tand, sharp; JD 980, 24’, walk tands on main frame, Rem 3 bar drag; JD 960, 24’, walk tand, 5 bar spike drag; CIH TM II, 42’, 12’ main, 4 bar CT drag, walk tand, new sweeps, no welds; CIH 200, 50’, roll bschts, no welds; CIH 200, 32’, rear hitch & hyds; CIH TM II, 28’, 3 bar spike tooth drag, Nichols knock-on, roll bschts, gauge whls, walk tand & wings; CIH TM, 28’, 3 bar spike hrw, Nichols swps, roll bscht, gauge whls, walk tands main & wings; CIH 4300, 30’, 5 bar spike drag; IH 45, 15’; DMI TM II, 38’, 12’ main frame, 6” sp, 4 bar CT drag, trpl fold, 7” knock-on swps, no welds; DMI TM II, 32’, 9” swps, rear hitch & hyds, 3 bar spike drag, no welds; DMI TM, 26.5’, walk tand on main & wings, 5 bar spike drag; DMI TM 24’, walk tands, CT hrw; DMI TM II, 22’, walk tands, 7” org sweeps, off 20 acre farm; DMI TM II, 22’, rear hitch & hyds, 5 bar drag; DMI 22’, 45 shank, walk tands on main & wings, 7” swps, 5 bar drag; WR 3400, 28’, w/ 5 bar spike drag; WR Quad X5, 30’, roll bschts, sngl pt depth cntrl, 9” sweeps, 3 bar CT hrw, roll bschts, 12’ main frame.

CULTIVATORS: CIH 1820, 6R-30”, 3pt; IH 183, 8R-30”, flat fold, stabilizer disk, gauge whls; Hiniker 5000, 6R-30”, 17” sweeps, row shields; Hiniker 1000, 6R-30”, NT; Hiniker 6R-30”, NT; Orthman 625-713, 6R-30”, w/ cut away disks; Orthman 9300 Cult/28 Bar, NT; Glencoe 12R-30”, row crop; Kinze 1500, 6R-30”, NT.

SOIL FINISHERS: JD 726, 34’, hyd frnt gang, hvy sprngs, bevel on blds, no welds, 3 bar spike drag, roll bschts; ’98 JD 726 Mulcher, 33’, hyd frnt gang, 5 bar drag; JD 726, 28’, 7.5” sp, hyd gang, 3 bar spike drag, roll bschts; JD 726, 25’, rear hitch & hyds, walk tands, sgl pt depth cntrl, new 10” swps, 5 bar CT hrw, light kit; JD 726, 15’, frnt hyd disk cntrl, 5 bar spike flex hrw; JD 722, 15’, CT hrw, walk tands; Kewanee 390, 21’, cushion gang, 16” blds, 5 bar spike drag.

DISK RIPPERS: Landoll Weather Proufer II, 5x, sprg reset; JD 512, 5x, auto reset; JD 510, 5x, McFarlane 4 bar hrw; JD 510, 5x.

RIPPERS: ’23 CIH 2500, inline, 5x, 30” sp, auto spring reset, lights, unused; GP 1300, inline, 6x-24” sp, w/ UM 500 caddy, pull-type, sharp!; DMI 2500B, 5x, pull-type, w/ cltrs; Blu-Jet III, inline, 4x, pull-type, lift assist whls, rear roll crmblr, rear cltrs; Landoll 5x, pull-type, sprng shnks, gauge whls.

SOIL SAVERS: JD 710, 7x, spring shank, new cltrs, 3” sweeps, hyd lift cyl; ’14 Landoll 2211, 11x, CT hrw, one ownr, hyd frnt gang, new swps, walk tands, approx. 500 acres per year; Landoll 275, 5x, new imp tires, 4” twisted shvls; Landoll 5x Disc Chisel, springs, big blds, no welds; Glencoe SS9, 9x, DMI parabolics, new shvls & tires, 3 bar spike drag; Glence Series II, 9x, 18.5” blds, sprng shank, new 4” swps, hyd frnt gang.

PLOWS: JD 2600, 4x; IH 720, 6x-18”, auto reset, sprg load cltrs, good btms, no welds; IH 720, 6x, onland, toggle trip, 3pt, cover boards, new sheers & mold boards, no welds; IH 700, 7x-18”, pull-type, sprng reset, good btms & sheers, sprng load cltrs, no welds.

ROTARY HOES: Yetter 3415, 15’ dirt deflctr, like new; JD 400, 15’, good spoons, dirt deflctr; JD 400, 20’, 3pt, good spoons; JD 400, 20’, rigid, good spoons.

PACKERS: Brillion XXL184, 46’, lights, ext hitch, no welds; Brillion XL144, 36’, x-fold, ductile rolls, scrprs, ext hitch; Farmhand WP42, 36’, scrprs, ext hitch, no welds; Brillion WFP30, 32’, flex, scrprs, lights, ext hitch, low acres; Brillion WP1081, 24’, smooth rolls, vert fold; Brillion 24’, smooth rolls, hyd fold.

CRUMBLERS: GP 2327, light kit, exc shape; J&M TF212, 30’, spike drag, lights, one ownr, twisted bschts, rear cltrs; JD 200, 27’, ext hitch, 12’ main frame; DMI 30’, 15’ main frame, lg bar, wts on wings; DMI 25’, 10’ main frame, wts on wings; DMI 23’, new bearings, works good; NH 32’, ext hitch, dbl fold, lights; UM 1225 Rolling Hrw, 18’, dbl bscht.

MOWERS: JD FC10R, 10’, batwing, 540 pto, frnt & rear chains, hard tires, LH counter wt, stump jmprs, like new!; Bushhog 12710, 10’, 540 pto, flex wing; Bushhog 6’, 540 pto; BH Ditch Mwr, 3pt, hyd, like new; 6’ Finishing Mwr, 3pt; Woods HS105-3, ditch mwr, runs good; 6’ 3pt Finishing Mwr; L&S 60”, 3 blade, w/ gear box; TYM 60” Mwr Deck, 3 blade.

SILAGE EQUIP: ’09 Badger 1250 Sil Wgn, 16’, tand gear, pto drive, draw bar hitch, flip down unload chute, 1 ownr; ’04 Badger 1200 Sil Wgn, on Miller Pro 14T tand gear, 16’, flip down discharge, 12.5-15, 3 auger, 540 pto, always shedded, low usage; Miller Pro 5200 Wgn, 18’ box, 540 pto, rear unload, ext hitch, on Miller 12T gear, 12.5-16 tires, 8 bolt rims; Miller Pro 4100 Wgn, 18’ box, Kory 12T tand gear, 12.5-15, 540 pto, RH unload; H&S Super 7+4 Wgn, 16’ box, side unload, on JD 1275 gear, tand axle; H&S 500 Wgn, 16’, side unload, w/ Knowles gear, 11L-15 imp tires; JD 3950 Sil Chpr, w/ JD 2R-30” CH & JD 6’ Hay Hd; JD 3950, w/ 7’ hay hd, cntrls & manual; JD 3940 Sil Chpr; Gehl 1540 Silage Blwr; Victor Silage Blwr, 540 pto; NH #28 Silage Blwr, “Whirl-a-Feed”, 540 pto, farmer retire, always shedded; NI 709, w/ NI 868 hay hd & 3R CH, 4x4, self propelled, 1220 hrs, cab, heat, weights; JD 2RW Chop Hd; JD 2RN CH for Gr Chpr, low profile, slip clutch.

FORAGE: ’23 Brillion SSB12 Sdr, 12’, dbl box, hyd lift, unused; Victor 21F Chpr Wgn, 21’, 3 auger, 540 pto, 20 sp apron, Miller Pro 14T tand axle gear, 14L-16.1 tires, lights, flip down discharge; Several 5” & 6” Red Pine Posts, CCA treat; New Arrow 74 Cattle Chute; (2) 8’x14’ Hay Racks, on 10T gear; Byron 8400 Seed Corn Harvester, self propelled; Tube-Line BF5000S Bale Processor, hyd or manual, like new!; Land Pride 25-120 Seeder, solid stand; Gehl BU810 Wgn; Brillion 8’ Seeder, sure stand, manual whls, dbl box, agitator; NH 455 Sickel Mwr, 7’, pull-type, 540 pto; IH 7’ Sickel Mwr, 540 pto, trail type; (2) DMI 9’6”x16’ Hay Racks, 8 bolt whls; Farmhand H118A Bale Grabber, w/ Westendorf ldr brkts. NI 325 Corn Picker, 2RN, 12 roll bed, late model; NI 324 Corn Picker, 2RW, 12 roll bed, hyd hitch, late model; Agway BF 5000SL Bale Feeder, chainless, bale unroller, rear bale ldr.

FLAIL SHREDDERS: JD 115, 15’, sm 1000 pto, 4 gauge whls, good flails, hyd cyl, no hood damage; JD 115, 15’, 6RN, 4 whl, lift cyl, good flails & hood; JD 27, 15’, 4 whl, has bearing out on rotor; Balzer 1500, 15’, pull-type, 1000 pto, (4) 9.5L-15, w/ windrow attach, like new.

LIVESTOCK: Several Groups of 24’ Freestanding Livestock Panels, some w/ gates & some w/ feeders; (2) Gravity Flow Hog Feeders; (12) New Concrete J Bunk Cattle Feeders; (24) Metal T-Posts; Round Bale Feeder.

HAYBINES/DISCBINES: ’23 NH 310, 10’ cut, 540 pto, sngl pt center pivot htch, same as new; ’22 NH 313, cntr pole, nice!; ’12 NH H7450, hyd swing hitch, rubber rolls, 1 own; NH 478, 7’, 3” cut, 540 pto, good rolls; Agco NI 5209, 9’ cut, 540 pto, rubber roll, late model.

MOCOS: JD 1219, 9’, hyd hitch, new rolls, 540 pto, 3” cut, clean!.

HAY BALERS: ’22 Kubota BV4160, round, silage special, net wrap, grease bank, kicker, only 1800 bales, one ownr; ’17 NH RF450, round, 540 pto, “super feed”, 18L-16.1, twine or net, bale kicker, rear lights, only used 1300 bales; IH 440, square, w/ new chute.

HAY RAKES: NH 258, rollabar, rubber teeth, still has paint on teeth, same as new!; NH 166 Hay Inverter; Kuhn 12 wheel.

FEED GRINDERS/MIXERS: NH 355, hyd intake auger, hyd unload, 3’ unload ext, good hmrs; NH 353, intake auger, 540 pto, just used; Gehl MX125, intake auger, roller mill, unload auger bent; Gehl MX125, intake auger, fold hyd unload auger, self cont; ’13 NDE 1502 Vert TMR, scales, 12.5L-16SL, right hand dschrg, single screw, 3’ chain convyr, no welds, very clean.

MANURE SPREADERS: ’19 Meyer 3230, 320 bu, hyd drive, 425/65/22.5 trk tires, light kit, poly floor, slop gate; ’18 Meyer 3954 V-Max, 540 bu, flotation tires, vert beater; ’04 Meyers M350, single axle, hyd slop gate, low use; Knight 180, 540 pto, single axle; ’18 NH 185, slop gate, 540 pto, tand axle, poly floor; NI 3709, 540 pto, poly floor, slop gate; H&S 235, 235 bu, 540 pto, hyd slop gate, poly floor, good bear claws.

IRRIGATION: (2) Irrigator Water Reels, 500’ hose, w/ cart & gun; ’11 Micro Rain MR-58RL Reel, 650’ hose, cart & gun, hardly used; (2) Long Alumax 1560 ¼ mile Hard Hose Irrigators, disassemble for trans.

VEGETABLE EQUIP: Oxbo BH100 Green Bean Harvestor, pull type; ’97 Pixall CP100 Sweet Corn Picker.

TRUCKS & TRAILERS: ’86 IH 1654 Crane Truck, S series, w/ flat bed; ’79 Chevy Grain Truck, 13 spd, 18’ box, roll tarp, 40K miles; ’77 Mack R685 Truck, 617K miles, Mack 237 eng, 6 spd, 2nd ownr since 1980, needs radiator; 2 Whl Cargo Trlr, 1.5 ton, M105A2 model; ’96 Biltrite 22’ Car Trlr; ’10 Blazer Enclosed Trlr; ’11 Kenworth 660 Semi, 600K miles, Cummins eng, sleeper, clean; ’79 Donahue Grain Trlr, 300 bu, all hyd lift, hyd jack stand, hyd cyl, needs batt; ’78 Chevy C65 Grain Trk, 366 eng, 15’ box, steel floor, 2WD, 69K miles; ’94 Winston Flatbed Trlr, pin hitch, tand axle, 5’ fold ramps; 48’ Flat Bed Trlr, slide tand winch & straps, 11R22.5, lights, trails good.

UTV’s: Vector 4x4 UTV; Kubota 900 RTV, 4WD, pwr steer, hyd drive, dsl.

TIRES/RIMS/HUBS: (2) 18.4-46; (2) 13.6-38; (2) 10.00-16; (4) 18.4-38 Duals, off CIH 1680; (2) 14.9-24, 8 bolt rims; (2) 66x43-25, flotation, w/ rims; (2) 900/60-32, w/ rims; (2) JD Dual Rims; (2) 18.4-38 BF Goodrich, duals, 10 bolt; (2) IH 10 Bolt Hubs; (2) Pr of 18.4-34, w/ rims, 70%; (2) 18.4-38 Duals, 9 bolt; (2) IH Axle Adjstrs.

(2) Prs of 12L-15, w/ 8 bolt rims; (2) BF Goodrich 18.4-38 Duals, 90%, 9 bolt; (2) 9 Bolt Hubs, off IH 1086; (2) 20.8-38, 10 bolt rims.

MISC EQUIP: Degleman R570 Rock Picker; Highline XL6084, hyd drive, 13.5 knobby tires, 60” reel, 84” dumping bscht, low usage; JD 940 Land Plane, 12’ wide, 40’ overall length, 18” deep, hyd low & rise, hyd depth cntrl, side guards, 15” tires, pull type; Lely Roterra Pwr Hrw, 15’, hvy bar, late model; 6R Down Corn Reel; McFarlane 30’ Hrw Cart; Fuerst 32’ Chain Hrw, new cyl; Automatic 50SK88MB Mist Blwr, 50 gal tank, new pump & batt, rebuilt!2’ Hyd Seed Auger, w/ metal wgn screw; WR 32’ 4 bar CT Hrw; 40’ Storage Container, 2 side doors, only used once; (2) Used 20’ Storage Containers, w/ dbl end doors; (2) 40’ Used Storage Containers; 1600 Gal White Poly Tank, used for water; Yellow Dirt Scraper; Schulte Hyd Rock Picker; Univerco Ecco SRL191 Weeder; McFarlane 34’ Harrowgator, 8 bar, 5.5” spks, new hyd hoses, no cyl leaks; Chem Farm SS Chem Tank, w/ cut out; Single Axle 5th Wheel Jo Dog; Several Prs 48” Pallet Forks, 5000# cap; 2 Ton Foldable Eng Hoist; Walinga Grain Vac, w/ pipe; Land Pride RTR1250 Rototiller, 50”, low usage; JD 1570 Cltr Cart, 24x7.5”, JD blds, independent hyds for NT gang, same as new!; Kewanee HD 10’ Blade, 3pt; Orange 8’ 3pt Blade.

Shop Supplies – Medler & Cotton Drainage Retirement

Quincy Portable Air Comp; Yard Machine 3.75hp Edger, gas pwr; Hyundai 7hp Portable Air Comp, 120 psi; Hobart Champion 16 Portable Welder, 8000 watt, 344 hrs, runs; Centrefuse CF28A Fusion Machine, w/ 4”/8” dies, 110 volt; Wacker BS600 Tamper, gas, doesn’t run; E-L-Essley Machine, pipe threader, ¾”-2” dies, 110 volt, w/ cart; Wells Band Saw, 110 volt, extra blade works; Lincoln Ideal Arc 250 Arc Welder, 220 volt, w/ welding cart; Thermal Dynamics Cut Masters Plasma Cutter, 220 volt; Torch Caddy, w/ 2 oxy tanks & regulator; Fiber Optic Tooling & misc parts; Komatsu D37 Canopy; Torch Cables & Gauges; Laser Plane Spectra Physics Mass, receiver, cntrls; Spectra Precision Laser, for asphalt Paver; Spectra Physics 1255 Dial Grade Pipe Laser; Spectra Physics 1160 Dial Grade Pipe Laser; Laser Plane Grade Laser, doesn’t work; McElroy Hand Fusion Machine, 2”-4”, w/ dies; McElroy Hot Plate, w/ 14” dies; Lots of Torch & Welder Equip; 100 Gal Transfer Pump, w/ pump; Diamond Plate Truck Bed Tool Box; With much more – too much to list everything! (all items are in row 3 on the lot)

MISC: ATI 36” Combine Tracks, off JD S690; 12’ Wgn Seed Auger; (2) Sets of (10) JD 8000 Series Frnt Wts; (12) IH 100# Wts; (8) IH 100# Stmpd Frnt Wts; (8) Sets of 48” Pallet Forks, 5000 lb; (10) IH 75# Stmpd Frnt Wts, lg handle; (11) DMI FC Shanks; 10 Hole Wt Brkt; 12 Hole IH 66 Wt Brkt; Pallet of Fence Posts & Braces; (2) JD Aux Fuel Tanks; DMI Pickup Hitch; 3pt Quick Hitch w/ parts; (3) Year-Round Tractor Cab off 4020; Skid Steer Mount Truss Boom; Several Concrete Culverts, various sizes; (4) 15”x7’ Single Wall Culvert Pipes, w/ 3 couplers; (4) 15”x7’ Double Wall Culvert Pipes, w/ 3 couplers; 220 Volt Shop Air Comp; Pr Baler Gath Whls; 1000’ Snow Fence; (2) JD Aux Fuel Tanks; 14’ Metal Ladder w/ safety cage; (104) Cult Swps; Elec Pump; Gas Pump; Grass Edger; (15) Twisted CP Points; (3) Alum Tool Bxs; (2) Green Running Gears; 1000 Gal Dsl Fuel Tank; (17) NH DMI ANH3 shanks; Sand Blaster; Tig Stick Welder; Tube Roller; Mortising Drill Press; Craftsman 15” Drill Press, 12 spds; Oxygen/Acetylene Tanks; Band Saw; Joiner; Powermate Table Saw; Arbor Press; Craftsman Table Saw; Blue Tool Box; Grizzly G0538 Oscillating Spindle Sander; Liberty FB48JR Safe; Insulated Bulk Head; 14’ Grain Truck Tarp; Gate for Grain Truck; Amarillo Well Head; Abell-Howe 1T Crane, manual hoist; Abell-Howe 1T Crane, elec hoist; (6) IH 100 lb Frnt Wts; IH Draw Bar, off AC 190; (3) JD 10 or 20 series Wts; (4) 18” Blds; (17) IH Whl Wts; (6) IH 100lb Frnt Wts; IH Wt Brkt, off IH 666; (6) JD 100# Rear Whl Wts; (2) Sets of (10) IH Frnt Wts; JD Equalizer Hitch; (2) Hyd Cyls; Hyd Jack; (2) CIH Alum CH Guides; Steel Crate; (12) CIH Rolling Shields; 4’x3’ Wood Cabinet; 4’x7’ Wood Cabinet; 4’x13’ & 3’x10’ Wood Tables; New Gear Box for Gehl 2360 Discbine; (5) IH 100# Frnt Wts; Hood for JD 8650; (1) Hvy Load Chain & (2) Binders; (5) Case 1030 Frnt Wts; Case 1030 Frnt Wt Brkt, wrap around; (2) JD Drill Exts; (27) 17” Disk Blds; (12) IH 75# Frnt Wts; Toolbox off IH 1086; Speedco Cat I Quick Cplr, like new; (45) 8’x3” 2 Rail Fence Sections, unused.

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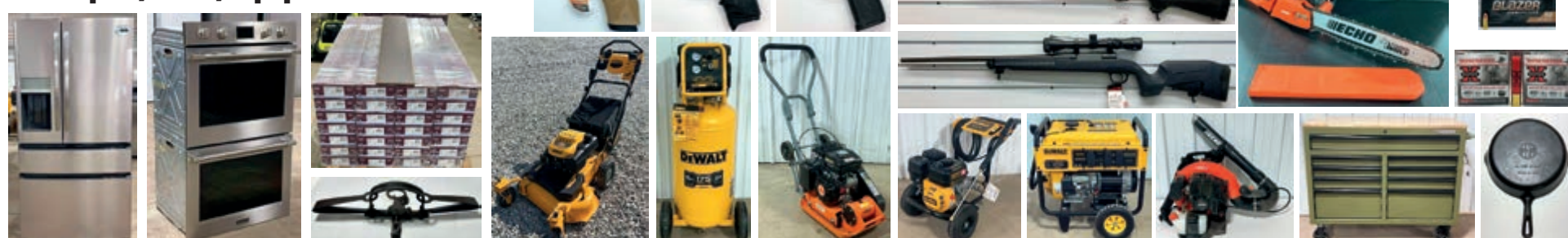
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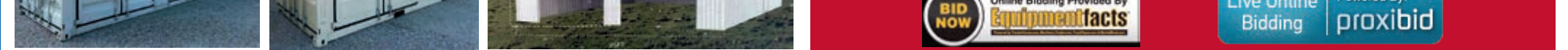
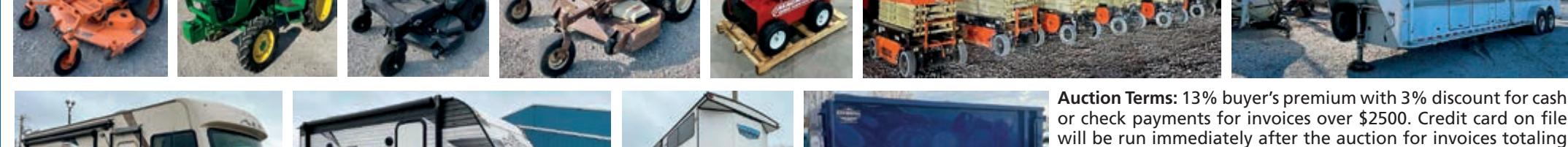
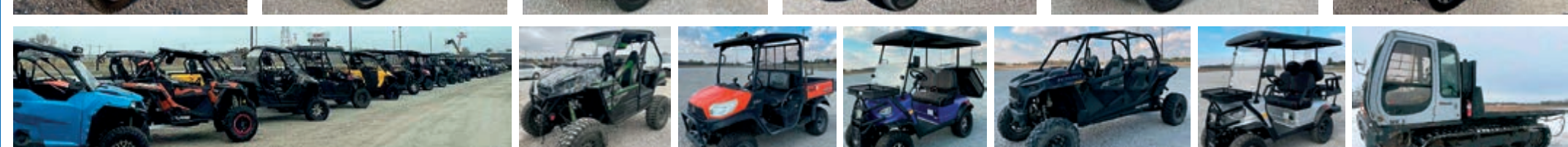
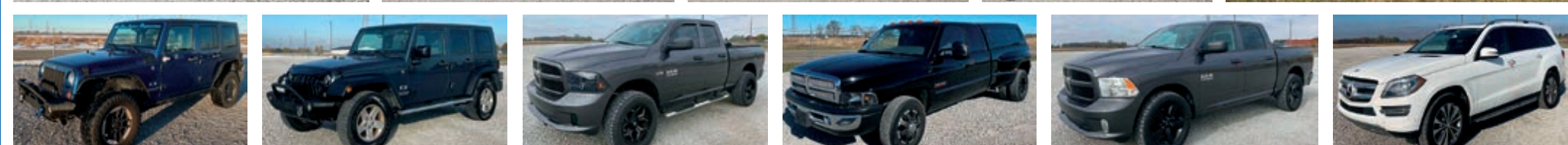
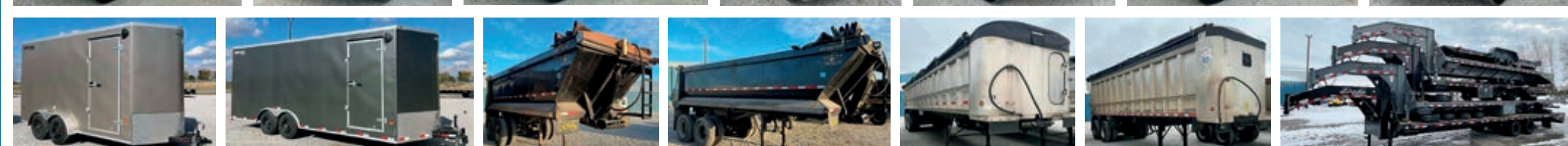
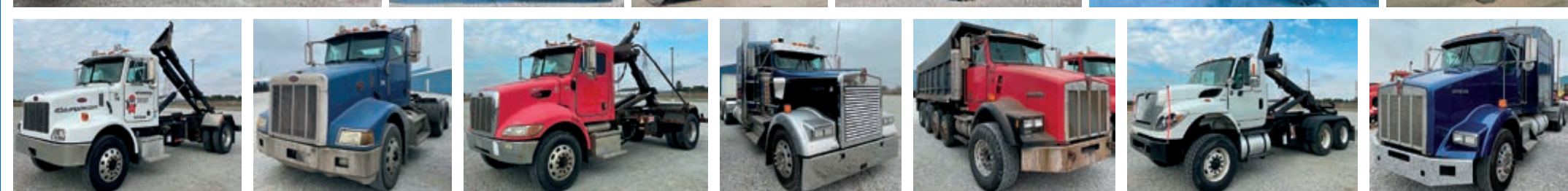
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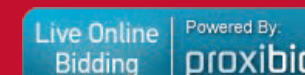
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we make and the prices that we get for them,” she concluded.

Meanwhile, New Zealand-based Fonterra dropped its 2025/26 forecast milk price to a range of \$9-\$10 per kilograms of milk solids (kgMS), with a midpoint of \$9.50 per kgMS, down from its earlier published \$9-11 range, according to HGD. “The co-op cited strong global milk production and declining dairy prices as reasons for the lower estimates. Season-to-date through October, New Zealand has produced 2.8 percent more milk solids than during the same period in 2024.”

Back home, the USDA’s latest Live-stock Slaughter report showed an estimated 243,000 head of dairy cows were slaughtered under federal inspection in October, up 15,800 head from September, and up 7,400 head or 3.1 percent above October 2024. Total to date, 2.19 million head have been culled, down 101,800 4.4 percent from 2024.

CME dairy prices started December mixed. The Cheddar blocks fell to \$1.3950 per pound Wednesday and stayed there Thursday, holding at the lowest CME price since March 22, 2024, and 30.50 cents below a year ago. They closed Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving, at \$1.45. The barrels were trading Thursday at \$1.4450, lowest since April 1, 2024, 24.50 cents below a year ago, but a nickel above the blocks. They closed last Wednesday at \$1.5825.

HighGround Dairy stated in its Monday Morning Huddle, “While U.S. fundamental data has not been readily available over the past two months due to the government shutdown, both market chatter and the information that was published indicated more milk and fat, combined with less milkfat going into other cream uses like sour cream and ice cream, meaning butter churns have made a lot of product. Heavy inventories are dragging prices down, particularly as manufacturers work to unwind old crop product.”

Dairy Market News said, “With the Thanksgiving holiday in the rearview mirror, cheese producers are resuming normal operations in the Central region. Bulk cheese production is in-

creasing for some manufacturers while others remain focused on curds and retail products. Demand for milk from bottlers was stronger than last week, but still lighter than previous weeks, leaving a large amount of spot loads available to cheesemakers. Class III spot prices dropped some this week with prices ranging from \$2.00-under to 50 cents-over Class.

“Retail demand for cheese is strong, and contacts say demand will continue throughout the remainder of the month. Export interest is steady to strong, and inventories are balanced,” according to DMN.

Strong milk production continues to provide plenty for cheese manufacturers in the West, says DMN. Class II and IV manufacturers are placing heavier demands on spot milk in some cases. Cheese production was steady to stronger following the holiday week. Domestic demand is steady, but reports are that the holidays are not bringing the usual big upticks in demand so far, particularly concerning domestic food service demand. Export demand is steady to strong, says DMN.

Cream was widely available in the Central region this week. Component levels continue to be higher this year than in previous years. Butter makers are seeing large volumes of cream on the spot market, according to DMN. Cream multiples for Class IV were mixed this week, but higher than last week, with most of the sales ranging from flat to 1.15. Many facilities resumed full production after the Thanksgiving holiday, operating butter churns seven days a week to keep up with strong retail demand. Retail orders are very strong and exports of 82 percent butterfat butter remain strong. Inventory levels are “balanced,” says DMN.

Strong milk production and components continue to make spot cream widely available in the West. Cream demand from butter manufacturers is steady to stronger. Some manufacturers were taking spot loads along with their contractual volumes. Butter churns were reportedly at or near capacity. Retail butter demand is stronger.

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The channel catfish range in size from 7-12 inches long. The fall fingerling walleye average 5 to 8 inches long, typically reaching 14 inches after two to three years of growth and 16 inches three to four years after stocking.

All stocked channel catfish were stocked in publicly accessible waters after being raised by Cikana (Morgan County), Driftwood (Jackson County), and East Fork (Davies County) state fish hatcheries.

“Once stocked, channel catfish acclimate to their new environment and start biting quickly while the walleyes will take a few years to reach legal size,” said fisheries biologist Tom Bacula.

Fall fingerling walleye were stocked in Big Turkey, Crooked and Clear lakes (Steuben), Fish, Pine/Stone lakes (LaPorte), Loon and Sylvan lakes (Noble), Pretty and Wall lakes (Noble), Winona Lake (Kosciusko), and the St. Joseph River (St. Joseph). The walleye were purchased from a commercial fish supplier and grown at Fawn River State Fish Hatchery. In addition to these lakes, there are multiple other lakes stocked with walleyes by privately funded lake associations. A stocking permit from DNR is needed to do any stocking.

Anglers are required to follow bag and size restrictions. In most lakes and reservoirs, the statewide regulation is 10 channel catfish per day with no more than one being longer than 28 inches. For walleye, the daily bag limit is six with a minimum size of 16 inches if caught north of State Road 26, and 14 inches if caught south of S.R. 26. A few lakes have a different bag limit, and they are listed in the Fishing Guide, along with all other fishing regulations found at on.IN.gov/fishingguide.

SPAULDING OUTDOORS
By Jack Spaulding

Pufferbelly Trail extension opens

On Dec. 3, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the city of Fort Wayne celebrated the opening of the Pufferbelly Trail extension.

“Hoosiers continually tell us that trails are the top way they like to get out and experience Indiana’s great outdoors,” said Alan Morrison, DNR director. “That positive demand motivated the DNR to lead the largest investment in trails in Indiana history, with funding that supports this extension of the Pufferbelly Trail and 88 other impactful trail projects across the state.”

The 1.7-mile, multi-use, asphalt trail extension was constructed by the city of Fort Wayne with help from a \$2,685,278 grant administered by the DNR.

The new segment completes a major gap in the Pufferbelly Trail between Washington Center and Lima roads. The trail now extends more than 13 miles from the DeKalb County line into downtown Fort Wayne, connecting into 130 miles of existing trails and to great destinations including Lawton

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Park, Headwaters Park, Franke Park and the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

"The Pufferbelly Trail is a crown jewel in our community that connects residents and visitors to businesses and neighborhoods. It's evident that the trail is a strong demonstration of how collaboration and teamwork can have a lasting and positive impact, and I truly value and appreciate the partnership the city of Fort Wayne has with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources," said Fort Wayne Mayor Sharon Tucker. "As a people-focused mayor, I enjoy seeing individuals and families enjoying the excellent amenities that Fort Wayne has to offer."

The Pufferbelly Trail is part of the planned Poka-Bache Trail, an 81.3-mile State Visionary Trail ultimately connecting Pokagon State Park in Angola to Ouabache State Park in Bluffton.

Late fall prime time for Muskie

Late fall is a great time to fish for muskie because the fish are feeding aggressively to prepare for the cold months ahead. Weed beds providing cover for fish during the summer have also thinned, leaving muskies roaming open water.

Tracking studies by Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

biologists show muskies expand their range more in the fall than any other season, meaning more fishing spots will have the species.

Indiana's stocking program continues to support healthy muskie populations statewide, stocking 22,960 muskies across 10 bodies of water last month. Stocked fish ranged from 9.42 to 11.77 inches long.

Indiana's DNR stocked 6,051 fish in Brookville Lake, 5,665 in the Tippecanoe Lake chain, and 4,250 in the Barbee Lake chain. The DNR also supplied 3,096 muskie to Webster Lake, the lake where the muskie stocking program gets the muskie eggs.

Anglers hoping to take advantage of the late-season opportunity should target the remaining weed beds, which still attract prey fish and provide cover, using large lures or live suckers for bait to entice bigger strikes. Persistence is the key, as muskies are on the move and may be as likely to find

you as you are to find them.

"Fall muskie fishing is one of Indiana's best-kept secrets, and anglers can land some trophy size fish," said Tyler Delauder, Indiana DNR's fisheries biologist.

For all stocking numbers, go to on.IN.gov/fish-stocking and click on Fish Stocking Dashboard. To learn more about Indiana DNR's muskie program go to: wildlife.IN.gov/fishing/muskie-fishing.

Syracuse man dies after recovery from pond

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating after a man was recovered Dec. 1 from a pond in Elkhart County.

At 4 p.m., emergency personnel were dispatched to a private pond near the 70000 block of County Road 29 in Syracuse. The initial investigation revealed 69-year-old Phillip Hoover was attempting to rescue his dog from the ice-covered pond when

he fell through the ice.

Hoover was recovered from the pond by emergency personnel and taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead. The dog was recovered and survived with no injuries.

Indiana Conservation Officers remind citizens to assume no ice is safe ice, test the ice before going on it, have safety measures in place, such as wearing a life jacket and having ice picks, and inform others before you go out.

'till next time,
Jack

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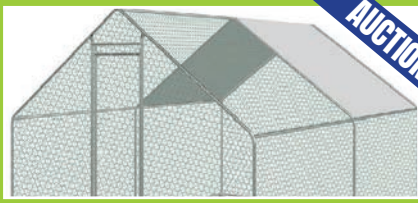
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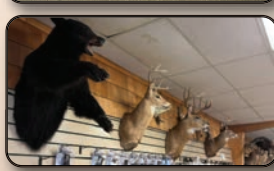
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Your Christmas treat may be flavored with Indiana mint

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

SOUTH BEND, Ind. – Christmas season treats like candy canes could be flavored with the oil from mint raised by a long-time Indiana grower.

Randy Matthys, a third-generation mint farmer, said he's not sure if any of his oil winds up in the goodies that come out during the holidays, but one of his major customers is a well-known maker of chewing gum and candy. "I don't really know where it all goes," he said.

A slight percentage of his oil is used in homemade treats this time of year by people sometimes coming to his house wanting a 16-ounce or sample size bottle of mint oil for their holiday baking.

Matthys, 71, raises peppermint and spearmint on about 1,100 acres at his main farm on the western edge of South Bend where his grandfather began raising the aromatic leafy herb in the early 1930s.

He also raises corn, soybeans and wheat on a few thousand additional acres in northeast La Porte County.

One of the largest users of his mint oil is the Wrigley Co., the world's largest maker of chewing gum. The Chicago-based firm, established in 1891, also produces candy such as Lifesavers and the breath freshener, Altoids.

Another good-sized percentage of his mint oil winds up in the hands of Colgate, a leading worldwide maker of oral hygiene products like toothpaste and mouth wash.

Matthys said he sells the mint oil un-

der contract to companies who are suppliers to the actual users.

His mint is planted in early spring and harvested beginning in July. The crop is placed into wagons and hauled to a distillery at the farm that uses steam to extract the oil from the leaves.

Matthys said up to 12 wagon loads at a time can be placed into the distillery, which processes as much as 40 to 50 acres of mint each day.

He still enjoys the strong aroma of fresh mint that escapes during the distillation process and carries for a good distance. "The neighborhood usually knows when we're harvesting," he said.

He places the mint oil into 55-gallon drums his major customers give him and later pick-up once full. "The mint oil is the crop," he said.

He runs the entire operation with help from his son, Doug.

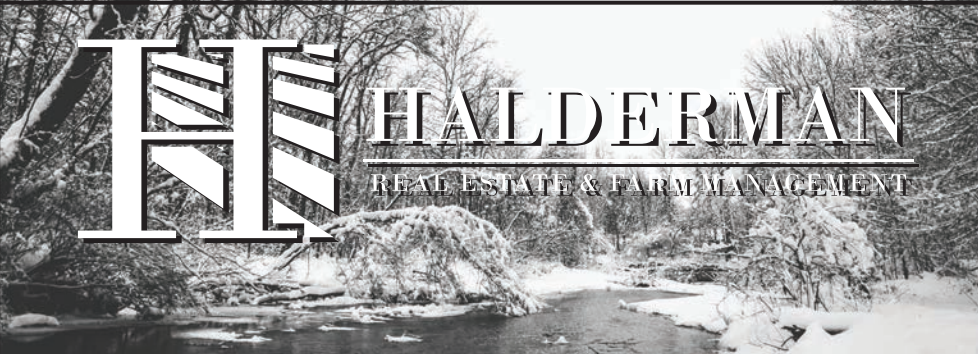
Matthys said there used to be as many as 30 mint growers in northern Indiana taking advantage of the nutrient-rich mucky soils but that number over time has dwindled to the single digits.

"Right now, we're one of seven," he said.

Matthys said raising mint is not for everybody, but he continues on because contracts to provide the oil from the plants keep coming his way and he makes a good enough profit.

"Historically, it's been a great specialty crop," he said.

Matthys also said he still enjoys the work. "You have to have the passion. We seem to have that, I guess," he said.



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The details, design and delight: The real reason for the Christmas season

Luke 2:7 “And she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.”

Imagine a football player stepping onto the field without knowing how to pass, block or tackle. The excitement of the game would fade quickly without a grasp of its fundamentals. Similarly, the spirit of Christmas is diminished if we lose sight of its purpose. I believe it’s time to get back to the basics.

What is the true purpose of the Christmas season? Is it only about decorations and gifts? Are these what touch a person at the core and provide peace, love and joy? Or is there something else?

Somehow, like a football player decked out to play but lacking in the basics, our culture has created a game that seems exciting but lacks meaning.

To reclaim the season’s joy and purpose, we must return to its foundations and embrace its true meaning. So let me remind you of the true details, design and delight of the Christmas season.

The Details:

Centuries ago, an angel from God appeared to a young virgin. The angel told Mary she would conceive a child through the Holy Spirit, and He would be the Savior of the world.

When her fiancé, Joseph, found out Mary was pregnant, he planned to quietly release her. But the angel also gave Joseph the miraculous news that Mary was carrying the Savior and encouraged him to marry her.

Near the end of Mary’s pregnancy,

the governor decreed that each person must return to his ancestors’ home to register for a tax. Joseph, hailing from Bethlehem, packed up and journeyed with his wife to the City of David.

Upon arrival Mary went into labor, but due to the crowds, they couldn’t find a place to stay. An innkeeper offered them his stable. It was in this humble place that Mary birthed Jesus and laid Him in a manger.

At the time of Jesus’ birth, God sent an angel to announce the news to shepherds. The amazed shepherds left their flocks and traveled into town to worship the newborn King.

The Design:

Jesus’ birth was not a random happening, but an event that had been foretold in the Old Testament. The story occurred just as the prophets had said. God, the Creator, heard His people’s cries and planned to rescue them.

To do this, He sent His only Son to be born in human flesh. Jesus lived the perfect life and through His death and resurrection made reconciliation with God possible.

The Delight:

The delight of Christmas comes in remembering all God has done for us. It is through Jesus we receive salvation.

There is no real way to fully enjoy Christmas if we have lost the details, design and delight of the truth. So, this year consider the purpose of our festivities. After all, Christmas without truth, like football players without training, has no meaning.

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Southern Indiana Grazing Conference – March 13, 2026, Shiloh Community Bldg, Odon, Ind. – Peter Byck, Greg Halich, Barry Fisher and Peter Ballerstedt are speakers. For more information, call 812-254-4780 Ext 3 or register at <https://sigc2026.eventbrite.com>

Indiana Forage Council Annual Meeting – March 12, 2026, Gasthof Restaurant, Montgomery, Ind. – 4 p.m. ET (call 812-254-4780 Ext 3 to register)



VERSES FROM MAMA
By Sandra Sheridan

Grazing Bites

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the season stick out compared to green stockpiled forage.

December also encourages reflection. What did we do well this year? What needs adjustment? Did we leave enough residual going into fall? Did we provide enough rest during the growing season? Did we protect the soil when conditions were less than ideal? These questions help guide next year’s planning. Grazing management isn’t about chasing perfection; it’s about making thoughtful decisions that accumulate over time – regeneratively.

As we head into the heart of winter, remember that the goal isn’t to maximize a single grazing event but to extend the grazing season while improving the land. Protect the forage base, build soil where you can, use bale grazing as a tool when needed and let the winter months work in your favor. It’s not about maximizing a single grazing event but optimizing the entire grazing season. Merry Christmas, happy holidays and keep on

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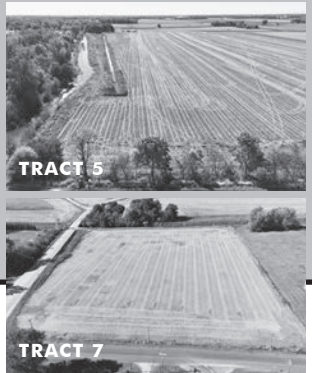
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