



**DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE**  
145+ LOCAL MEETINGS TO HELP  
YOU ENHANCE YOUR FARMING  
PRACTICES AND EXPLORE  
INNOVATIVE RESEARCH?



REGISTER FOR A PFR  
INSIGHT MEETING TODAY.

# FarmWorld

*Serving Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan and Tennessee*

[www.farmworldonline.com](http://www.farmworldonline.com)

\$1.50

Vol. 71, No. 51

Friday, January 30, 2026

Phone 1-800-876-5133

## Pesticide complaints have stabilized says IDOA Director

By TIM ALEXANDER  
Illinois Correspondent

PEORIA, Ill. — The six-week government shutdown in October-November 2025 could be the culprit behind the delay in state departments of agriculture receiving updated instructions for the use of the herbicide dicamba for the 2026 growing season. This is according to Illinois Agriculture Director Jerry Costello II, who also cited the loss of more than 20 percent of USDA workers via DOGE-related layoffs and early buyouts as a driver behind the delay.

"The lion's share of these losses were within the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), especially among senior staffers there," Costello said on January 21, when he spoke at input retailers and farmers at the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association's (IFCA) 2026 convention and trade show in Peoria. "This is affecting our farmers who are trying to plan and budget for this year's crop."

The uncertainty over dicamba usage is familiar to GMO soybean growers, who are forced to adjust their over-the-top, or in-season, application windows to meet both weather and calendar requirements each year. "We're still awaiting word from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on whether over-the-top application on soybean will be allowed in the 2026 growing season," Costello said. "I understand how difficult it is to plan when those decisions are unresolved, and I want you to know the department of agriculture remains engaged and we are ready to communicate clearly to you all as soon as we have definitive guidance."

A "silver lining" in the dicamba issue is a "stabilization" in the number



**Above:** Illinois Agriculture Director Jerry Costello II traveled to Peoria to tell members of the IFCA that pesticide misuse complaints have "stabilized" the last three growing seasons after peaking in 2019. (T. Alexander photo)

of pesticide misuse complaints lodged with the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) over the past three growing seasons, according to Costello. "There is no dramatic increase to report, and that speaks to the professionalism of licensed applicators, the emphasis on training and the commitment this industry has shown to doing the right thing the right way," he said.

In Illinois, formal complaints over pesticide misuse surged to 971 in 2019 after the rise of dicamba use. By 2020 complaints had plummeted to just 145. Only 85 complaints from 2022-25 resulted in fines, with most penalties totaling less than \$1,000, Investigate Midwest, an independent, nonprofit newsroom whose stated mission is to serve the public as a watchdog over influential agricultural corporations and institutions, reported.

A request for updated pesticide and dicamba complaint numbers made to an IDOA spokesperson by Farm World was not acknowledged by press time. The University of Illinois Extension reported that in 2024, 241 pesticide misuse complaints were filed with the IDOA. Of those, 202 cases had been completed (reviewed and closed or an enforcement action taken) as of early April 2025. Among the completed cases, 103 were closed with no evidence of misuse found. Just 91 complaints had

( See Pesticide on page 2)



**Above:** While most of the Farm World readership area endured some wild winter weather, it still provided great opportunities for beautiful photos down on the farm. Photo by Susan Seitz.

## Farmers given tips to lower costs during the Purdue Top Farmer event

By Michele F. Mihaljevich  
Indiana Correspondent

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Farmers are seeing lower prices and higher break-even prices, meaning they need to look for ways to trim costs without impacting yield, according to a Purdue University professor of agricultural economics.

The real challenge today is prices are relatively low, Michael Langemeier said, but they're not as low as they were back in 2014-19. There is a difference between then and now, he added.

"Our break-evens are so much higher and so it's even more challenging today from a corn and soybean standpoint than it was anytime from 2014-19 because we have this large gap between break-evens and the corn price. Costs went up right after COVID and they came down a little bit, but not enough."

Langemeier and two of his Purdue colleagues spoke on strategies to reduce cost per bushel for the upcoming growing season during the Jan. 9 Purdue Top Farmer Conference in West Lafayette.

In November, respondents to the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer were asked what changes, if any, they will make to their farm in 2026 to respond to low corn prices. Langemeier said 40 percent would make no change, while 33 percent said they would use lower cost seed varieties, 30 percent would re-

duce phosphorus, 18 percent would reduce nitrogen, and 18 percent would reduce seeding rate.

Farmers generally have about 40 corn crops over their lifetimes, he said.

"You have 40 chances to get it right," Langemeier pointed out. "If you're on the year 25 or year 30, I always think you're probably close to where you need to be so how much tweaking do you need to do? When you come into an environment where there's such a large gap between price and production cost, you start realizing I need to look at every cost on that budget and see if I can make any changes."

The right way to cut costs is to cut them only when the marginal benefits of doing so outweigh the marginal costs, he said.

Dan Quinn, assistant professor of agronomy, looked at where corn farmers might find some flexibility in cutting costs without sacrificing production.

The two highest variable costs for corn — seed and nitrogen fertilizer — often have a lot of flexibility in application, he said. He suggested farmers consider lowering seeding rates because today's hybrids are better able to work with those lower rates.

Farmers should target the use of the economic optimum nitrogen rate (or maximum return) rather than the agronomic optimum nitrogen rate (maximum yield), Quinn said.

( See Top Farmer on page 2)

### In this Farm World:

Kentucky 4-H members shine at NAILE event. ....  
Page 1B

Check out the prices of equipment selling at auction .....Page 3B



# Study examines whether nitrogen pollution human-derived or hydrological

URBANA, Ill. - Scientists at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign can now differentiate between human-derived and hydrological contributions of riverine nitrogen pollution in the Upper Mississippi River Basin. The advancement, published in Environmental Science and Technology, sets the stage for more nuanced policy and management of nitrate and nitrite, the nutrients that degrade drinking water quality and cause oxygen-starved "dead zones" in the Gulf each year.

"This is the first study that distinguishes changes in nitrogen loss attributable to human activities, such as fertilizer application and farm conservation practices, from hydrological variability, such as extreme rainfall and changes in streamflow. It also shows us where the hotspots of nutrient loss are and which driver - human activity or hydrological variability - is more influential in each sub-watershed location," said Bin Peng,

assistant professor in the Department of Crop Sciences, part of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at Illinois. "Our goal in segregating these drivers is to further tailor policy and management to reduce nitrogen loss."

Peng and his co-authors obtained 20 years of water quality data from U.S. Geological Survey monitoring sites across the Upper Mississippi River Basin and calculated annual nitrate, and nitrite loads at each location. The team then used observational data to calibrate a modified version of the USGS's SPARROW model, which relates stream nutrient loads to watershed characteristics, including nutrient sources, land-to-water delivery factors, and in-stream processes. Finally, the team conducted a factorial scenario analysis to attribute the changes to human-derived and hydrological drivers.

The researchers focused on two time

periods - 2001-2005 and 2016-2020 - showing that nitrogen loss increased by nearly 10 kilograms per hectare per year on average during that 20-year span. About half of the increase was attributable to human activity, while the other half was due to hydrological changes. But that was for the entire region. When the team drilled down to the sub-watershed scale, they could tell which drivers were most important in each location.

"The northwestern part of the Upper Mississippi River Basin shows high contributions from both anthropogenic activities and hydrological changes, whereas the southeastern part of the basin has a higher contribution from hydrological change," said Qianyu Zhao, first author of the study and a doctoral student in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences (NRES) in ACES.

Tailoring solutions based on the prevalent drivers - an approach that could improve outcomes for state and federal nutrient loss reduction strategies - will look different in each location. For example, Peng said, the northwestern part of the region should focus on reducing fertilizer and manure inputs while simultaneously controlling losses from

increased precipitation. The southeastern part of the basin may need to focus more on the impacts from hydrological variability.

The research team is now expanding their focus to the entire Mississippi River Basin, with the goal of reducing nutrient loss to benefit farmers' bottom lines and prevent environmental impacts.

"Expanding this analysis to the whole Mississippi Basin will also help us build our new science-based and data-driven conservation prioritization framework, which will be of many practical uses to all stakeholders, including farmers, watershed managers, state and federal policy makers," Peng said.

"This is a good example of how deeper scientific research at the Agroecosystem Sustainability Center (ASC) at Illinois can inform practices on the ground and environmental policies," said Kaiyu Guan, Levenick Endowed Professor for Sustainability in NRES and founding director of the ASC.

The study is published in Environmental Science and Technology (DOI: 10.1021/acs.est.5c06476). Peng and Guan are co-corresponding authors on the study.

## Top Farmer

FROM PAGE 1

"(Understand) making informed, targeted input applications," he explained. "A lot of that has to do with disease control, so the fungicide applications, biological applications, micro nutrients, bio-stimulants, there's a thousand million out there now. Ask yourself these questions - is there a justification for that application? Have I tried them on my farm? Have I seen it work or have I not seen it work? On the fungicide side, do I have a history of disease or do I not have a history of disease."

Shaun Casteel, professor of agronomy, discussed reducing costs in soybean production. He said fertilizer accounts for 26 percent of variable costs

for soybeans, while seed accounts for 21 percent and pesticides 20 percent.

Farmers who practice a "build-up and maintain" approach when it comes to phosphorus and potassium would have an opportunity to forego them both if their soil levels are sufficient, Casteel said.

The timely planting of soybeans is important, he said.

"Usually we think of mid-Aprils, late Mays as a good sweet spot to maximize our yield," Casteel said. "You're doing nothing else but just deciding when to plant. All your other investments are the same. So it's just maximizing the potential and then getting more of that production."

A closed soybean canopy should be established by early July, he said. "Green to the eye by the 4th of July" is what we're shooting for."

## Pesticide

FROM PAGE 1

been received as of November 2025 for the 2025 growing season.

During his speech, Costello also discussed an IFCA-IDOA partnership project that provides a continuing education option for pesticide applicators and operators. Starting in 2028, SB 783 (Continuing Education Credits for Pesticide Licenses) will allow holders of a current valid pesticide license to renew their license by seeking continual educational pesticide knowledge. SB 783 will require the IDOA to create a CEC program, providing an option where a licensed applicator completes a certain number of hours/credits per year for a three-year re-certification/license period.

Applicators are currently required to meet certification and licensing standards in order to legally handle and supervise the use of pesticides. The current process involves passing an IDOA pesticide general standards competency exam. To maintain their certification and licensing, applicators must retake the exam once every three years.

"This was an industry-led initiative that came together the right way, (with) stakeholders at the table. There was thoughtful discussion that focused on practical outcomes and the bill moved through the legislature unanimously, which is no small feat. That kind of cooperation is something we should all be proud of, and honestly it is a model for the Illinois agriculture industry and the state legislature on coming together and working for the common good," he said.

## HOOP BUILDINGS

Peaked storage buildings with galvanized, double-truss frame and 22 ounce PVC fabric.

30x40x20	14x13 door
30x60x20	14x13 door
40x60x21	13x13 door
40x80x21	13x13 door
40x100x21	13x13 door
40x120x21	13x13 door
50x80x23	18x16 door
50x100x23	18x16 door
50x120x23	18x16 door
50x200x23	18x16 door
60x80x25	18x16 door
60x100x25	18x16 door
60x120x25	18x16 door
60x150x25	18x16 door



Round storage buildings with galvanized, single-tube frame and 22 ounce PVC fabric.

30x40x15	11x11 door
30x65x15	11x11 door
30x85x15	11x11 door

Additional sizes and colors available.  
Custom buildings available.

SOME  
BUILDINGS  
IN STOCK!

Johnnie Raber & Sons

1001 E CR 1000 S | Clay City, IN 47841  
(812) 636-1919 | fax: (812) 939-4100

# Farm World

(ISSN # 1535-010X)

P.O. Box 90 — 27 N. Jefferson St.  
Knightstown, IN 46148-0090  
TOLL-FREE NUMBER 1-800-876-5133  
INSIDE AREA 765-345-5133  
FAX NUMBER 765-345-3398 (24 hours)  
www.farmworldonline.com

Farm World is published weekly, except for Christmas week, by MidCountry Media, Inc., 27 N. Jefferson St., Knightstown, IN 46148. Periodicals postage paid at Knightstown, IN and additional mailing offices. Postmaster: Send address changes to Farm World, P.O. Box 90, Knightstown, IN 46148.

www.farmworldonline.com

TONY GREGORY, Publisher, ext. 321

E-mail: tgregory@midcountrymedia.com

MELISSA PEGGS, Advertising Director, ext. 222

Cent./South. Indiana, Kentucky/W. Central Ohio

E-mail: mpeggs@farmworldonline.com

CONNIE SWAIM, Managing Editor, ext. 131

E-mail: connie@farmworldonline.com

## ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT

DEBBIE PEIFFER, 269-358-4221  
Michigan, Northern Indiana, Northwest Ohio  
E-mail: dpeiffer@farmworldonline.com

CINDY PITTS, 419-467-2329  
Southeast Michigan  
E-mail: cpitts@farmworldonline.com

MICHELE WHITE, Auction Advertising, ext. 122  
E-mail: mwhite@farmworldonline.com

KELLY TRUE, Classified Advertising, ext. 123

E-mail: ktrue@farmworldonline.com

TONI HODSON, Consultant, ext. 280  
E-mail: thodson@farmworldonline.com

# Corn acres remains contested number in January WASDE

One of the most contested numbers from the January WASDE report remains corn acres. In May when the initial 2025/26 balance sheets were released, U.S. corn acreage was estimated at 95.3 million for planted acres and 87.4 million on the harvested side. By January, this acreage had risen to 98.8 million for planted acres and 91.3 million on harvested. A big reason for this was a decline in silage acreage due to low cattle numbers. There are some thoughts that recent bridge payments may have altered reported acreage, however. The low farmer survey response rate for the January USDA data of just 40 percent is also casting doubt over the entire release.

While mostly overlooked, the December 1st quarterly stocks report indicated solid demand for U.S. grains and even soybeans. Corn consumption in the first quarter of the marketing year was 5.29 billion bu, well above last year's 4.58 bbu for the same period. Wheat disappearance totaled 459 million bu, a 9 percent increase from last year. Soybean disappearance was down 20 percent on the year at 1.3 bbu, mainly from a slow start to the China export pro-

gram, which is now underway.

Where inventory is located is also being monitored, especially by the cash market. Of the December 1st corn inventory, on-

farm stocks are up 14 percent and off-farm is up 4 percent. On-farm soybean inventory is up 2 percent and off-farm is up 10 percent. On-farm wheat stocks are down 4 percent from a year ago while off-farm stocks are up 11 percent.

China continues to see elevated demand for its government auctioned soybeans. The latest auction saw 1.14 million mt of soybeans sell. Concerns are building in China that when U.S. soybeans start arriving it will cause lengthy unloading delays at import facilities. Some reports show 25-30 day waits are expected, similar to recent years. Data shows China has 7 mmt of soybeans to arrive in February. At the same time, Chinese crushers report needing coverage for the spring months. As a result, crushers are buying the government offers. These sales will need to be refilled with U.S. soybeans, which is a good sign for future export demand.

China's Customs Minister is re-

porting December soybean imports were sizable 8.04 mmt, up 1.3 percent from December 2024. This volume brought China's total soybean imports for 2025 to 111.83 mmt. This was a 6.5 percent increase from 2024.

Census released its November U.S. corn grind and soybean crush data with friendly numbers. Soybean crush in the month totaled 221 million bu, down from October's record 236 mbu, but that was the only month higher than the November total on record. Marketing year-to-date soybean crush now totals 662.5 mbu, an 8.2 percent increase from last year. The USDA is currently predicting soybean crush to increase just 4.5 percent year to year.

While soybean crush is high, soy product inventories are building, tempering the positive reaction. U.S. soy oil stocks at the end of November totaled 2.164 billion pounds, well above last year's 1.61 billion pounds, and the highest volume in 18 months. Soy meal stocks at the end of November totaled 462,916 million tons, a 12-month high.

Census reported an ethanol corn grind in November of 481.87 mbu. This was down 1 percent from October but slightly higher than a year

ago. Dried distiller grain production in November totaled 1.75 million tons, down 9 percent from October and 5 percent less than in November 2024.

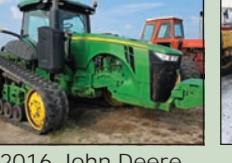
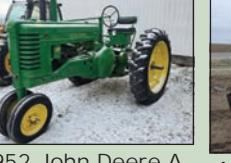
U.S. beef and pork export totals for 2025 down from 2024, which was not a surprise. Beef exports totaled 697,000 mt for 2025, down 14 percent from the 2024 total of 797,700 mt. A lack of available beef to export was the reason for the smaller total. Pork exports in 2025 totaled 1.55 mmt, down 8 percent from the 2024 total of 1.68 mmt. Culling to China's hog herd limited U.S. pork exports, as did a shift in global diets to include other proteins.

U.S. beef production for 2025 is starting to become better known. Through November, the U.S. had slaughtered 26.7 million head of beef cattle, 7.1 percent fewer than in the same period in 2024 according to data from the University of Florida. Heifer slaughter for the year was down 7.7 percent through November and fed cattle slaughter was down 6.1 percent.

While slaughter numbers are down, beef production has not declined as much as expected. The USDA is currently predicting 2025 beef production of 26 billion pounds, down just 3.6 percent from 2024. Heavier carcass weights have helped negate some of the loss of animal numbers. Beef production is forecast to start rebounding in 2026, climbing 1 percent to 25.7 billion pounds.

One noticeable trend with recent cattle slaughter is the high grading of beef. U.S. beef from January through November graded 12 percent as prime, up from 10.48 percent in 2024. This is cutting into the U.S. choice and select grade beef, especially with U.S. beef imports down in recent months from tariffs. This is also adding to the higher retail costs of U.S. ground beef.

**RISK DISCLAIMER:** The risk of loss in trading commodity futures and options is substantial. Before trading, you should carefully consider your financial position to determine if futures trading is appropriate. When trading futures and/or options, it is possible to lose more than the full value of your account. All funds committed should be risk capital. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results. The information contained in this report is collected from a variety of sources and is believed to be reliable but is not guaranteed to be accurate. This report is provided for informational purposes only and is not furnished for the purpose of, nor is it intended to be relied upon for specific trading in commodities herein named.

835 Sherrill Rd • Minooka, IL 60447  
779-875-9044  
smithmach55@gmail.com • smithmach55.com



Smith Machinery

QUALITY USED EQUIPMENT OF ALL TYPES

Call Melissa At:

1-800-876-5133,

Ext. 222

For Display

Advertising Information

In Southwest &

Northeast Indiana and

Northwest Ohio

# Traders analyze 'monster corn yield' market repercussions

By TIM ALEXANDER  
Illinois Correspondent

PEORIA, Ill. - A small but interested group of central Illinois farmers gathered in the Peoria County Farm Bureau auditorium on Jan. 20 to hear Jay Mathews and Clay Liesman, of Prairiewood Grain, discuss USDA's revised 2025 harvest yield estimates, which blindsided the market, and 2026-27 market projections.

The pair of analysts offered corn marketing advice for farmers struggling with prices that remain stubbornly below break-even levels and no apparent end in sight, after setting the table with the final 2025 USDA numbers announced Jan. 12, 2026.

"We've got a monster corn yield," said Mathews, founder and CEO of central-Illinois based Prairiewood Grain. He said last year's U.S. corn crop averaged a record 186.5 bushels per acre, up 0.5 bushel from a previous estimate, according to USDA's Crop Production Annual Summary.

"This was a 4 percent improvement over 179.3 bpa in 2024, along with harvested acreage up 269 million bushels from USDA's previous estimate in November. Harvested acreage was raised by 1.3 million acres to 91.3 million acres, resulting in a record crop totaling 17.021 billion bushels, and up over 2 billion bushels, or 14 percent, from 2024," said Mathews, who has managed grain elevators across central Illinois. He has expertise in trading grain by rail, truck and barge delivered to domestic processors and the river system.

"2.227 billion bushels in ending corn stocks is an all-time record and provides a pretty good cushion built into the market right now," said Mathews, adding that early planting intentions by farmers point to another record planting for corn, with 95 million U.S. acres projected for the 2026-2027 marketing year.

According to Liesman, corn growers who are confused about how to best

market their corn should consider enrolling in an Average Price Program through Prairiewood or another crop marketing firm. "The (APP) takes the guesswork out of trying to hit market highs while giving producers the confidence to price grain," he said. "This program can effectively take the emotion out of marketing your crop."

Offered by numerous traders, the APP is offered to increase the likelihood of better financial outcomes based on historical seasonal trends. Here's how the 2025 APP worked, courtesy of Equity Grain Marketing of Effingham, Ill.:

"This contract involves 12 incremental forward sales spread over a specific time frame. The physical delivery period for the grain is set for fall 2025 and/or January 2026. As a farmer, you face many uncertainties on the production side (such as wet or dry conditions, late planting or extreme temperatures) and the unpredictability of the marketing side can add unwanted stress."

"Historically, the highest prices for December corn and November soybeans tend to occur between March and June. Sometimes these peaks happen earlier, and sometimes they come a bit later. However, during the spring, when stresses from planting season and crop uncertainty are high, the market often adds a weather premium. The Average Pricing Program aims to capitalize on this seasonal price increase. Generally, December corn and November soybean futures rise during the spring planting period, but as the crop's size becomes clearer, prices typically decrease going into the fall."

"Suppose you commit to 2,400 bushels for fall 2025 delivery under the Average Price Program. The 2,400 bushels are divided by 12, meaning 200 bushels per week. Each Wednesday during the pricing window, 200 bushels will be priced according to the fall 2025 bid we post after the Chicago Board of Trade closes. At the end of the 12-week period, the 2,400 bushels are combined into one Forward Price Contract, with

the final price being the average of all 12 weekly prices."

The Prairiewood traders also offered the Peoria farmers a glimpse at market influencers to watch for in the 2026-2027 marketing year. They include:

- Will drought in parts of the U.S. persist into spring?
- Will low river levels continue to affect grain movements?
- China is promising to purchase 25 million metric tons of soybeans.
- Blends of ethanol up to 15 percent (E15) will likely be available to motorists year-round.

- Farmers can expect more ad hoc, emergency government relief soon - this time from Congress, rather than USDA reserves.

Prairiewood is an active member of the National Grain and Feed Association (NGFA), and Mathews has been a long-term member of NGFA Trade Rules Committee, currently serving as chair of the Arbitration Appeals Committee.

Mathews and Liesman can be reached with questions about the APP and the upcoming grain marketing year at [prairiewoodgrain.com/contact](http://prairiewoodgrain.com/contact).



**Above:** Jay Mathews (left) and Clay Liesman, of Prairiewood Grain, are pictured speaking one-on-one with members of the Peoria County Farm Bureau following their presentation on the 2026-2027 crop marketing year. (T. Alexander photo)

timely  
relevant  
credible

These are the news coverage principles of Hoosier Ag Today and Michigan Ag Today. Every day our team strives to produce information that is timely, relevant, and credible for farm families and their farming operations. In this era of fake news and activist driven media, you can count on Hoosier Ag Today and Michigan Ag Today to deliver agricultural information that is timely, relevant, and credible on over 100 radio stations.

Plus 24/7 ag news coverage at [HoosierAgToday.com](http://HoosierAgToday.com) and [MichiganAgToday.com](http://MichiganAgToday.com)

**HOOSIER**  
AG TODAY

**MICHIGAN**  
AG TODAY

Represented by  
J.L. FARMAKIS, INC.



## ORDER FORM SUBSCRIPTIONS ← → SAMPLE



**Free Sample Copy of *The Auction Exchange & Collectors News***  
(One free sample per address per year)

**SUBSCRIPTIONS:**  **New Subscription**  **Renewal**

- \$42<sup>00</sup> for 1 year** (51 issues)
- \$75<sup>00</sup> for 2 years** (102 issues)
- \$104<sup>00</sup> for 3 years** (153 issues)

Total enclosed: \$.....

Name.....

Address.....

City..... State..... Zip.....

Phone (.....) Email.....

This is a gift, please send a postcard announcing the gift subscription  
From.....

I read *The Auction Exchange* for:

- Auction reviews  Articles  Advertising  Other .....

Mail this completed form with payment to: PO Box 90, Knightstown, IN 46148-0090

**CREDIT CARD ORDERS: 800-876-5133**

**Call Michele At:**

**1-800-876-5133, Ext. 122**

**For Auction Advertising**

**Information**

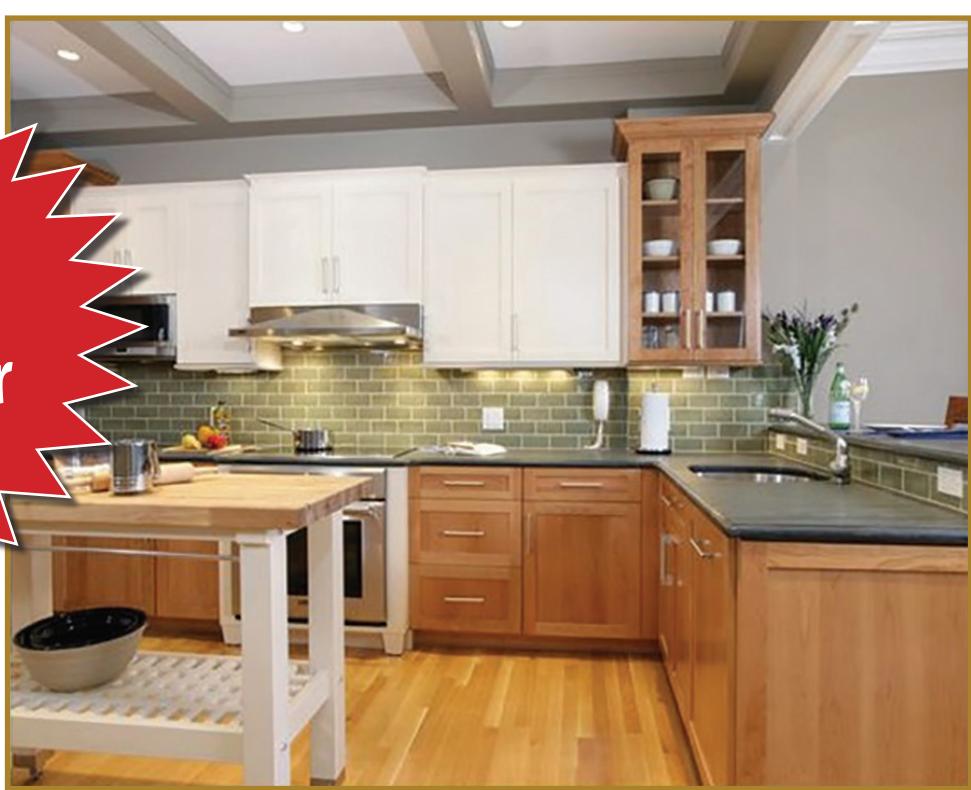


YOUR FULL SERVICE  
**LUMBER** Co.  
 217 W. Wayne St., New Madison, Ohio 45346  
**937-996-1141** • [www.flraiglumber.com](http://www.flraiglumber.com)

*Come see our newly updated showroom and let our designer, Eric, help make your dream a reality!*



Mention this  
 ad and get  
 special pricing  
 on cabinets or  
 countertops



Hours: Mon-Thurs 7am-5pm • Fri 7am-4:30pm • Sat 7am-11:30am

# MARKETS

## Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 1/19/2026 - Final AUCTION		
This Week	Last Reported	Last Year
1/12/2026		
Total Receipts:	988	1,189
Feeder Cattle:	885(89.6%)	1,009(84.9%)
Slaughter Cattle:	100(10.1%)	165(13.9%)
Replacement Cattle:	3(0.3%)	15(1.3%)
20(3.5%)		

Compared to last Monday the feeder market was stronger in spots with a good quality offering. Light weight feeder steers 200-350 lbs appeared slightly cheaper with a limited supply, while the 400-650 lbs steers were steady to 6.00 higher with a good supply and good demand. Yearling steers were mostly steady with a light test. Feeder heifers 200-400 lbs were sharply higher with a good supply, while the 400-500 lbs heifers were 1.00 to 3.00 lower and the 500-650 lbs heifers were 4.00 to 8.00 higher with good demand. Slaughter cows were 1.00 to 3.00 higher with a good supply and slaughter bulls were steady to 2.00 higher with good demand. Supply included: 90% Feeder Cattle (50% Steers, 38% Heifers, 12% Bulls); 10% Slaughter Cattle (85% Cows, 15% Bulls); 0% Replacement Cattle (67% Stock Cows, 17% Bred Cows, 17% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 40%.

Groups of 20 Head or More

STEERS

74 Hd 90% Black/REDX 721 lbs 380.25

### FEEDER CATTLE

#### STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	295	295	490.00	490.00
2	275	275	590.00	590.00 Fancy
4	345-348	347	500.00-525.00	506.21
3	325-332	330	580.00-597.50	591.75 Fancy
18	350-392	370	507.50-535.00	521.64
2	420	420	482.50	482.50
10	400-447	432	505.00-513.00	510.55 Fancy
7	401-415	409	545.00-572.50	558.00 Thin Fleshed
15	460-487	479	460.00-484.00	471.18
33	460-499	489	490.00-507.50	499.08 Fancy
4	455-460	458	517.00-522.50	519.73 Thin Fleshed
10	500-545	528	412.50-430.00	425.54
11	506-530	510	480.00-501.00	497.03 Thin Fleshed
12	500-543	529	440.00-467.50	453.26 Value Added
29	569-590	578	393.00-418.00	411.29
11	562	562	453.00	453.00 Fancy
22	550-580	557	420.00-445.00	432.90 Value Added
11	602-645	628	369.00-387.50	378.86
12	602-621	615	415.00-417.50	415.82 Value Added
21	660-696	680	362.50-383.00	372.86
26	650-691	676	387.00-391.00	388.25 Value Added
8	707-740	722	329.00-347.50	333.12
91	701-725	703	360.00-384.00	378.83 Value Added
9	760-790	773	327.50-347.50	340.54
12	751-765	753	355.00-360.00	359.16 Value Added
4	805-830	824	329.00-333.00	329.98
2	860-890	875	300.00-320.00	309.83
3	915-922	920	298.00-317.00	304.30
5	955-962	961	299.00	299.00
1	1010	1010	251.00	251.00
1	1055	1055	231.00	231.00

#### STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	360	360	455.00	455.00
1	415	415	450.00	450.00
1	475	475	400.00	400.00
2	545	545	365.00-380.00	372.50
2	655-660	658	320.00-327.50	323.74

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	265	265	345.00	345.00

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	820	820	292.50	292.50

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	210-240	225	400.00-412.50	406.67

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
5	244	244	552.50	552.50 Thin Fleshed

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	265	265	415.00	415.00

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	265-280	273	475.00-490.00	481.65 Fancy

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	310-335	319	412.50-437.50	422.06

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
18	350-398	383	450.00-472.50	459.61

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	382	382	492.50	492.50 Fancy

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
8	415-447	440	402.50-419.00	412.30

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
22	400-445	423	425.00-452.50	440.81 Fancy

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	480-495	490	380.00-402.50	391.43

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
22	455-485	463	415.00-437.50	428.05 Fancy

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	515-540	525	372.00-380.00	376.44

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
50	500-543	523	392.50-406.00	399.56 Value Added

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price</th

## MARKETS

## Kentucky Daily Grain Bids

Grain Report for Thursday, January 22, 2026 - Final

FUTURE SETTLEMENTS						
Closing Settlement Prices (c/bu) as of 1/22/26						
CBOT Com	424.00 (Mar 26)	432.25 (May 26)	438.50 (Jul 26)	437.75 (Sep 26)	451.75 (Dec 26)	464.75 (Mar 27)
CBOT Soybeans	1064.00 (Mar 26)	1076.25 (May 26)	1089.00 (Jul 26)	1086.75 (Aug 26)	1071.50 (Sep 26)	1077.25 (Nov 26)
CBOT Wheat	515.50 (Mar 26)	526.50 (May 26)	539.00 (Jul 26)	553.50 (Sep 26)	573.25 (Dec 26)	590.00 (Mar 27)
CBOT White Oats	291.25 (Mar 26)	298.50 (May 26)	302.50 (Jul 26)	306.25 (Sep 26)	319.75 (Dec 26)	323.25 (Mar 27)
KCBT Wheat	525.75 (Mar 26)	536.00 (May 26)	548.25 (Jul 26)	563.50 (Sep 26)	584.00 (Dec 26)	600.00 (Mar 27)
MGE Wheat	573.75 (Mar 26)	585.25 (May 26)	596.50 (Jul 26)	612.75 (Sep 26)	631.75 (Dec 26)	646.00 (Mar 27)

## US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (c/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrite	50.00H to 190.00H	UNCH	4.7400-6.1400	UP 0.0225	5.4400
Pennyrite	50.00Z	UNCH	5.0175	UP 0.0200	5.0175
Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (c/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	170.00H	UNCH	5.9400	UP 0.0225	5.9400
Ohio River - Lower KY	50.00Z	DN 5.00	5.0175	DN 0.0300	5.0175
Purchase	170.00H	DN 5.00	5.9400	DN 0.0275	5.9400
Purchase	65.00Z	UNCH	5.1675	UP 0.0200	5.1675

## US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (c/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	20.00H	UNCH	4.4400	UP 0.0225	4.4400
Purchase	-10.00U	UNCH	4.2775	UP 0.0175	4.2775
Green River	20.00H	UNCH	4.4400	UP 0.0225	4.4400
Green River	-10.00Z	UNCH	4.4175	UP 0.0200	4.4175
Pennyrite	-15.00H to 20.00H	UNCH-UP 1.00	4.0900-4.4400	UP 0.0225-UP 0.0325	4.2150
Pennyrite	-30.00Z to -15.00Z	UNCH	4.2175-4.3675	UP 0.0200	4.2842
Louisville	-8.00H	UNCH	4.1600	UP 0.0225	4.1600
Louisville	-8.00H	UNCH	4.1600	UP 0.0225	4.1600
Bluegrass	-10.00H	UNCH	4.1400	UP 0.0225	4.1400
Bluegrass	-45.00Z	UNCH	4.0675	UP 0.0200	4.0675

## US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (c/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	15.00H	UNCH	10.7900	DN 0.0050	10.7900
Green River	-15.00H	UNCH	10.4900	DN 0.0050	10.4900
Green River	-40.00X	UNCH	10.3725	UP 0.0275	10.3725
Pennyrite	-25.00H to 28.00H	UNCH-UP 2.00	10.3900-10.9200	DN 0.0050-UP 0.0150	10.5157
Pennyrite	-60.00X to -14.00X	UNCH	10.1725-10.6325	UP 0.0275	10.2825
Louisville	-59.00H	UNCH	10.0500	DN 0.0050	10.0500
Louisville	-59.00H	UNCH	10.0500	DN 0.0050	10.0500
Bluegrass	-40.00H	UNCH	10.2400	DN 0.0050	10.2400
Bluegrass	-75.00X	UNCH	10.0225	UP 0.0275	10.0225

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

Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (c/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrite	20.00H	UNCH	5.3550	UP 0.0775	5.3550
Pennyrite	10.00N	UNCH	5.4900	UP 0.0750	5.4900

## US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional					
Region/Location	Basic (c/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	-15.00N	UNCH	5.2400	UP 0.0750	5.2400
Green River	-75.00N	UNCH	4.6400	UP 0.0750	4.6400
Pennyrite	-65.00H to -40.00H	UNCH	4.5050-4.7550	UP 0.0775	4.5850
Pennyrite	-55.00N to -5.00N	UNCH	4.8400-5.3400	UP 0.0750	5.0067
Louisville	-33.00H	UNCH	4.8250	UP 0.0775	4.8250
Louisville	-79.00N to -34.00N	UNCH	4.6000-5.0500	UP 0.0750	4.8250

## Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (c/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	14.00H to 15.00H	UP 3.00-DN 2.00	10.7800-10.7900	UP 0.0250-DN 0.0250	10.7850
Ohio River - Upper KY	-30.00X	UNCH	10.4725	UP 0.0275	10.4725
Ohio River - Lower KY	2.00H to 38.00H	DN 9.00-UP 3.00	10.6600-11.0200	DN 0.0950-UP 0.0250	10.8983
Ohio River - Lower KY	-30.00X to -10.00X	DN 5.00-UNCH	10.4725-10.6725	DN 0.0225-UP 0.0275	10.5725
Purchase	20.00H to 25.00H	UP 9.00-UNCH	10.8400-10.8900	UP 0.0850-DN 0.0050	10.8775
Purchase	-25.00X to -20.00X	UNCH	10.5225-10.5725	UP 0.0275	10.5558

## Monroe Livestock Auction Market Report

Contact us at: (260) 216-5489 | Market Report (260) 216-5050  
Address: 1871 E 200 S, Monroe, IN 46772Sale every Tuesday night: Small animals @ 5pm • Livestock animals @ 11am  
BID ONLINE VIA DVAUCTIONS.COM

\*please note that our market report is an overall average price-they are not always the highest and lowest price.

Small Animals	1/20/2026	Sheep	Cows
Chickens	\$2-\$2.50	Ewes	\$1-\$1.45
Bantys	\$7-\$8	40-60# Lambs	\$2.55-\$4.10
Ducks	\$5-\$18	61-80# Lambs	\$3.30-\$3.65
Pigeons	\$3-\$9	81-100# Lambs	\$2.35-\$3.50
Eggs	\$1.50-\$2	39	
Rooster	\$2-\$11	Goats	
Turkey	30-35	Billys	\$75-\$380
Peacock		Nannies	\$90-\$220
Rabbits	\$3-\$18	Kids	20-35
	526	43</	

# Floriculture cracked the top 10 list of Ohio agriculture products

By DOUG GRAVES  
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) recently released the state's top 10 agriculture products based on annual cash receipts for 2024.

As expected, soybeans and corn held the top two spots on that list. Chicken eggs, dairy products, hogs, cattle and calves, broilers, wheat and turkeys round out the top 9 in this state. No surprises here.

However, cracking the top 10 for the first time ever was floriculture, which creeps in at No. 10.

Ohio is home to 513 large and small floriculture operations spread throughout the state. Nationwide, Ohio ranks No. 6 for the number of floriculture operations and No. 7 for floriculture sales, which totaled \$238 million in 2024.

More farmers across the Buckeye State are looking at floriculture as an additional source of income. Some have jumped all in.

First-generation farmers Steve and Gretel Adams, of Sunny Meadows Farm near Columbus, were once raising pigs, ducks and chickens on their modest homestead. They even dabbled in canned vegetables from their garden and made their own soap. It was the unexpected success of their flower crop that set them on a path toward specializing in flowers.

In the early years, Sunny Meadows sold fresh bouquets at farmers markets and offered floral designs for weddings and special events. Over time, the farm expanded and the business grew to include direct-to-florist sales and deliveries, and bouquet distribution to specialty grocery stores. With their nationwide shipping program,

they sell across the country to both wholesale and retail customers.

"We wish we would have started out growing 100 percent flowers," Steve said. "In the beginning, our idea was to live off the land, so we raised pigs, ducks, vegetables and all of those ideal homesteading tasks. Flowers became our niche, and that really helped us turn the farm into a business. We have learned so much from other farmers, and have really become better growers because of the inspiration we draw from our mentors."

Located just six miles from downtown Columbus, Sunny Meadows grows more than 500 varieties of flowers on 50-plus acres across four farm locations, making it one of the largest urban flower farms in the Midwest.

"My dad purchased the land in the 80s and the city kind of grew around it as it expanded," Gretel said. "Where we are was historically farmed and from reading the farmer's memoirs, they specialized in turnips that they shipped to surrounding states in the 1950s. However, when we inherited the land, it hadn't been farmed since. My grandfather used to mow it, but he was in his 80s when we moved out, so it was totally overgrown. We made investments in infrastructure to make it a farm."

The couple was fortunate their land offered good soil.

"We own 10 acres and rent two, making our actual tillable field production about 3.5 acres, and the rest of our production acres are our perennial fields and greenhouses," Gretel added. "The good thing about flowers is that you can crank a lot of volume out of limited space."

Steve and Gretel's experience and expertise have made them sought-after and well-respected speakers, teachers

and thought leaders in the floral industry. They regularly share their expertise through workshops, conferences and their own consulting services.

While the Adams have their preferred flowers, the variety to choose from seems endless, and Ohio's diverse climate offers a unique canvas of flowers.

Annuals such as marigolds, petunias and zinnias are the choice of many flower enthusiasts. Annuals can be used greatly in vegetable gardens, where they add beauty and help in pest control. Other popular annuals including sunflowers, cosmos, snapdragons, petunias and impatiens are favorites among gardeners and farmers.

Perennials such as daylilies, hostas, and peonies offer recurring blooms and a sense of garden continuity. Perennials also play a crucial role in creating habitats for wildlife, offering shelter and sustenance across multiple seasons. Other popular perennials include coral bells, astilbe, Sxxhasta daisy and lavender.

Wildflowers such as Black-eyed Susan, wild columbine and purple coneflower thrive in minimal intervention, perfectly adapted to Ohio's climate and soil. Wildflowers support native wildlife, providing nectar, pollen and seeds to various bees, butterflies and birds. Other eye-catching wildflowers include Joe Pye weed, New England aster, goldenrod and Ironweed.

While this couple has taken floriculture from a small plot to a large business, farmers wanting to add an additional source of income involving flowers can do it on less than 1 acre.

Urban micro-farms operate on less than 1 acre, often focusing on specialty blooms. Market farms span 2-5 acres, serving farmers markets and florists. Production farms focus on specific varieties like peonies or dahl-

ias. U-pick operations combine retail and agritourism experiences. Theirs is a market farm.

"From each farm you visit, or conversation you have with a farmer, you can take a piece of that back to your farm and try to figure out how it works within your systems," Steve said. "We are always striving for more efficiency on the farm, and there is always more to learn...that's why we like farming."

Gretel said, "One thing this wild and wonderful journey has taught us is to never underestimate the power of flowers. They surround us at life's biggest celebrations. They communicate happiness, love, empathy, congratulations and sorrow. They are there for us in the good times or bad."

Sunny Meadows can be found at 3577 Watkins Road in Columbus.



**Above:** Steve and Gretel Adams, of Columbus, Ohio, were raising pigs, ducks and chickens before finding more success by turning their acreage into a flower farm. (photo submitted)

## WOODS BW 15.50 15' Batwing Mower

"0% For 36 Months Available" (Ask Us For Details)



2103 N. Main St., Delphos, Ohio



Gearboxes with Dipsticks and Drain Plugs



Replaceable HD Skid Shoes



Hose Shield



210 HP Rated Gearbox w/ Slip Clutch



Gearboxes with Dipsticks and Drain Plugs



Quick Change and Greaseable Blade Pins



**H.G. VIOLET EQUIPMENT**

Top 100 Woods Dealer!!

419-695-2000 [www.hgviolet.com](http://www.hgviolet.com)

### Woods Mowers in Stock

BW 240XHD 20'	BB 84.4 7'
TBW 180 15'	BB 72 6'
BW 15.50 15'	RC 4 4'
BW 12 12'	RC 5 5'
	RC 6 6'

### Other Woods Equipment in Stock

Box Scrapers	Snow Blowers
Rear Blades	Pallet Forks
Log Splitters	Rotary Tillers

# Clover Valley Farm wins \$100,000 Growing Tomorrow grant

**By Mike Tanchevski  
Ohio Correspondent**

CLERMONT COUNTY, Ohio – The best opportunities often appear unexpectedly. In summer 2024, Nate Parriiman was flipping through a magazine when he spotted a notice for the Growing Tomorrow Grant. Established by Mike and Patti Boyert in partnership with the Ohio Farm Bureau, the grant aimed to support young agricultural professionals in Ohio launching or expanding innovative, sustainable businesses.

"They were explaining the grant, and I was thinking, 'We need something like this - we should try for it,'" Nate recalled. Despite discovering the opportunity close to the July 31 deadline, Nate and his wife, Jill, committed to the extensive application process, which required a project plan, a video introduction and financial documentation.

The hard work paid off. The Parimans were awarded the \$100,000 Growing Tomorrow Grant for 2025, providing the essential capital needed to transform their 24-acre Clermont

County property into a thriving hub for regenerative agriculture. "The effort was definitely worth it," Jill said.

The Parrimans are transitioning their acreage from a traditional dairy and soybean operation to a diversified, regenerative specialty crop farm, moving away from conventional farming and pesticides. "We are completely 'no spray' and trying to be as organic as possible," Nate said.

This shift has led them toward regenerative permaculture, focusing on high-engagement crops like Christmas trees. Their long-term core goal is to plant 1 acre per year – approximately 1,200 to 1,300 trees – with a plan to eventually reach 8 total acres. Specialty crops like pumpkins and cut flowers provide interim income while the trees mature over their six- to eight-year growth cycle. Additionally, a “you-cut” model for wildflowers and pumpkins reduces labor while inviting the community onto the land.

"Instead of renting to farmers who were going to spray, we decided to plant our own specialty crops," Nate said.

In addition, Nate and Jill use their

**Above:** Clover Valley Farm's dairy barn awaiting renovation.

Clover Valley Farm as a picturesque location for professional photography. "We're planting crops and flowers that photographers are using as a backdrop," Jill said. Specifically, they focus on two seasonal attractions for these sessions: wildflowers and pumpkins. Nate recently planted a patch of wildflowers designed to enhance the farm's aesthetic appeal.

The entire \$100,000 grant is dedicated to renovating an old dairy barn, transforming it into a vibrant community hub for local events, educational workshops, and agricultural outreach activities. To meet modern building codes, the structure requires a new roof and extensive engineering work, including structural reinforcements and updated electrical systems. "It's looking like it's going to take every penny," Nate said.

Under the terms of the grant, the project must be completed within a year, making for a fast-paced trans-

formation. Once finished, the barn will serve as the center of the farm's educational and community outreach vision.

To transform the farm into an appealing destination, Jill plans to use the renovated barn as a venue for seasonal workshops and skill-based gatherings. "Events like flower bouquet building, where visitors don't just pick flowers, but come inside to pick their vase and spend time with their friends or their kids, while learning to professionally arrange their stems," she said. As the seasons shift, the focus will turn toward Christmas-themed activities, including wreath making and holiday crafts, potentially even hosting a Santa to create a festive destination for local families.

Educational and youth programming will also occur in the barn, providing a dedicated space for learning

(Clover continued on page 12)

LOWER INPUTS - BUY AMERICAN - BUY AUGUSTA

# HOLD DOWN INPUTS WITH AUGUSTA!

**"A1259 - 109 RDM is my favorite hybrid! Its been great for me for several years and it helps hold my inputs down!"**

**Alton and Steve Durkes**  
**Durkes Farms**  
**Converse, IN**

*Pray For America!  
Believe The Bible Is True!*

**AUGUSTA SEED**    
**540-886-6055**   
[www.augustaseed.com](http://www.augustaseed.com)

LOWER INPUTS - BUY AMERICAN - BUY AUGUSTA

The advertisement features a large, modern steel building with a dark grey or black exterior and a light grey or white trim. A green tractor is parked inside the open garage door. The building is set against a backdrop of a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds and a green, open field. In the distance, several wind turbines are visible. The American Steel Carports logo is at the top, and the text 'BARNs, SHEDs, CARPORTs, & MORE!' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. Below it, 'MENTION CODE:FARMWORLD' and 'TO A SALES REPRESENTATIVE FOR 5% OFF.' are written in red and black respectively. The website 'americansteelonline.com' and phone number '410.727.1221' are at the bottom.

## Lindsey Hall named 2026 president of Ohio Cattlemen's Association board

By Mike Tanchevski  
Ohio Correspondent

HILLSBORO, Ohio - Amid a surge in demand and tight supplies in the beef industry, the Ohio Cattlemen's Association (OCA) has named Lindsey Hall, of Highland County, as its 2026 president. Hall, a veteran cattle producer with experience in both the seedstock and retail sectors, will lead the association during this pivotal period.

Hall's leadership is grounded in hands-on experience on her family's Maplecrest Farms seedstock operation and retail outlet, Maplecrest Meats & More. As board president, she aims to help all producers navigate the current market and build sustainable futures.

Operating Maplecrest Farms and Maplecrest Meats involves managing roughly 350 mature cows and navigating the complexities of a retail front that processes 120 head annually. That combined perspective - as both a producer and a retailer - allows her to see the gaps in the supply chain that the OCA can help fill.

"I have a retail business, so I have to think about things from a commercial producer perspective as well as from a retail perspective," Hall said.

For Ohio's cow-calf producers, the current market dynamics are a welcome shift after years of tight margins. A combination of drought-driven supply shortages and steady consumer demand has created a unique opportunity for profitability.

"It's a good time to be in the beef industry," Hall said. "Finally, cow-calf pro-

ducers are getting a larger piece of the pie - earning more of their fair share."

However, with high prices comes high risk. Hall feels the industry is more exposed to market volatility than ever before. In response to uncertainty, she hopes to prioritize educational resources and risk management.

While prices are at record highs, she points out that the modern beef economy comes with intensified risks. "The higher we rise, the further we can fall," Hall said.

Today's producers are exposed to significant market volatility, triggered by global policy shifts or even social media. "We're at record high prices, but all it takes is one tweet from the president or someone within the Department of Agriculture for drastic market fluctuations," she said. "Unless we're continuing to stress to the people who are making these huge decisions - such as trade agreements and tariffs - until they fully understand the implications of these high input costs down the production chain, we're not going to see a change."

Another challenge for beef producers, according to Hall, is the state's lack of large-scale cattle processing facilities. Currently, many Ohio producers travel out of state to Pennsylvania or Michigan to find facilities with the capacity or USDA licensing required to capture maximum value.

Another important component of the OCA agenda is youth development.

(Lindsey Hall continued on page 11)



Above: Lindsey Hall speaking at the OCA BEST Awards Banquet.

While the OCA is widely known for the Beef Exhibitor Show Total (BEST) program, Hall is pushing to expand the association's reach to youth who may not be in the show ring.

The Ohio Beef Youth Council (OBYC) is set to take a larger role, including overseeing the Stockmanship program. Hall's goal is to transition "show kids" into "industry leaders" by providing them with a deeper understanding of policy and advocacy.

"The highlight of our youth programs is always the BEST program, but that's a very niche segment," Hall said. "The

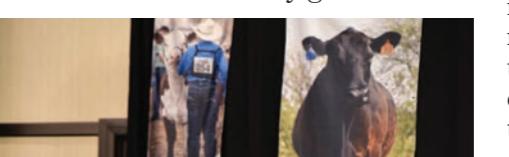
## Lindsey Hall

FROM PAGE 10

Youth Council is not just for show kids - this is for all of Ohio's beef youth and even youth who aren't necessarily directly involved."

By engaging youth early, she hopes to build a membership base that understands the "unseen" work of the OCA, such as trade advocacy and legislative monitoring.

"If we give these guys a better experience or better understanding of what OCA does from a younger age, they'll be able to carry that out and better understand what we do as they get older."



Above: Lindsey Hall serving as a judge with Dr. Aaron Arnett for the 2024 Dean's Charity Steer Show.

**Call Melissa At: 1-800-876-5133, Ext. 222  
For Advertising Info In Southeastern Indiana and  
Central & Southwest Ohio**



Above: Lindsey Hall speaking at the 2025 OCA Annual Meeting.

With the average Ohio herd size sitting at just 15 to 20 head, Hall is very aware that OCA's decisions have a massive impact on the livelihoods of small-scale farmers. Her day job as an agent for ICAP Crop Insurance gives her a front-row seat to the rising input costs that plague the industry.

"I want to make sure that any decision we make in that boardroom positively impacts every single beef producer in the state of Ohio, regardless of size and scope," Hall said.

To help these producers, Hall plans to focus on legislation regarding price reporting and transparency by major beef packers. "I really want to challenge our board to be more innovative - this isn't our grandpa's beef economy anymore," she said. "We need to continue to provide services that better serve our customers and provide modern services that reflect today's digital and retail-focused markets, and educate lawmakers on how trade agreements and tariffs trickle down to affect the individual farmer's bottom line."

In addition to Hall, the 2026 OCA board officers are vice president: Andy Lohr, Crawford County; treasurer: Linde Sutherly, Clark County; and member at-large: Frank Phelps, Logan County.

As the OCA prepares for the 2026 term, Hall's mission is to ensure that the association continues to grow and support its membership.

"I feel like it's an exciting time and there are so many talented producers, young professionals that aren't involved in OCA. It's time to get those people involved," she said. "For us to be more sustainable, all of us need to be successful. There's room for everybody to have a piece of that pie."

Hall and the OCA is positioning Ohio's beef industry to not only survive the current market volatility but to thrive for generations to come.

"Our highest priority is always going to be to grow our membership, and to continue to show and prove the value of that membership. I don't think people really appreciate or even understand everything that the Ohio Cattlemen's Association does on behalf of Ohio's beef producers."

**New Year's Resolution...Buy Augusta!**

**A4961 - 111 RDM**

AVAILABLE TRAITED AND CONVENTIONAL  
PLANT HEALTH (BEST IN CLASS AGAINST TAR SPOT)  
ABOVE AVERAGE YIELD  
STRESS TOLERANT  
SEMI FLEX EARS  
VERY GOOD GRAIN QUALITY  
AND TEST WEIGHT

**AVAILABLE CONVENTIONAL NOW!**

**"Augusta has a nice blend of high yielding hybrids with technology and conventional options. Give me a call and discuss the options that fit your budget!"**

**Matt Rawley**  
Vice President  
Augusta Seed  
540-255-5902

**DON'T FORGET YOUR NEW YEARS RESOLUTION... PLANT MORE AUGUSTA!!**

**A1259 - 109 RDM**

FULLY TRAITED  
EXCELS AT MODERATE TO LOW POPULATIONS  
PLANT ANYWHERE HYBRID  
BIG YIELDS  
DEFENSIVE WITH TOP END POTENTIAL

**AVAILABLE CONVENTIONAL NOW!**

**A4759 - 109 RDM**

DRYS DOWN LIKE 107  
AVAILABLE CONVENTIONAL  
TO FULLY TRAITED  
THRIVES ON MODERATE TO LIGHT SOILS  
VERY GOOD STANDABILITY  
VERY STRESS TOLERANT  
GREAT EAR FLEX  
ULTRA FAST DRYDOWN FOR MATURITY

**AVAILABLE CONVENTIONAL NOW!**

**GREAT HYBRIDS AND GREAT PRICES!**

**A2355 PWE - 105 RDM**

AVAILABLE CONVENTIONAL  
HUGE EAR FLEX  
SUPER HIGH YIELDER FOR 105 RDM  
ADMIRABLE STRESS TOLERANCE  
APPEALING LATE SEASON INTACTNESS

**AVAILABLE CONVENTIONAL NOW!**

**49 YEARS AND STILL GROWING!**

**Augusta Seed - 1977-2026**

*Still Independent! Still Family Owned! Still Family Operated With Local Research!*

**www.augustaseed.com 540-886-6055**

Pray For America! Believe the Bible is True!

**THE  
BOOT BOX**

Shipping Available

The Boot Box offers the largest selection of safety work boots for men and women. We carry the top brands.

**New Arrivals  
for All Your Shopping**

- Ariat
- Justin
- Keen Utility
- Dry Shod
- Thorogood
- Carolina
- Red Wing
- Wolverine
- Georgia
- Double H
- Twisted X
- Reebok
- Durango
- Muck Boot Co.
- CAT

**THE  
BOOT  
BOX**

60 W. Main St.  
Hagerstown, IN 47346  
765-489-5605

Hours:  
Monday-Friday 9-6  
Saturday 9-4 • Sunday 12-4

[www.thebootboxonline.com](http://www.thebootboxonline.com)



Pray For America! Believe the Bible is True!

New Year's Resolution...Buy Augusta!

New Year's Resolution...Buy Augusta!

New Year's Resolution...Buy Augusta!

New Year's Resolution...Buy Augusta!

**\*CHAMPION SEED INC.**  
Agri Force Ventures D/B/A Champion Seed\*  
3727 Fahlsing Road, P.O. Box 130  
Woodburn, Indiana 46797  
E-mail: [mbfbros3727@gmail.com](mailto:mbfbros3727@gmail.com)

**260-632-4608**

**FREE DELIVERY**  
2.2 - 3.8 Maturity  
Glyphosate Resistant Soybeans  
100% Replants on Soybeans Treated

**Enlist E3 SOYBEANS**  
**TENDFLEX SOYBEANS**

**Corn Roundup Ready 97-112 Maturity**  
100% Replant on Non-GMO

**VT2PRO Hybrids**

**VTDoublePRO RIB COMPLETE**

**VOLUME DISCOUNT ON CORN**

Clint Miller 260-760-6754 Joe Malfait 260-433-3443

**CHAMPION SEED**

## Clover

FROM PAGE 9

and development. Nate hopes to host field trips from local schools and organizations like the local Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts for team building and agricultural education. "These programs would teach the life cycle of a pumpkin or the flowers, allowing children to move from the classroom setting of the barn directly into the fields to help us plant or help us cut flowers for a true hands-on experience," he said.

Beyond public events, the couple plans to establish the farm as a professional resource by hosting conferences and workshops that focus on innovative agricultural practices. They intend to host presentations focused on regenerative techniques, providing a space for both conventional and organic farmers to discuss non-traditional methods. Nate also expressed a desire to support industry peers. "It would be neat to host the summer meeting of the Ohio Christmas Tree Association one day," he said.



Above: Young Christmas trees peeking through the snow.

## Graham Good Deals

- Log Cabin Siding Wood & Vinyl
- 1x6 & 1x8 T&G Knotty Pine
- 2x6 T&G SYP & Treated
- 6" & 8" Cedar Bevel Siding
- Framing & Treated Lumber
- Rebar & Concrete Wire
- Fence Post & Fence boards
- Wood Barn Siding
- Used Guardrail
- 20' & 40' Used Cargo Containers

OUR DIRT CHEAP PRICES ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE  
OR CALL FOR A DELIVERED PRICE TO YOUR LOCATION



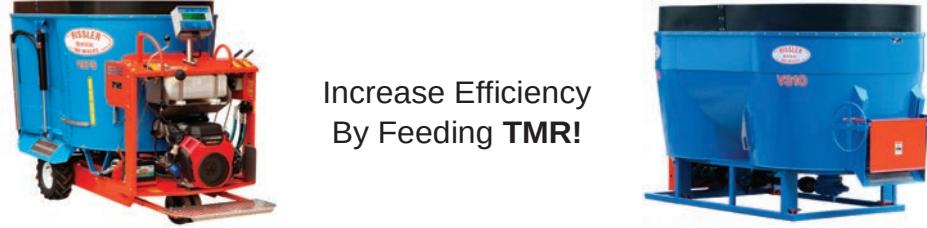
**A.W. GRAHAM LUMBER LLC**  
Website: [www.grahamlumber.com](http://www.grahamlumber.com)  
Phone: 1-877-845-9663





**RISSLER**  
-TMR MIXERS SINCE 1981  
1.800.436.5623

Increase Efficiency  
By Feeding TMR!



**Authorized Rissler Dealers**

Bittersweet Farm Svc Greenfield, Ohio 937-981-4094	Harold's Eq. Dundee, Ohio 330-893-2348	Sensenig's Ag Eq Greenwich, Ohio 419-752-7801	Zimmerman Sales Goshen, Indiana 574-642-3379
--	--	---	--

What makes their endeavor even more challenging is their "day job" – both Nate and Jill are physical therapists. With Nate working full-time and Jill part-time, the farm is a true family labor of love.

"We do a lot of it as a family. That's how we spend our evenings and weekends," Jill said. While the kids enjoy playing in the mud and the extended family pitches in during peak seasons, the couple uses creative strategies to keep operations manageable.

Nate and Jill's passion for agriculture is rooted in their background within rural farming communities. Jill's connection to the land comes from her uncle and grandfather, who were both farmers. "That gave me an appreciation of growing things," she said.

Nate's interest came from his experience at a greenhouse and nursery throughout high school and college. During a winter break, he discovered his specific calling. "I helped sell pre-cut Christmas trees, and I just really enjoyed it," he said. "It's a fun time of year; everybody's all happy to get the Christmas tree."



Above: A foreground of wildflowers at Clover Valley Farm.

TELL THEM YOU SAW THEIR AD IN

**FarmWorld**

**FarmWorld**

1955 *Celebrating 55 Years* 2010



has teamed up with the



**World Vision®**

## Livestock Program

*Providing various forms  
of livestock to small,  
rural villages in  
Third World countries.*

**Donate  
Today!**



### Phone

1-888-511-6505

### Mail

World Vision  
Farm World Donations  
PO Box 9716  
Federal Way, WA 98063-9716

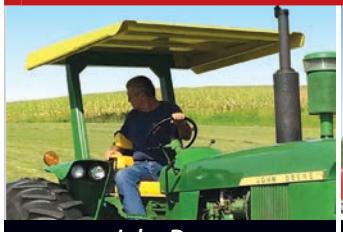
### Online

[www.worldvisiongifts.org/FarmWorld](http://www.worldvisiongifts.org/FarmWorld)



**\$30 OFF\***  
on the first 10 orders

# FREE SHIPPING!\* Certified ROPS and Shade Canopies



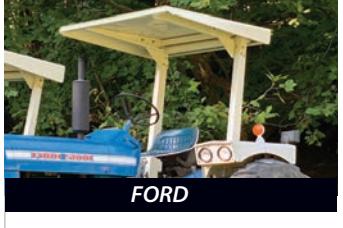
John Deere



International



Oliver



FORD



Massey-Ferguson



Allis-Chalmers



Optional Headliner

- Reduces tractor vibration noise
- Added summer heat protection
- Pre-installed in the canopy

"I recommend the Headliner option. I had noise transferring from my tractor to the canopy. Since installing the Headliner, it is quiet." Robert Mann, IL



100%  
Satisfaction  
Guarantee

Call 765-597-2480

\*Orders must be placed by February 6, 2026.

## ADVERTISE With Us FarmWorld TODAY!

### SEE US AT THE NFMS TO GET THESE ONCE IN A LIFETIME PRICES!



See us at:  
National Farm  
Machinery Show,  
South Wing,  
Booth #7055

#### TRUSS ARCH DESIGN ON ALL BUILDINGS



30'x70' Steel Truss Frame Cover Kit, \$7,995

38'x100' Steel Truss Frame Cover Kit, \$14,950

### HOOP BARN CRAZY SALE!

Just When You Thought They Couldn't Get Any Lower...They Did!

30'x70' Steel Truss Frame Cover Kit . . . . .	\$9,200	\$7,995
38'x100' Steel Truss Frame Cover Kit . . . . .	\$18,000	\$14,950
42'x100' Steel Truss Frame Cover Kit . . . . .	\$23,050	\$22,752
50'x100' Steel Truss Frame Cover Kit . . . . .	\$32,500	\$30,875
65'x100' Steel Truss Frame Cover Kit . . . . .	\$44,500	\$42,275
Replacement Tarps . . . . .	\$1.25	\$1.18/Sq. Ft.

SHELTERS WILL SELL EARLY! CALL TO BOOK IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT TO THE SHOW!

### HOOP STRUCTURES WITH UNLIMITED USES



Hoop Barns With Quick & Easy Set-Up  
& A Low-Cost Alternative

Factory Authorized Dealer:  
Derick Woods, Sadieville, KY (859) 588-5416

Head Office Toll Free  
**877-547-4738**  
SilverStreamShelters.com

Head Office Toll Free

**877-547-4738**

SilverStreamShelters.com

## Culver's Thank You Farmers® project hits \$8 million in donations

By William Flood  
Ohio correspondent

PRAIRIE DU SAC, Wis. – Culver's Thank You Farmers® project marked a significant milestone in 2025, surpassing \$8 million in total donations since the program's launch in 2013. Now in its 12th year, the initiative also recorded its strongest single year to date, raising more than \$1.5 million to support agricultural education and the long-term viability of farming.

That program, along with others, was created to recognize the role farmers play in the food system while investing in the future of agriculture. Funds raised through customer contributions and local restaurant-led efforts are directed toward programs that support agricultural education, land stewardship, and the next generation of farmers, with support coming from both rural and urban communities.

"Behind every meal we serve in our restaurants are local hardworking farmers," said Alison Demmer, Culver's senior public relations manager. "This year and every year, we're proud to work alongside our guests to create something truly meaningful, and we're so thankful to everyone who joined us

You Farmers®

in furthering our efforts to uplift our next generation of farmers."

The success of the Thank You Farmers Project relies heavily on the generosity of Culver's guests, who contribute through donations and participation in special events.

Culver's fundraising and recognition efforts in 2025 included a range of initiatives aimed at supporting agriculture and rural communities. Those initiatives included a promotion tied to the film Green and Gold, in which Culver's donated \$1 for each rental and digital purchase of the movie, resulting in \$100,000 distributed to three agricultural organizations.

The company continued its "To Farmers with Love" contest, in which guests nominated farmers and ranchers from across the country. Five winners were selected and received \$500 cash prizes along with a VIP Tim McGraw concert experience at the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa, as well as Culver's gift cards and branded items.

Support for agricultural education was highlighted during the 11th annual Scoops of Thanks Day, when guests donated more than \$170,000 by receiving a single scoop of Fresh Frozen Custard in exchange for a \$1 contribution. In 2025, Culver's served 171,319 scoops during the event, with proceeds benefiting local FFA chapters and other agricultural education groups. Since its launch, Scoops of Thanks Day has raised more than \$1 million for local FFA chapters nationwide.

Additional fundraising came through Culver's Concretes for a Cause program, which raised more than \$570,000 in 2025 by donating \$1 from each Concrete Mixer sold systemwide over five days to local hunger relief efforts. Since the program began, more than \$2.3 million has been raised for local food banks. All donations go directly to local food banks selected by participating restaurants through Culver's Give Local Program.

Culver's also supported FFA members through several initiatives aimed at developing future agricultural leaders. Through its FFA Ambassadors program, guests nominated standout members to represent the company in their communities, with 10 ambassadors earning up to \$2,500 each to support learning experiences tied to agricultural advocacy events. At the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Culver's served more than 30,000 scoops of custard over three days, and through its Blue Jacket Program, the company provided 1,100 official FFA jackets to students who may not otherwise have been able to afford one.

In 2025, Culver's continued to honor and support farmers through further efforts that reached rural communities nationwide. Guests wrote more than 329,000 thank-you notes to farmers across the country, while the Blue Room Experience reached 14,450 visitors and four VIP farmers at major events, offering free custard, interactive games, photo opportunities, and

(Culver's continued on page 14)

### GLYPHOSATE

(FULLY LOADED)

Call For Special Prices On Other  
Restricted & Nonrestricted Chemicals

Enlist, Conventional Soybean Seed

Glyphosate  
5.4 a Lb. / \$13.90 a Gallon

Glufosinate \$14.60 a Gallon

Clethodim \$29.80 a Gallon

Prices are Subject to Change

Phone: 317-727-1813

4 mi. N. of Greenfield, IN

Prices are Subject to Change

Phone: 317-727-1813

4 mi. N. of Greenfield, IN

Prices are Subject to Change

Phone: 317-727-1813

4 mi. N. of Greenfield, IN

Prices are Subject to Change

## Soybean groups question 'Dietary Guidelines for Americans'

By DOUG SCHMITZ  
Iowa Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. - While many national farm organizations are praising the recent release of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' "Dietary Guidelines for Americans for 2025-2030 (DGA)," at least two U.S. soybean groups are questioning some of the report's findings.

According to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., and USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins, the report marks "the most significant reset of federal nutrition policy in decades. The new guidelines deliver a clear, common-sense message to the American people: eat real food," they said in a Jan. 7 media statement.

Kennedy and Rollins said DGA emphasizes "simple, flexible guidance-rooted in modern nutrition science" such as: prioritizing protein at every meal; consuming full-fat dairy with no added sugars; eating vegetables and fruits throughout the day; incorporating healthy fats from whole foods like meats, seafood, eggs, nuts, seeds, olives and avocados; focusing on whole grains, while sharply reducing refined carbohydrates; and limiting highly processed foods, added sugars and artificial additives.

However, Scott Metzger, American Soybean Association (ASA) president and Williamsport, Ohio, farmer, said in a Jan. 7 media statement the report's appendix continues to call into question the process of soybean oil extraction, which is scientifically proven to be safe for human health.

He said soybean oil and soy protein play a critical role in the health and nutrition of Americans: "U.S. soybean farmers are proud to grow a heart-healthy and high-protein crop that can feed the country and the world."

"ASA appreciates that the 2025-2030 Dietary Guidelines for Americans acknowledge the importance of soy as part of a well-balanced diet, but we remain deeply concerned by the rhetoric and selectively cited studies regarding the health and safety of soybean oil in

DGA-supporting material," he added.

In an official Jan. 21 joint statement to Farm World, ASA explained why the soybean oil extraction process is safe for human consumption: "Seed oils, including soybean oil, are most often extracted using solvents like hexane."

"Hexane is an organic liquid solvent used to effectively and safely separate oils from any mixed material," the statement said. "This has been common practice for decades, dating back to the 1930s, and is used globally to produce protein and fiber for livestock feed and the remaining oil for human consumption."

According to ASA, "By the most conservative estimates, an individual would need to drink 158 times more oil than average, about 4,900 grams, to reach the minimal risk level for hexane. Further refinement removes toxic compounds, improves shelf stability, and removes undesirable odors. The FDA has reviewed this process and recognizes it as safe. Furthermore, the body of scientific evidence overwhelmingly endorses the consumption of soybean oil, regardless of processing method."

ASA said "the authors cite (in DGA's appendix) lipid absorption in rats, which does not correlate with the same association in humans. Researchers conducting rodent studies have acknowledged that human metabolism is much more complex. The questions posed in the appendix ignore the immense body of evidence that support replacing saturated fats with unsaturated fats, like soybean oil."

"While many Americans may never see these discussions reflected in the final dietary guidelines, their inclusion reveals a troubling mindset among the authors toward seed oils that is not supported by the evidence," ASA added. "Such false claims risk eroding consumer confidence in a safe, widely used product and threaten an important market for producers who are already facing challenging economic conditions."

The National Oilseed Processors Association (NOPA) agreed with ASA, saying in a Jan. 7 statement that "some appendices rely on a narrow evidence

base with limited citations, which is concerning," given the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' claims, they asserted, questioning the safety of certain vegetable oils, despite an established scientific consensus.

Without strong demand for vegetable oils, NOPA said, these protein ingredients become less available, limiting production, and increasing costs across the food system: "Grown by American farmers, these oilseeds and the full range of products that come from them help strengthen a resilient farm-to-table supply chain that delivers nutritious and affordable options to households nationwide."

Metzger said, "ASA will continue to address claims that disparage the use of soybean oil and promote solutions that are healthy and safe for consumers."

To view the complete list of DGA, visit: <https://realfood.gov>.

## Culver's

FROM PAGE 13

a chance to connect with the public. The company also remained involved in the Decade of Ag initiative, a national effort led by U.S. Farmers & Ranchers in Action to strengthen the long-term sustainability of U.S. agriculture through collaboration across the food and ag sector. Culver's gratitude was also visible through its Blue Barn Experience, which featured hand-painted barns across the Midwest displaying the message "Thank You, Farmers" to recognize the vital role farmers play in feeding their communities.

For more information on Culver's Thank You Farmers Project and its other initiatives impacting agriculture, or to donate to a project, visit: [www.culvers.com/about-culvers/thank-you-farmers-project](http://www.culvers.com/about-culvers/thank-you-farmers-project).

100 Twin Oaks Circle  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
502-875-4050  
502-229-7186

1997 Ford 4630

1997 Ford 4630,  
Brand New Turbo,  
Only 610 Actual Hrs,  
1 Owner, 60HP Ford 3 Cyl. Turbo  
Dsl. 8 Spd. High-Lo,  
540PTO,  
Single Rear Remotes,  
Field Ready, Sharp

\$17,900 OBO

JD 4050

1988 John Deere 4050, Super Sharp,  
4WD, CAH, Only 2778 Orig. Hours.,  
2 Owner, 7.6L 130HP JD Dsl. Eng.,  
15 Spd. PS, New Starter, All New  
OEM JD Belts, All Orig. Interior, Dual  
Rear Remotes, This Tractor is Ready  
to Work, Always Shaded, Tons of JD  
Parts That Have Been OEM Painted,  
Tons of New Oil and Air Filters

\$45,000 OBO

LARRY STIGERS  
EQUIPMENT, TRAILERS & TRUCKS  
[WWW.STIGERSTRUCKS.COM](http://WWW.STIGERSTRUCKS.COM)



See more photos and full description at [www.stigerstrucks.com](http://www.stigerstrucks.com)

# FarmWorld Service Directory



What type of service do you provide? Advertise it here!

Only \$580<sup>00</sup> for 12 issues!!

**★ Starlite Fencing ★**

We can pressure wash your old board fence, as well as painting old or new board fence.

**13978 Jones Rd., Hagerstown, IN 47346**

**765-524-6117**

**Aquilla King**  
**Agricultural & Residential Fence**

High Tensile Board Fence  
Woven Wire Coated Wire Split Rail  
Privacy Fence Chain Link Barbed Wire Vinyl Fence Horse Rail

**Free Estimates • Post Pounder For Rent**

**HALL FARMS**

**Premium Straw Blankets**

We Specialize In NRCS Waterway Project Supplies

HIGHEST QUALITY - LOWEST PRICES

812-576-2580 • [www.hall-farms.com](http://www.hall-farms.com) • 9011 SR 46, Brookville, IN 47012

**William Haak**  
MMBR  
(219) 364-0030  
[BillHaak1@gmail.com](mailto:BillHaak1@gmail.com)

**Clean Fill Disposal**  
**Sand, Aggregate, Compost/Soil Sales**

**Site Entrance:** W300N & W325N • Valparaiso, IN  
**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 73 • Valparaiso, IN 46384

3 weeks for the price of 2

Call in Your Ads TOLL-FREE — 1-800-876-5133, Ext. 123

**CLASSIFICATION TITLES**

Announcements	110	For Sale, General	10	Planters-Drills	520
Antique Farm Equipment	170	Generators	230	Poultry	300
Antique Tractors	410	Goats	270	Rabbits	320
Augers	390	Grain Bins & Drying Equip.	480	Ratites	400
Buildings	50	Grinder-Mixers	550	Real Estate For Sale	160
Building Materials	200	Harvest Equipment	310	Real Estate Wanted	150
Bush Hogs	101	Hay & Straw	340	Recreational Vehicles	70
Cars	60	Hay Equipment	530	Seed Handling Equip.	370
Cattle	210	Help Wanted	30	Services	180
Combines & Pickers-Headers	490	Horses	290	Sheep	260
Custom Work	120	Industrial Equipment	100	Skid Steer Loaders	420
Dairy Equipment	330	Irrigation	430	Swine	250
Dogs-Cats	280	Lawn & Garden	460	Tillage (Plows, Discs, Etc.)	510
Farm Equipment Wanted	440	Livestock Equipment	220	Tractors	450
Farm Tires	470	Lumber	190	Trailers	90
Feed-Seed	350	Manure Equipment	540	Trucks	80
Fert./Chemical Appl. Equip.	380	Misc. Farm Equipment	560	Wagons	500
Fertilizer & Chemicals	360	Misc. Parts	240	Wanted To Buy	20
For Rent	130	Organic	40	Wanted To Rent	140

**FarmWorld****CLASSIFIEDS**

27 N. Jefferson St. • Knightstown, IN 46148

Toll Free: 800-876-5133 • Fax: 765-345-3323

E-mail: ktrue@farmworldonline.com • Website: www.farmworldonline.com

Classified Deadline: Friday 11:00 AM Eastern Time  
Holidays Affect Deadline!**Classified Word Ad Rates**

(15 Word Minimum)

95¢ per word for 1st week

\$1.90 per word for 2 weeks

3rd week free

City & State count as 1 word each.  
2-word city counts as 2 words.  
3-word city counts as 3 words.  
Phone numbers count as 1 word.**Bold Ads**  
(Entire Ad) 25% Extra**Blind Box Service**  
\$5.00 per week added to the cost of ad  
Replies mailed daily.**NO REFUNDS ON CANCELLATIONS!**

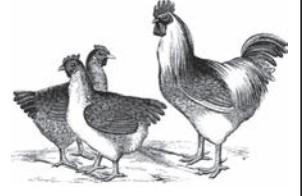
5% billing charge which is deductible if paid within 10 days.

Additional charges added for accounts sent to collection & NSF checks.  
**Farm World** Will not be responsible for more than one incorrect insertion. Each insertion is proof of publication and it is the responsibility of the advertiser to check it. **Farm World** does not assume any responsibility for errors or omissions beyond the cost of the ad itself. **Farm World** has the right to edit, reject or properly classify any ad.**Farm World** newspaper reserves the right to change or alter rates at any time without notice or obligation.**10 FOR SALE, GENERAL****(500) hog panels/gates.**  
Reasonable, new. 734-461-1414.**1000 gal.** refurbished propane tank, \$3500. 765-542-6430 Greensfork, IN.**148 JD** loader & bucket, needs new hyd. hoses, \$2500. 317-498-0803 aft. 6 p.m. Greenfield, IN.**Corn roaster** pull behind, roasts baked potatoes & corn on the cob \$4500; Hog feeder, aluminum w/ 8 openings for feed \$500. 859-380-8224 Union, KY.**Fiberglass T** posts, 7' long, \$7.85 ea.; 4x8 powder coated alum. sheets; solid round fiberglass rods, 1" round, 38' long. 812-257-9700 Odon, IN.**Escape Soaring Heat Costs**

with Central Boiler's certified, proven technology in the Classic Edge Titanium

**HDX OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE.**

Call now for economical warmth solutions!

CLASSIC COMFORT Heating & Supply  
888-296-3875 (10-Apr24)  
Greenville Ohio**20 WANTED TO BUY****Notice:** If you have standing timber, call me before you sell! Premium price for large walnut trees. Charles Fox. 765-853-9925, 765-238-9233 Modoc, IN.**Wanted:** Horse quality hay in round bales or small squares. Write to: John Yoder, 769 Mobley Rd., Patriot, OH 45658.**30 HELP WANTED****Grain farm** seeking full time employee in East Central, IN. Experience operating machinery & general farm knowledge required. Trucking experience preferred. References required. Home provided. Send inquiries to: Farm World, P.O. Box 90 FW1, Knightstown, IN 46148.**40x70 truss** arch, \$35,000 installed; 40x40 truss arch on steel containers, \$34,000 installed. 317-531-7973.**Got Chickens?**  
  
Advertise them in FarmWorld**the CLASSIFIEDS**

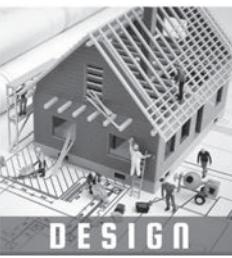
You never know what you'll find inside.

**FarmWorld**

800-876-5133 • www.farmworldonline.com

**50 BUILDINGS****WORCH LUMBER**WWW.WORCHLUMBER.COM  
SERVICE@WORCHLUMBER.COM

WE MAKE YOUR DREAMS REALITY

**POLE BARN SPECIALIST**

FROM SHEDS TO WAREHOUSES, WE ARE YOUR POST FRAME AND STUD FRAME CONSTRUCTION EXPERTS!

POLE BARNs - STUD FRAME - BARNDOMINIUM - WORKSHOPS - GARAGES - ADDITIONS

HAVE A QUESTION?  
NEED A QUOTE?  
(937) 526-4501**Classified Deadline: Fri. @ 11:00 AM EST****ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!****Beware of text & phone solicitors. Don't be a victim.****ALERT! If you get a TEXT message from anyone about your equipment, it's most likely a fraud. BEWARE OF JIM BROWN, NATIONAL VEHICLE REGISTRY, 531-242-5967, JOSHUA BROWN & MICHAEL BRYANT, 912-771-5495, 434-226-4602 (NC)!!!**

They will send you a check that appears to be good, but overpays to the amount of what it costs to pick up equipment, and later wants a wire sent to them through Walmart because they now will pay the pick up company. Their check comes back bad after a few days, and the Walmart wire cannot be reversed. They have been reported to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). ALERT!

If you are contacted by a company called National Marketing or Ultimate Market Place from Omaha, Nebraska and others, please be careful. Farm World has been alerted about representatives of Boese Media Marketing, Heartland Media Group LLC, National Marketing &amp; Ultimate Market Place, Sgt. Christopher (TX), Ryan (IA) anyone requesting transaction with PAYPAL account and others claiming that they will work for a brokerage or leasing company that matches buyers and sellers together and offers financing to buyers. For \$99-\$400 dollars they claim they have already brokered a buyer for the equipment, and want a credit card over the phone to begin the process. As time goes on, nothing happens, phone calls are not returned, and the equipment is not sold. We have heard from over 400 people, and have filed a complaint with both the Secretary of State and the Attorney General in Nebraska. If you have any experience with this company, please contact Consumer Protection Mediation Center 800-727-6432. Also we would like to hear from you. Please call 1-800-876-5133 x 302 and ask for Gary.

A scammer will often try to pressure you into making a quick decision and to pay up front.

These are warning signs that should not be ignored!

**REMEMBER:** If a deal is too good to be true, pass. Do not be influenced by a sense of urgency.  
**DO NOT GIVE YOUR CREDIT CARD OVER THE PHONE.****Have Something To Sell?****Call Kelly****Farm World Classifieds****1-800-876-5133  
Ext. 123**

3 weeks for the price of 2

## 50 BUILDINGS

**SCHWEISS**  
**DOORS**  
**HYDRAULIC — OR — BIFOLD**  
 ONE-PIECE DOORS STRAP LIFT DOORS  
**507-426-8273**  
  
**SCHWEISSDOORS.COM** (5-ft)

the CLASSIFIEDS  
 You never know what  
 you'll find inside.



**FarmWorld**  
 800-876-5133  
 www.farmworldonline.com



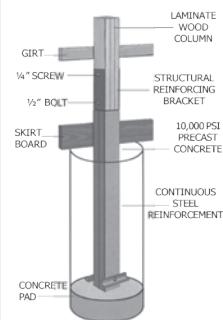
**D&E Buildings and More**  
**Amish Craftsmanship**

Berne, Indiana | 419-910-0024



**All Buildings Custom Built To Customer's Specs**

**40' x 64' x 14'**  
 1= 20' x 14' Split Sliding Doors  
 1=36" Walk Door  
 1=3'x3' Window



**40' x 80' x 14'**  
 1= 20' x 14' Split Sliding Doors  
 1=36" Walk Door  
 1=3'x3' Window

**60' x 88' x 16'**  
 1= 24' x 16' Split Sliding Doors  
 1=36" Walk Door  
 1=3'x3' Window

**Call Now About Our 5% Off Tax Sale Discount!**

**FREE ESTIMATES**  
**CUSTOMER SATISFACTION GUARANTEED**

All Materials Top Quality • Yellow Pine Trusses/Nailers  
 29 ga. Metal, 40 Yr. Color Guarantee  
 Trusses on 4' Centers • Hurricane Strap on all Trusses  
 Roof Purlins & Wall Nailers  
 Many Other Options Available!

(50-TFeb.27)

Large Scale Ag Buildings Also Available — We Also Offer 29 Ga. Metal with a 40 YR Warranty

## 80 TRUCKS

**INT. LT DAY CAB TRUCKS**  
 2019-2020'S  
 Off lease, 450HP Cummins, manual & automatics, clean, rust free southern unit.  
**Priced to sell.**  
 Neil 260-413-0626 (80-41)

**1975 Ford** 700, exc. shape, roll tarp, almost new 10x20 12 ply tires, \$9000 obo. 765-481-4780 Jamestown, IN.

**1979 GMC** 7000 Series, 427, 79,682 mi., 5+2, tag axle, cargo doors, \$12,000 obo. 260-837-7607.

**2008 F250**, Super Duty, 6.8 engine, 4x4, ext. cab, long bed, estate truck, 107,000 mi., leather exc. 765-363-6016 Earl Park, IN.

**2014 E 3500** 15 passenger van, gd. cond., vinyl interior flooring & seats, 541,000 mi., driveable, clean, gd. cond., \$5000. 812-569-5650 leave message. Dillsboro, IN.

**2019 Int. LT, X15** Cummins, 450HP, 10 spd. manual trans., 268,00 mi., clean, rust free truck. \$39,800. Neil 260-413-0626 Decatur, IN.

**New take off** truck beds, tailgates & bumpers. 317-512-2129 Franklin, IN.

**New takeoffs**, Chevy, Ford and Dodge, pickup beds, tailgates and step bumpers. 317-422-5815 Franklin, IN.

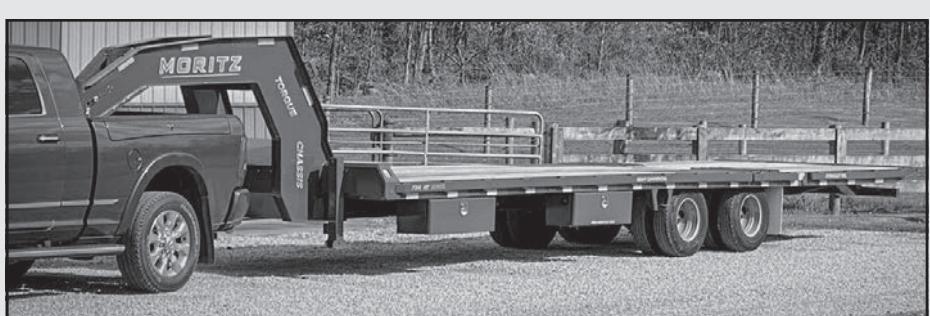
**Reman 6.7** & 5.9 common rail, Cummins motor, warranty 6 mos./10K, from \$3200. 270-427-4588 Tompkinsville, KY.

**FarmWorld**  
**CLASSIFIEDS WORK**

## 90 TRAILERS

**NEW 2026 MORITZ TRAILERS FOR SALE**

32' hydraulic jacks & dovetail  
 25+5' aluminum deck level ramp  
 25+5' aluminum deck level ramp + hydraulic jacks  
 20+4' aluminum ramps  
 18' aluminum ramps  
 40K gooseneck available up to 40' long



**SPARTA TRAILER**

Sparta, KY 41086

859-640-5833 NO texts, call Danny Bond

(90-tApril3)

[www.farmworldonline.com](http://www.farmworldonline.com)

Call in Your Ads TOLL-FREE — 1-800-876-5133, Ext. 123

## 90 TRAILERS

**(2) 2013 34'** MAC frameless round btm. dump trailers, bought new, hauled farm products, have bows & roll tarps, \$44,500 ea. 812-599-1607 Nabb, IN.

[www.farmworldonline.com](http://www.farmworldonline.com)

**DR Trailer**  
 SALES

Milan, MI (734) 439-1441  
 Michiana Location (269) 464-2127



PJ 30' GOOSENECK  
 MONSTER RAMPS, SPREAD AXLE, 1  
 PIECE NECK \$11,799.00

DRTRAILER.NET



7X14 ENCLOSED TRAILER  
 RAMP, V-NOSE  
 \$5999

**WINTER SALES EVENT**



PJ PRO GRADE DUMP TRAILER  
 14' \$9799 16' \$10,299  
 ALL SIZES AVAILABLE



20' GOOSENECK STOCK  
 \$13,199.00 (90-48)

**Have Something To Sell?**

**Call Kelly: Farm World Classifieds**

**1-800-876-5133 Ext. 123**

**100 INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT**

**2017 JD 50G**, 650 hrs., 4 buckets, new Engcon tilt rotator, w/grapple forks, grapple, landscaping bucket, plane, 24" bucket, dibble bucket, \$140,000; 2023 Bobcat E35, 50 hrs., \$60,000. 317-531-7973.

[www.farmworldonline.com](http://www.farmworldonline.com)

**140 WANTED TO RENT**

**Cash crops** leaving you in the negative? Paying top dollar on ground suitable for hay. 765-914-9196 Union County, IN.

**150 REAL ESTATE  
 WANTED**

**FARMLAND OWNERS:** Turn idle farmland into steady income. Lease 20x20 ft. area for wireless tower and pocket as much as \$500-\$1,500/month, no farming disruption. Help upgrade internet/phone on family farms for the next generation! Seeking land near roads, higher elevations with poor cell service. Rural Tower Cooperative: CALL (317) 606-1025.

**160 REAL ESTATE FOR  
 SALE**

**Benton Co., IN:** 40.22 acres, patterned tiled, exc. soils, west of Fowler; 40.5 acres, exc. soils, west of Fowler. Tippecanoe Co., IN: 251.82 acres, west of Romney, exc. soils. Howard Co., IN: 111.33 acres, 3 tracts, exc. soils, south of Greentown. Vermillion Co., IN: 213.21 acres, south of Dana, exc. soils. Vermillion Co., IL: 100 acres NW of Potomac. Whitehead Real Estate. Lafayette, IN. 765-426-8250.

**170 ANTIQUE FARM  
 EQUIPMENT**

**JD 420S**, 1956, very gd. metal, starts easily. Pictures on Marketplace. 502-525-7585 Lexington, IN.

**JD 530**, complete 3 pt. hitch, fenders, exc. cond., \$7250. 740-572-1713 Bloomingburg, OH.

**180 SERVICES**

**Dismantle & repair** stave silos. 812-596-2757 Hope, IN.

**I'll sell** your estate at auction. James Alspach, AU10600116. Licensed in most states. 317-531-7973.

**Land clearing**, excavation, demolition, driveways, site prep, hauling. James Alspach. 317-531-7973.

**Have  
 Something  
 To Sell?**

**Call Kelly**

**Farm World  
 Classifieds**

**1-800-876-5133**

**Ext. 123**

## 210 CATTLE

**CASH PAID**  
 for crippled or cull cows, bulls & horses.  
 Also buying horses.



**JEFF**  
 937-687-2305  
 Highest Paid  
 (21-261ffx)

(100)+ certified organic grass fed Jersey & Jersey cross cows. 574-310-3455 Walkerton, IN.

(50) Holstein steers, shots, dehorned, 350 lbs. 765-820-8081 leave message. Delphi, IN.

**220 LIVESTOCK EQUIP.**

**(2) Harvestore** silage unloaders: (1) Alliance, (1) Goliath, for 20' silos. 419-852-5834 Yorkshire, OH.

**Gehl 65** grinder mixer. Have sold cattle. \$5000. 812-350-4601 Columbus, IN.

**New LEGACY** round bale feeder on earth mover tire \$1850. 765-825-1439 Connersville, IN.

• Double H Ag-Bag •  
 • Ag-Bag machines •  
 • Silage bags & Inoculant •  
 • Machine rental (220-t) •  
 • John Denny 812-967-3642 •  
 • • • • • • • • • •

**250 SWINE**

**Idaho pasture** boar, 7 mos. old, \$250. 765-542-6430 Greensfork, IN.

**260 SHEEP**

**Katahdin ewes**, w/lambs, starting w/singles, \$350. 502-348-8252 aft. 6 p.m. Bloomfield, KY.

**280 DOGS - CATS**

**Australian Shepherd/Collie** mixed puppies, born end of October. NW Ohio. Call or text 419-969-0469 or 419-969-0462.

**Mixed breed** puppies. Mom is Australian Shepherd/Collie mix, born October. NW Ohio. Call or text 419-969-0469 or 419-969-0462.

**Reg. Border** Collie pups, top bloodlines, healthy. JD's Stock Dogs. 812-521-2058 Seymour, IN.

**290 HORSES**

**Cash paid** for sound & crippled horses. Also buying cows & bulls. 937-687-2305.

**300 POULTRY**

**Brown pullets** available March, Apr., and May; Rhode Island and Easter Egger red the beginning of March; all 16 weeks old, to place your order call 812-314-1510 Flat Rock, IN.

**310 HARVEST  
 EQUIPMENT**

**1989 JD 9500**, used this Fall, dependable machine, \$12,500; JD 925 platform, new poly, new sickle bar, \$2000. 317-242-9158 Jamestown, IN.

**340 HAY & STRAW**

**(100) 4x5** round bales mixed grass hay, net wrapped, stored inside, \$30 ea. 502-682-0122 Carrollton, KY.

**1st cutting** mixed hay, grass, alfalfa, clover, 4x5 net wrapped round bales, stored inside, \$45/bale. 317-417-8667 Sheridan, IN.

**4x5 grass**, round bales, \$45/bale. 765-914-9196 Liberty, IN.

**4x5 net** wrapped round bales mixed grass. Pricing negotiable. Delivery available. 812-445-3502 or 812-525-9300 Seymour, IN.

**4x5 round** bales straw, net wrapped, \$30 ea. 765-669-3605 Marion, IN.

**Alfalfa & grass hay**. Horse & dairy quality, high protein & RFV, small or large sq. bales &amp

3 weeks for the price of 2

Call in Your Ads TOLL-FREE — 1-800-876-5133, Ext. 123

## 340 HAY &amp; STRAW

**Prairie Haven Farm**  
Hay & Straw for Sale.  
3x3 - big squares & rounds  
5x6 - rounds  
618-838-2554 Xenia, IL  
(340-tf)

## We Buy Straw

Large Square Bales

High Quality, Long, Clean &amp; Dry We Buy Year Round

**HALL FARMS**  
EROSION CONTROL PRODUCTS

For more information, call or text:  
812-576-2580 - Brookville, IN

**Big squares** 2x3x8 grass, \$46; small squares avail. in grass & brown. Delivery avail. 513-417-1185, 812-438-3757 Rising Sun, IN.

**Clover & grass hay**, 5x5, net wrapped, stored inside, \$50. 812-327-6445 Springville, IN.

**Dairy quality baleage**, tested, 3x3x5' square bales. Delivery avail. 317-242-9158 Jamestown, IN.

**Hay for sale**. 1st & 2nd cutting orchard grass/escue, never wet, lab tested RRV 82-86, 1400 lb. bales, net wrapped, all fields fertilized. Delivery avail. Great hay to re-bale. 812-438-3519 leave message. Aurora, IN.

**Hay, 4x5**, \$20-\$30.  
513-629-9913 Dillsboro, IN.

**Hay. Quality**, clean mixed, heavy bales, \$5. 513-385-6282 Cincinnati, OH.

**Mixed grass/clover** net wrapped bales, 4x5, \$45. Approx. (35) bales, 5x6, \$60. 765-346-1262 Martinsville, IN.

**Mixed hay** wheat straw 3X4 bales, rye straw 3X4 bales, stored inside, delivery avail. 419-262-3699 Graytown, OH.

**Orchard grass** Brome grass, sm. squares and lg. round. 765-265-3253 Milton, IN.

**Round bales** of hay for sale. Great horse hay. Call or text 812-257-9700 Odon, IN.

**Small square bales** of hay. Grinstead Hay Farms. 317-966-2305 Kokomo, IN.

**Small square bales**, 1st, 2nd & 3rd cutting. \$7.50/bale. 765-748-9433, 765-282-0957 Muncie, IN.

## 350 FEED - SEED

**2025 medium** red clover seed, cleaned & tested for germ, purity & total viable seed, 50 lb. bags, \$85 ea, quantity discounts. 419-957-4999 Leipsic, OH.

## 350 FEED-SEED

## WANTED DAMAGED GRAIN

We pay top dollar for damaged grain. Trucks and vacs available. Immediate response anywhere.

**Pruess Elevator Inc.**  
1-800-828-6642

(350-tJan8/27)

**KELP** - Acadian Kelp Meal for livestock mineral & soil amendment. Multi-bag & pallet quantity discounts. Grazing Systems Supply, Inc. 888-635-8588.

**Open pollinated** seed corn, out produces hybrids for silage, \$69/bu. 217-857-3377, 217-343-4962 Teutopolis, IL.

www.borriesopenpollinatedseedcorn.com

## 360 FERTILIZER &amp; CHEMICALS

## CHEMICALS FOR SALE

Generic Liberty Tigris brand \$15.00  
Enlist 1 \$44.50  
AgSaver 5.4 RUP \$12.75  
Generic Callisto \$47.00  
LV6 \$26.00  
Atrazine \$13.00  
Resicore Rev \$43.50  
Acuron \$48.50

Generic Lexar EZ \$22.00  
Sharpen \$54.00  
Xyway LFR \$150.00

GELHAUS AG  
New Weston, OH  
937-423-2582

(360-tMarch27)

**PLEASE NOTE: 15 Word Minimum On All Classified Word Ads**

## 380 FERT./CHEMICAL APPL. EQUIP.

**19 knife** pull type, Dalton anhydrous applicator, triple fold, Hiniker cold flow monitor, \$21,200. 765-585-2225 Fowler, IN.

**Floater tires** & rims for Apache sprayer, (2) 480/70R34 & (2) 520/85R46, 80% tread, \$10,000. 765-749-8762 Winchester, IN.

**REDUCED!! Apache sprayer**, 2003, AS500, 3853 hrs., w/ nitrogen fertilizer attachment, \$24,900; water wagon, 1100 gal. avail., \$6500. Calls only! 414-581-2756 Caledonia, WI.

## 380 FERT. / CHEMICAL APPLICATION EQUIP.

## 380 FERT. / CHEMICAL APPLICATION EQUIP.

**Flat Rock Ag Supply**  
10277 S. 250 W.  
Flat Rock, IN  
812-587-5187  
flatrockag.com



Enduraplas Transport Tanks

Many Sizes in Stock



Enduraplas Flat Bottom Storage Tanks

Many Sizes Available



2025 Pitts 40' Drop Deck Liquid Tender



Enduraplas Nurse Trailers

Many Options Available



Enduraplas Tanks/Trailers

(380-tApr3)

## 390 AUGERS

**10" inline** 62' Hutchinson auger, hyd. lift, PTO, nice, retiring, \$4000. 574-653-2305 Kewanna, IN.

[www.farmworldonline.com](http://www.farmworldonline.com)

## 420 SKID STEER LOADERS

**2023 SSR65** KSR, ISO controls, two speed, hyd. high flow, ride control, cab w/AC & heat, hyd. quick coupler, tires like new, \$28,500. 419-303-9343 New Bremen, OH.

## 440 FARM EQUIP. WANTED

**20" x26" wheel** for R40 Gleaner OEM #71322397. 812-212-2144 Batesville, IN.

**JD tractors** or combines for parts or repair. 812-591-2144 or 812-525-1963 N. Vernon, IN.

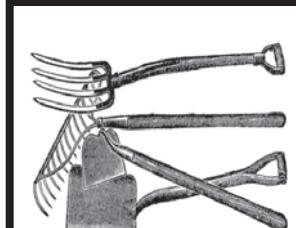
**Wanted: 43'** Phillips harrow; 25' Great Plains turbo-till. 812-493-6508 Madison, IN.

**We Buy Damaged** Tractors Not Worth Repairing. 937-548-0718.

## 450 TRACTORS

**1978 Classic Survivor**, nice, 1370 Case, 5118 hrs., 18.4x38 85%, duals 65%, set of front weights, tractor used on grain cart last fall, detailed this winter. Pictures avail. \$11,750. 219-474-6016, 765-363-6016 Earl Park, IN.

**Warehouse pricing on Mayrath swing-aways, roll-aways, inline drive, top drive, large selection, many sizes on hand. Prompt delivery available. Call 877-846-5381 days, 419-303-6881 eves. Delphos, OH.**



Need to sell those old farm tools?  
Advertise them in FarmWorld  
Call Kelly  
1-800-876-5133 ext. 123

## 450 TRACTORS

**JD 4840** dual wheels, power shift, front weights & wheel weights, 3 pt. quick hitch, showing 4500 hours, \$14,500. 270-881-2403 Trenton, KY.

**JD 4960**, exc. cond., 3126 hrs., 95% rubber, always shedded, \$70,000. 765-760-2584 Muncie, IN.

**NH Power Star 110**, 45 hrs., bucket never used, dual remotes, kept inside, \$68,000. 606-379-0031 8:5:30. Somerset, KY.

**Oliver 1655** dsl., WF, 5300 hrs., w/canopy, gd. shape, \$13,000. 812-243-9248 Cory, IN.

**FarmWorld CLASSIFIEDS WORK**

## 470 FARM TIRES

**(3) Goodyear** ultra torque radial 520/85x42 (aka 20.8x42) 70%, \$950 ea. 812-593-0391 Greensburg, IN.

**(8) Firestone** 520/85R42 tractor tires, 30-40% tread, \$250 obo. 574-721-7222 Walton, IN.

**Deep Dish** 20 hole combine wheel, came off Case machine, has mounted 520/85x42 (aka 20.8x42) Firestone radial 75% tread, \$1500. 812-593-0391 Greensburg, IN.

[www.farmworldonline.com](http://www.farmworldonline.com)

## 480 GRAIN BINS &amp; DRYING EQUIP.

**2131 W. ST. RD. 244, MILROY, IN 46156**  
765-629-2470 • [www.homaninc.com](http://www.homaninc.com)  
**6915 Olding Rd., Maria Stein, OH 45860**  
419-925-4349  
GSI, Agricultural Buildings, Mayrath Augers

Serving Our Customers Since 1958

GSI • Agricultural Buildings • Mayrath Augers • GSI	PRICE
Sudenga Drive Over ELECT	\$22,000
GSI 2024 1220 1PH LP Dryer. 36" Legs, Trash Pan, Galv Sheetng.	\$94,550
Hutchinson <b>SOLD</b>	\$32,364
Centrifugal Fan, 25 HP, <b>SOLD</b>	On Sale \$4,950
USED AUGERS	
2022 Westfield MKX 13x84 with remote power rotate, very good shape	\$29,900
2021 Hutchison 13x84 <b>SOLD</b> t Shape	\$24,500
USED EQUIPMENT	
FFI CF/SA 600, 3ph 480V NG, 36" legs, Dri-tech/vision control, great shape ready to go.	\$79,500
Farm King Transfer Auger (Elect.) 10"	\$2,400
Burchland HYD 13" Auger Drive	\$12,500
Utility Auger (Auger Tube Stand incl.) 8'x11", less than a yr. old.	\$1,400
2.66" Bin Door, <b>SOLD</b>	\$200
50 HP 3PH Double Inlet GSI Centrifugal Fan	\$3,000
Transition for 50 HP Centrifugal Fan	\$400
Downwind LP Heater for 50 HP Fan	\$800
LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT	
NEW Artex SB450 Spreader, 450 CU Ft.	\$56,500
#4880 Trioliet 2-1600L	\$61,669
Artex S350 Spreader, 400 cu. ft., New	\$46,335
6' One Ring Bulk Tank 3 Ton	Not Built \$2,266 Built \$2,516
6' Two Ring Bulk Tank 4.5 Ton	Not Built \$2,627 Built \$2,927
Artex Spreader SB600 DEMO <b>SOLD</b>	\$59,325
Bazooka FarmStar 150 bu. Feeder	\$4,950
(We Carry "SILA - PRIME")	
Granular - Non-Corrosive • Fermentation Inoculant	
We Do Livestock Barn Remodels — Please Call For Quotes	
WE CARRY AP PARTS • WE CARRY THORP EQUIPMENT (480-tfx)	
GSI • Agricultural Buildings • Mayrath Augers • GSI	

## FarmWorld SUBSCRIPTIONS

## TO SUBSCRIBE TO FARM WORLD CHECK THE BOXES

NEW  RENEWAL  GIFT ONLY

(Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Illinois &amp; Michigan):

6 MONTHS \$34.00  1 year \$49.95  
 2 YEARS \$94.00  3 years \$141.00

CHARGE TO:  VISA  Discover  MasterCard  American Express

# Exp. CW

Enclosed \$ for my subscription. Gifts - Send your name & label or acct. #

(Show mailing address, especially if it's a P.O. Box)

Address

or send Acct. #

City

and expiration date

State Zip (Omit Zip if not sure)

above name

Phone Email

write any label corrections

Signed

Attach Mail Label

3 weeks for the price of 2

Call in Your Ads TOLL-FREE — 1-800-876-5133, Ext. 123

**480 GRAIN BINS & DRYING EQUIP.**

**New & used** grain dryers, G.T., Delux, GSI. Call anytime 1-877-422-0927.

**New & used** Kongskilde grain vacs. New GT recirculating batch dryers. Cornwell Equipment. 217-543-2631 Arthur, IL.

**Used Swing Around Transport Augers**, 10x62 Brandt SA went thru the shop \$4800. 10x62 Mayrath SA Lots of shop work done \$5200. 8x60 Brandt SA thru the shop \$3100. 8x62 SA Westerfield TR \$2100. Coming in 10x62 Mayrath SA (Nice). Redelman Bin Service 812-663-3164.

**490 COMBINES & PICKERS - HEADS**

**REDUCED!! 6130 Case combine package, 3511 eng. hrs., 2505 sep. hrs., 2208 CH, 2020 25' dose head cart, \$145,000. Calls only! 414-581-2756 Caledonia, WI.**

**500 WAGONS**

**BEST PRICES** in Tri State on new J&M, Killbros and Mayrath wagons, grain carts and augers. Also Maurer & J&M combine bin extensions. Delivery avail. anywhere. Call for best deal. 877-846-5381 days, 419-303-6881 eves. Delphos, OH.

**510 TILLAGE (PLOWS, DISCS, ETC)**

**Brillion XL144** 34' packer, serial # 182435, \$12,000. 740-225-3308 if no answer, leave message. Cardington, OH.

**Kongskilde 24'** field cult., w/ harrow & rolling basket; DMI 527 disc chisel w/disc leveler. 937-538-8516 Anna, OH.

**Wanted: 43'** Phillips harrow; 25' Great Plains turbo-till. 812-493-6508 Madison, IN.



**Classified**  
Deadline  
Friday  
11:00 a.m.

**520 PLANTERS-DRILLS**

**1240 Case IH** planter, 12/24 air down, new 700 monitor, bulk fill, super nice, ready to plant, \$42,500. 937-621-2663 New Madison, OH.

**1993 2300 Kinze** 12R-30" corn planter, liq. fert., rebuilt gauge & closing wheels, updated to 2600 Series, precision corn units, brush meters, feed openers & fert. discs replaced 2 yrs. ago, numerous new parts, \$21,500. 812-719-1283 Tell City, IN.

**2005 JD 1770 NT**, 12R, finger pickup up, liq. fert., spike closing wheels. 765-265-3639 Connersville, IN.

**2014 JD 1770 NT** corn planter, 16R-30", 1.6 bushel boxes, Star Fire 6000 receiver, 20/20 Gen 3 monitor, markers, Sure Point in furrow fert. w/300 gal. tank; Johnson Blue ground drive pump w/2x2 JD coulter, 600 gal. tank, Precision planting V-set meters w/ row shut offs, Delta Force & furrow force, Martin air adjust row cleaners, low acres, gd. cond., \$115,000 obo. 814-322-8090 Westover, PA.

**3600 Kinze**

12-24 bean splitter, exc. cond., always shedded, \$60,000. 765-760-2584 Muncie, IN.

**IH 5400** soy bean special. 20', 16R, 15" spacing, drill, with IH cart, planter row units, hyd. makers, early riser monitor, fill auger, always shedded, field ready, retiring, \$9000. 574-653-2305 Ke-wanna, IN.

**JD 7300**, no-till, 3 pt., w/lift assist wheels, markers, kept inside, \$6850. 765-585-2225 Fowler, IN.

**Kinze 2300**, 16/31 flex, corn & bean meters, row starter, \$11,000. 219-863-1371 Monticello, IN.

**"NO REFUNDS ON CANCELLATION OF CLASSIFIED ADS!"**

ELIDA, OHIO  
(419) 549.0266

**NUTRI-PLACER KITS**

\*4.6 BU. YIELD ADV. (30 REPS) BY APPLYING (N) TO BOTH SIDES OF THE ROW OVER SINGLE DISK OPENERS  
\*VERY INEXPENSIVE TO MAINTAIN  
\*VERY LIGHTWEIGHT

\*GIVES A PLACEMENT OF 2" ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SEED (520-tApril3)

\*MOUNTING HOLES DESIGNED TO FIT MOST JD AND KINZE PLANTERS

**Classified Deadline: Fri. @ 11:00 AM EST**

**530 HAY EQUIPMENT**

**2009 Kuhn 1604** individual bale wrapper, wraps square bales or round bales, \$9500. 317-242-9158 Jamestown, IN.

**EARLY SPRING SPECIAL.** Arcusion MultiPACK E-14. New and used. 812-989-3542 Lanesville, IN.

**Farm World**  
CLASSIFIEDS WORK

**EHE spinner** hay tedder, brand new, All American made, all parts interchangeable. Delivery avail. in Indiana. For info. & brochure call Kings Repair 765-597-2015 Marshall, IN.

**NH 575** baler, bought new 2007, serviced yearly by dealer. 419-341-0903 OH.

**NH BR7060** Silage Special round baler, 4x5 bales, exc. shape, \$18,000. 812-350-4601 Columbus, IN.

**540 MANURE EQUIPMENT**

**FARMERS**  
We Rebuild Liquid  
Manure Tanks  
Vacuum - Top Fill  
Any Make - Any Size

5/16" Tanks on  
Larger Sizes  
Drive a Little  
Save-A-Lot  
We Can Ship Parts  
Du-Mar Welding  
10305 Fowler Rd.  
Hanover, MI 49241  
517-524-2650  
(540-tf)

**the CLASSIFIEDS**  
You never know what  
you'll find inside.

**Farm World**  
800-876-5133  
www.farmworldonline.com

**CATTLE****ANGUS**

**PEDRO'S ANGUS.** Easy calving high growth, DNA excel. EPDs, gentle. Closed herd, OH health tested. 513-839-0656. Free Delivery PedroAngus.com

**STEWART SELECT ANGUS.** Bulls, cows, heifers. Performance tested. Annual Bull Sale 1st Mon. in Apr. Greensburg, IN. 800-722-8557 www.stewartselectangus.com

**OESTERLING ANGUS**, Annual Production Sale, 3rd Sat. in Jan. Performance tested. Strict herd health. Batesville, IN (812) 934-4574.

www.oesterlingangus.com

**KIATA FARMS.** Reg. Angus yearlings & 2 yr. old bulls, show heifers & cows. Every generation is AI bred. Sells Privately and in Sales. Call Dave Long (513) 383-4077, Hamilton, OH. Kiatafarms@aol.com

**560 MISC. FARM EQUIPMENT**

**10' County V** snow plow, category 3, 3 pt. hitch, \$500. 219-863-1371 Monticello, IN.

**15' Batwing** Woods cutter, gd. working cond., \$5500. 812-327-6445 Springville, IN.

**Extreme post** drivers, all models, for sale. 937-403-3554 Hillsboro, OH.

**New CID** tree reaper 6' skid steer brush cutter. \$6750. 765-825-1439 Connerville, IN.

**New EXPRESS STEEL** skid steer pallet forks #4000 lb. cap. 48" forks \$695. 765-825-1439 Connerville, IN.

**New IRONCRAFT** 3 pt. rototillers: FMA 4' \$1450, UL60 5' \$2350, UM72 6' \$2950, UH84 7' \$3500. 765-825-1439 Connerville, IN.

**New IRONCRAFT** 3 pt. driveway scraper #3606 6' \$1650, #3708 8' \$2350. 765-825-1439 Connerville, IN.

**New IRONCRAFT** 2510 10' Batwing \$11,500, 3515 15' Batwing \$18,500. 765-825-1439 Connerville, IN.

**WAYNE EGLEY** of Egley Farm Equipment is closing after 70 years of business. 10 miles west of Van Wert, OH on 224. Large inventory & parts bins, bins for sale. Large drill press, press, assortment of steel, many cylinders & plow coulters, large assortment of manure spreader parts & parts of other equipment, large assortment of tires & wheels. 419-495-2635 Wayne. 419-203-6642 Kent.

**Westfield augers** MKX2 10" x 63' swing away, \$15,770; MKX2 10" x 73' swing away, \$16,756; MKX2 13" x 74' swing away, \$25,160; MKX2 13" x 84' swing away, \$27,511; other sizes avail.; used JD 35' high speed discs. 574-850-6061 Mishawaka, IN.

**BUSH HOG • SCHULTE • J&M • KUHN • WESTFIELD****West Lafayette Agri Sales**

Leasing program available

COME VIEW PICTURES OF OUR USED EQUIPMENT BELOW AS WELL AS CHECK OUT OUR LARGE SELECTION OF IN STOCK NEW EQUIPMENT ON OUR WEBSITE

www.wlagrisales.com

**USED AUGERS**

'12 J&M 875-18 w/Tarp and 66X43X25 Floater Tires.....\$ 25,000

'13 Westfield MK 10'x61' Swing-Away LP Hopper.....\$ 6,500 '15 J&M 875-18 w/Tarp, Scales, 1000/50R32 Floater Tires.....\$ 33,500

'15 Westfield MK 10'x73' Swing-Away LP Hopper.....\$ 9,500 '10 J&M 1000-20 w/Tarp, Scales, 900/60R32 Tires.....\$ 29,000

'14 Westfield MK 10'x73' Swing-Away LP Hopper.....\$ 13,000 '23 J&M 1112-20 w/Tarp, Scales, 1250/50R32.....\$ 76,000

'20 Westfield MK 10'x73' Swing-Away LP Hopper.....\$ 17,000 '16 J&M 1112-20 w/Tarp, Scales, Tracks.....\$ 86,000

'21 Westfield MK 10'x73' Swing-Away LP Hopper.....\$ 18,000 '22 J&M 1112-20 w/Tarp, Scales, Tracks, VALT Tracks.....\$ 99,000

'20 Westfield MK 10'x73' Swing-Away LP Hopper.....\$ 17,000 '23 J&M 1112-20 w/Tarp, Scales, Tracks, VALT Tracks.....\$ 99,000

'21 Westfield MK 10'x73' Swing-Away LP Hopper.....\$ 16,000 '08 J&M 1150-22 w/Tarp, Scales, 1250 Floater Tires.....\$ 39,000

'22 Westfield MK 10'x73' Swing-Away LP Hopper.....\$ 19,500 '12 J&M 1151-22T, elect. tarp, LT Track System.....\$ 67,000

'19 Westfield MK 13'x74' Swing-Away LP Hopper.....\$ 19,500 '13 J&M 1251-22 w/Tarp, Scales, Tracks.....\$ 75,000

Bato 1314 Transfer Belt w/ Low Profile Hopper.....\$ 3,500 '23 J&M 1312-20 w/Tarp, RH Unload, and 1250/50R32 Tires.....\$ 92,000

USED TILLAGE

'10 Krause 6200-36, 5-Bar Spike, Rr Hitch, Hyd Gang.....\$ 45,000 '11 J&M 1326-22 w/Tarp, J&M Tracks.....\$ 63,000

'15 Kuhn Krause 4830-730F No Till Shanks, Pull Type.....\$ 34,000 '14 J&M 1326-22 w/Tarp and Tracks.....\$ 82,000

Glencoe ST7200 soil saver 7 Shank Disc Chisel.....\$ 8,000 '17 J&M 1522-20 w/Tarp, Scales, GT690, V3 Track System.....\$ 95,000

'10 J&M TB6000H 32 High Speed Head Cart, 4 Wheel Brake.....\$ 7,000 '12 J&M TB6000H 42 High Speed Head Cart, 4 Wheel Brake.....\$ 7,500

'12 Bush Hog 2720 20' 1000 RPM, 8 Laminate Tires.....\$ 15,500 '13 J&M HT874 25 Head Cart.....\$ 4,000

'12 Bush Hog 1215 1000 RPM, 8 Airplane Tires, Chains.....\$ 14,200 '17 Brandt 1020XR Tarp, Scales, Tracks.....\$ 55,000

'12 Bush Hog 1261 15 1000 RPM, 8 Airplane Tires, Chains.....\$ 9,800 '11 Bush 1080 w/Tarp, 900/60R32 Tires.....\$ 19,000

'04 Bush Hog 1261 10 1000 RPM, 8 Laminate Tires, Chains.....\$ 13,000 '12 Bush 1082 w/Tarp, Scales (GT460), 1250/50R32 Tires.....\$ 47,000

'23 John Deere FC 15R 540 RPM, 8 Airplane Tires, Chains.....\$ 29,000 '21 Bush Hog BCSS90 90' Skid Steer Mower.....\$ 14,900 Brent 472 w/Tarp, and 23.1X25 Diamond Tires.....\$ 7,500

'22 Bush Hog BCSS90 90' Skid Steer Mower.....\$ 14,900 '02 Schulte XH1500 S2, 540 RPM, 6 Wheels, Chains.....\$ 13,500 '08 Univerferth 9250 w/Tarp, Scales, 900/60R32 Tires.....\$ 32,000

'02 Schulte XH1500 S2, 540 RPM, 6 Wheels, Chains.....\$ 9,500 '11 Univerferth 1315 w/Tarp, 520/55R42 Walking Duals.....\$ 39,000

**USED GRAIN CARTS**

'10 J&M 750-16 w/Tarp, 30.5X32 Lug Tires.....\$ 16,000 Enrossi 4-Basket Hay Teder.....\$ 3,900

'09 J&M 875-18 w/Tarp, Scales, 66X43X25 Floater Tires.....\$ 29,000 John



# K&B FARMS | KENNY RUPLEY ESTATE LAND AUCTION

HUNTINGTON & WHITLEY COUNTIES, INDIANA

Productive Farmland • Small Acreage Tracts

Potential Building Sites • Country Home

## FEBRUARY 3RD, 2026 AT 6PM ET

Hiner Real Estate & Auction is proud to present at public auction 367+/- acres in 10 tracts in Huntington and Whitley counties, including productive tillable farmland, woodland, potential building sites featuring acreage and woods, and a country farmhouse and outbuildings.

**Auctioneers Note:** Attention Farmers, Investors, Small Acreage and Country Home Buyers! Don't miss this exceptional opportunity. Properties with this kind of versatility seldom come to auction, presenting a unique chance to secure a highly desirable parcel with tremendous potential. Whether you are looking to invest, farm, build or enjoy the outdoors, this is a rare opportunity to acquire versatile land in a great location!

**Property Locations:** Tracts 1-4: From HWY 24 and SR 9, south edge of Huntington, travel south on SR 9 approx. 5 miles to CR 500 W. Watch for signs. Tracts 5-6: From HWY 24 and SR 105, travel north on SR 105 approx. .7 miles. Watch for signs. Tract 7: Take SR 5 north of Huntington to CR 1100 N. Turn east and travel 1.5 miles. Watch for signs. Tract 8: From SR 5 and SR 114 travel west .3 miles. Watch for signs. Tract 9-10: From SR 5 and SR 114 travel east .7 miles. Watch for signs.



LIVE AUCTION HELD AT THE HUNTINGTON CO. 4-H FAIRGROUNDS

Heritage Hall Building - 631 E Taylor St. Huntington, IN 46750

ONLINE BIDDING AVAILABLE. Visit website for more details.

## 367± ACRES

OFFERED IN 10 TRACTS



**HINER** | REAL ESTATE  
& AUCTION

**Auction Manager: Zach Hiner**  
**260.437.2771 | zach@hinerauction.com**  
**HinerRealEstateandAuction.com**

# K&B FARMS | KENNY RUPLEY ESTATE *Farm Equipment Auction*

WHITLEY CO, INDIANA



### TRACTORS:

- 2013 Versatile 2375 4WD tractor
- 2014 McCormick TTX230 MFWD tractor
- 1980 JD 4440 2WD tractor
- 1973 JD 4430 tractor
- 1970 IH Farmall 856 tractor

### HARVEST EQUIPMENT & GRAIN TRUCK:

- 2001 JD 9550 2WD combine
- JD 625F HydraFlex 25' platform
- Unverferth HT25 head cart
- JD 693 corn head
- J&M 755 gravity wagon
- J&M 755 gravity wagon
- J&M 555 gravity wagon
- J&M 555 gravity wagon
- Sudenga OX1071 swing away auger
- AGI VRX grain vac
- 1979 IH 1854 grain truck



### TILLAGE:

- Salford Halo HSD, 20', spade hitch
- Salford 550-32 field cultivator
- Case IH 870 Ecolo-Tiger disc ripper

### PLANTER, SPRAYER, APPLICATOR, FERTILIZER SPREADER & SEED TENDER:

- Kinze 3600 12/24 bulk fill planter
- 2024 Hardi Commander 45 pull type sprayer
- 2014 Kongskilde F3450 applicator
- Loftness FS800 fertilizer spreader
- Unverferth Seed Runner 3955XL

### TRACK SKID STEER & BACKHOE:

- New Holland C245 track skid steer
- Case 580C extendahoe 2WD

### MISCELLANEOUS FARM SUPPORT ITEMS:

- Bush Hog 12215 flex wing mower
- Pair of Firestone 30.5L-32 tires
- Pair of Firestone 16.9-26 tires

### INSPECTION DATES:

Thurs., Feb. 19th  
11am- 4:30pm

Sat., Feb. 21st  
9am - 4:30pm



**VIRTUAL ONLINE-ONLY AUCTION**

**Tuesday, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2026 AT 10AM ET**

Tractors • Harvest Equipment & Grain Truck • Tillage • Planter • Sprayer & More

**HINER** | REAL ESTATE  
& AUCTION

**Auction Manager: Zach Hiner**  
**260.437.2771 | zach@hinerauction.com**  
**HinerRealEstateandAuction.com**



**Scan Here!**  
View Online  
Auction Listing



# THE BEST RECONDITIONED USED TRUCKS IN THE INDUSTRY!!

*Still Your Chrome Bumper Headquarters*

Check Us Out on Facebook  
1200 W. Troy, Indianapolis, IN  
800-722-0488  
www.fosterstruck.com



**2019 FREIGHTLINER 122 DET DD16** 530hp Eng Brake 18spd Ultrashift Trans 46,000 Air Ride Susp 18,000 Front Axle P/S A/C Lift Axle 239WB 315x22.5 Alum Budds Frt 11x22.5 Alum/Steel Rear 232,110 Miles ..... \$126,500



**2023 FREIGHTLINER M2 112** Crew Cab Detroit DD13 410hp Eaton-Fuller 14210CFRO 10-Speed Manual Air Ride Suspension P/S A/C 202 Wheelbase 11x22.5 Aluminum Budds Front and Outside Rear 60,337 Miles ..... \$115,500



**2016 FREIGHTLINER M2 112 CREW CAB** Detroit DD13 410hp Eaton-Fuller FRO 14210C 10spd Transmission Air Ride Suspension P/S A/C 3:55 Ratio 208WB 11x22.5 Aluminum Budds NEW CAPS REAR 192,157 Miles ..... \$74,500



**(2) 2019 FREIGHTLINER CASCADIA DET DD13** 450hp Allison Automatic 4000HS Trans Air Ride Susp P/S A/C 3:70 Ratio 182WB 11x22.5 Alum Budds 412,526 & 419,136 Miles ..... \$49,500 EACH



**2017 FREIGHTLINER M2 106** Cummins ISL 300hp Allison 3000HS Transmission Spring Suspension P/S A/C Power Windows & Locks 5:86 Ratio 160 Wheelbase 11x22.5 Aluminum Budds 69,665 Miles ..... \$37,500



**2019 KENWORTH T880** Cum ISX 425hp Eaton-Fuller FOA-16810C 10spd Reyco Susp P/S A/C 3:70 Ratio 266WB 25' Vanbody Railgate 11x22.5 187,395 Miles ..... \$85,500



**2018 FREIGHTLINER M2 106** Cummins ISL 350HP Allison 3000RDS PTO PORT Transmission Air Ride Suspension 20,000 Front Axle P/S A/C 5:29 Ratio 270WB 24' Flatbed 315X22.5 Front Tires 11X22.5 Rear TIRES 363,200 Miles ..... \$69,500



**(2) 2017 FREIGHTLINER M2 106** Cummins 350hp Allison 3000RDS Transmission 44,000 Air Ride Suspension 16,000 Front Axle P/S A/C 5:86 Ratio 270WB 24' Flatbed/Dump 315x22.5 Aluminum Budds Front Tires 11x22.5 Aluminum/Steel Rear Tires 189,573 Miles \$89,500 212,824 Miles ..... \$88,500



**2016 FREIGHTLINER M2 112** Detroit DD13 410hp Eaton-Fuller FRO-16210C 10spd Manual Transmission 46,000 Air Ride Suspension 18,000 Front Axle P/S A/C Lift Axle 3:73 Ratio 272WB 315x22.5 Aluminum Front Tires and Lift Axle 11x22.5 Aluminum Rear Tires 322,913 Miles ..... \$64,500



**2016 FREIGHTLINER 108** Cummins ISL 370hp Allison 3000RDS TufTrac Suspension 20,000 Front Axle P/S A/C 13,200 Lift Axle 5:29 Ratio 315x22.5 Aluminum Front 11x22.5 Aluminum outside rear 237,307 Miles ..... \$71,500



**2017 FREIGHTLINER 114SD** Detroit DD13 450HP Eaton Fuller FRO-15210C Transmission 46,000 TufTrac Suspension 18,000 Front Axle P/S A/C Full Lockers Double Frame 4:11 Ratio 288 Wheel Base 315x22.5 Aluminum Budds Front 11x22.5 Steel Budds Rear 388,803 Miles SOUTHERN TRUCK ..... \$64,500



**2020 FREIGHTLINER M2 106** Extend Cab Cummins L9 350hp Allison 3000RDS Transmission Air Ride Suspension 16,000 Front Axle P/S A/C 5:86 Ratio 2 Lift Axle 274 Wheel 28' Flatbed 315x22.5 Aluminum Budds Front 11x22.5 Aluminum Budds Outside Rear \$79,500

## Kentucky 4-Hers shine at North American International Livestock Expo

By DOUG GRAVES  
Ohio Correspondent

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — From identifying livestock to barbecuing turkey, Kentucky youth competed in national 4-H contests held at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in November.

NAILE, held annually at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, is the largest all-breed, purebred livestock show in the country and includes general and species-specific competitions for 4-H youth. Nearly 30,000 entries from 48 states competed, 1,800 more entries than the previous year. Species included beef

cattle, dairy cattle, equine, goats, llama/alpacas, sheep and swine.

"We welcomed the thousands of exhibitors, their livestock and their competitive spirit to Louisville," said David S. Beck, President and CEO of Kentucky Venues. "We're witness to a record growth and interest in our exposition. It's great to showcase the best of the breeds as well as recognize individuals in the industry who dedicate their livelihood to the betterment of agriculture and others."

During this four-day event, national 4-Hers competed in a Livestock Contest, 4-H Dairy Judging, Dairy Quiz Bowl, Skillathon and Livestock Quiz Bowl.

During the Livestock Quiz Bowl participants used a buzzer to answer questions, testing their knowledge of beef, sheep, swine and meat goats.

"These competitions are a shining example of how 4-H is continuing to cultivate generations of agricultural leaders, equipped with the knowledge and skills to lead in a world of change," said Rachel Guidugli, assistant Extension director for Kentucky 4-H Youth Development. "Not only do these youth exhibit high levels of content knowledge in an area they're passionate about, but they also expand marketable skills for work and life, like critical thinking, communication, goal setting and resilience."

Kentucky's Livestock Quiz Bowl team from Scott County, Ky., coached by Alison Smith, competed against 18 other state teams and earned



**Above:** Creighton Smith, Sophia Smith, Cate Noe and Pollyanna Vaske were part of the second place Livestock Quiz Bowl team from Kentucky. All represented Scott County. They were coached by Alison Smith. (photo submitted)



**Above:** Livestock judging was just one of several competitions confronting 4-Hers at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) held in November. (photo submitted)

second place. Each member of this reserve national championship team (Cate Noe, Creighton Smith, Sophia Smith and Pollyanna Vaske) earned All-American status. In the individual competition, Creighton placed fifth while Sophia finished eighth nationally.

"These competitions have given me a foundation of real-world knowledge and experience that will allow me to be successful in a future ag

career or in life," Smith said.

During the National 4-H Livestock Skillathon, students were tested on their knowledge and skills in various aspects of livestock production and management. On contest day, participants were tasked with a variety of exercises that challenge their ability to recall different breeds of livestock, livestock equipment, feedstuffs used

(Kentucky continued page 2B)



## "GRINDING TOWARDS A PAYDAY!"

Order your equipment through-



APPLE FARM  
SERVICE INC.  
AG & CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT SPECIALISTS

**7 Models in Stock!**  
[AppleFarmService.com/Artsway](http://AppleFarmService.com/Artsway)





Jenkins brush mower, 1/4" deck, 14-25 gpm, heavy grass to 4" material

5'	.....	\$5,400
6'	.....	\$5,600
7'	.....	\$6,100



Jenkins 5500 LBS pallet forks, walk through frame, 4' frame x 4' forks (standard) \$1,300

5' frame x 4' forks	.....	\$1,400
6' frame x 5' forks	.....	\$1,500



Jenkins Brush Grapple, 3/4" tines, dual hydraulic cylinders.

86"	.....	\$3,400
76"	.....	\$3,300
66"	.....	\$3,200



Jenkins Skeleton Grapple/Rock bucket, cylinder covers, 3/8" tines

84"	.....	\$3,300
74"	.....	\$3,200
68"	.....	\$3,100



Jenkins Heavy Duty Dirt Buckets, 3/4" bolt on edge

68"	.....	\$1,650
74"	.....	\$1,700
84"	.....	\$1,800



Jenkins Super Duty Tree Puller, pull, cut, dig & carry with one machine, 1" steel jaws.



Call or Text: 765.737.0744   **Shirley, IN**  
 Email: [polleyequipment@gmail.com](mailto:polleyequipment@gmail.com)

Visit [www.polleyequipment.com](http://www.polleyequipment.com) Today!



Jenkins 8-1/2' backhoe, 12" bucket, thumb



Jenkins posthole digger, 2" hex drive, 9" & 18" augers



Jenkins 84" land leveler, front and rear cutting edges, scarifying teeth



Jenkins Split Top Brush Grapple, 3/4" tines, dual hyd. cylinders

86"	.....	\$4,300
76"	.....	\$4,000

Covington  
10120 W. Versailles Rd  
Covington, OH  
937-526-4851

Botkins  
19161 Kenter Rd  
Botkins, OH  
937-693-3848

W. College Corner  
3827 US RT 27  
W College Corner, IN  
765-732-3081

Mechanicsburg  
12446 E. St Rt 29  
Mechanicsburg, OH  
937-834-2307

Washington C.H., 2312 US RT 22, Washington C.H., OH  
740-335-8821

[AppleFarmService.com/Artsway](http://AppleFarmService.com/Artsway)

QR Code



**Above:** Dairy cattle judging was one of many competitions for 4-Hers during this four-day event. (photo submitted)

## Kentucky

FROM PAGE 1B

in livestock diets and animal health information.

Kentucky's Livestock Skillathon team was from Woodford County and coached by Theresa Vanzant. The team of Stockton Stivers, Sarah Vanzant, Ellea Were and Hayden Westfall finished eighth overall and first in the identification category.

"There is a unique feeling when the judge congratulates you and hands you the banner," said Stivers, who individually placed ninth overall and second in identification. "It's a feeling of 'wow, I've put in the work, and this was the payout,'"

Vanzant finished as the High Individual in the identification category.

"I've been a part of Livestock Skillathon my whole life and being able to represent Kentucky at this contest is such an honor," Vanzant said.

The National 4-H Livestock Judging involved the evaluation, comparison and selection of beef cattle, sheep, goats and swine for particular physical characteristics. Participants must not only make quick decisions about the quality of livestock but also give a verbal explanation of their evaluation.

Kentucky team members in this event included Colton Kearns (Boone County), Daniel Laurent (Caldwell County), Clayton Laytart (Harrison County) and Klaber Wolfe (Pendleton County). The team was coached by Wyatt Banks, Agriculture Extension associate senior for 4-H livestock. This team finished 19th overall and eighth in the swine category.

"Livestock judging to me is more than just evaluating animals," Wolfe said. "It's given me the confidence to speak in front of people, the discipline to study and prepare in an efficient manner, with a team that feels like family."

The National 4-H Poultry and Egg

Conference was held during NAILE. This contest offers national-level activities and contests designed to introduce participants to poultry and the poultry industry.

Competitor events included Poultry Judging Team, Avian Bowl, Cookery Categories, Egg Production and Market Poultry.

The Texas team was the overall winner in the judging contest. Ohio finished ninth and Indiana finished 10th.

Luke Baker (Montgomery County, Ky.) placed first in Turkey Barbecue while Adam Blanford of Marion County was second in this category. Cecilia Huggins (Simpson County) placed third in Egg Chef Challenge.

The NAILE event turned 50 this year. The event was once held at Union Stock Yards in Chicago, but when the Stock Yards closed in 1971, many were concerned that the expo would end as well.



**Above:** Daniel Laurent, Colton Kearns, Clayton Laytart and Klaber Wolfe were part of a Livestock Judging team. They represented the Kentucky counties of Caldwell, Boone, Harrison and Pendleton respectively. The team was coached by Wyatt Banks. (photo submitted)

**Visit Farm World on the internet at [www.farmworldonline.com](http://www.farmworldonline.com)**

## Four new Indiana Soybean Alliance board members needed in 2026

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – The Indiana Soybean Alliance (ISA) is seeking farmer leaders to join its 24-member board responsible for investing Indiana's soybean checkoff funds. Due to four board members who are scheduled to complete their third term, at least four of the eight available seats will be filled by new farmers during this year's election in June.

The ISA board directs programs that develop new markets for Indiana soybeans, create value for the state's soybean growers, engage farmers in events and support their environmental, social and economic sustainability efforts. The ISA Board of Directors represent approximately 20,000 Indiana soybean farmers who fund the checkoff program and manage soybean farmer investments. Applications for the election are due Feb. 27.

In District 1, incumbent ISA Chair Denise Scarborough, of LaCrosse, Ind., will complete her third and final term and cannot seek re-election. Kevin Kelley, of Brookston, Ind., is up for election for his third term. District 1 includes Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Elkhart, Fulton, Howard, Jasper, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Lake, Marshall, Miami, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Starke, Tipton, Wabash and White counties.

In District 2, incumbent C.J. Chalfant, of Hartford City, Ind., will term off the board. Steve Phares, a farmer from Albion, Ind., is up for election for his third term. District 2 includes Adams, Allen, Blackford, DeKalb, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Huntington, Jay, LaGrange, Madison, Noble, Randolph, Steuben, Wayne, Wells and Whitley counties.

In District 3, Mark Legan, of Coatesville, Ind., and Derika Lynam-Spaetti, of Richland, Ind., will finish their third terms, making both seats available. District 3 includes Clay, Daviess, Dubois, Fountain, Gibson, Greene, Knox, Martin, Montgomery, Owen, Parke, Pike, Posey, Putnam, Spencer, Sullivan, Tippecanoe, Vanderburgh, Vermillion, Vigo, Warren and Warrick counties.

Both District 4 candidates, Chris Eck, of Boggstown, Ind., and Roger Wenning, of Greensburg, Ind., are up for re-election for their second terms. District 4 counties are Bartholomew, Boone, Brown, Clark, Crawford, Dearborn, Decatur, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Hamilton, Hancock, Harrison, Hendricks, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Johnson, Lawrence, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, Ohio, Orange, Perry, Ripley, Rush, Scott, Shelby, Switzerland, Union and Washington.

Each candidate must meet these requirements:

- Has paid into the federal soybean checkoff within the last two years.
- Certify ownership or share ownership and risk of loss of soybeans.
- Complete a director expectation statement and return it to ISA by Feb. 27.

Visit [www.incornandsoy.org/ISAelection](http://www.incornandsoy.org/ISAelection) to learn more about serving as an ISA director or to download a director expectation statement. Send an email to Amber Myers at [amyers@indianasoybean.com](mailto:amyers@indianasoybean.com) for more details. ISA will distribute election ballots to soybean farmers by mail this spring and announce election results this summer.

**1-419-910-0024**



# METAL ROOFING SERVICES

Whether you need a repair, replacement, or a brand-new installation, our skilled team is here to deliver excellence from start to finish.

**Serving a 150 mile radius from Berne, Indiana**

- 15 Years Experience
- Premium Materials
- Free Estimates
- Satisfaction Guaranteed



**"Thank You" for saying you saw it in Farm World!**

**Flaig**  
LUMBER

[www.flailumber.com](http://www.flailumber.com)

**We can customize any barn design!**

**937-996-1141**

**FABRAL**  
METAL WALL AND ROOF SYSTEMS

**— POLE BUILDINGS —**

**36'x48'x12'**

2-12x12 Split Side Drs.  
1-Entrance Door  
Engineered Truss 4' on Ctr.

**40'x64'x14'**

1-20x14' Split Slide Door  
1-Entrance Door  
Engineered Truss 4' on Ctr.

**48'x80'x14'**

1-24x14' Split Slide Door  
1-20x12'-6" Split Slide Dr.  
1-Entrance Door  
Engineered Truss 4' on Ctr.

**60'x120'x16'**

1-24x14' Split Slider Dr.  
1-30x16' Split Slider Dr.  
1-Entrance Door  
Engineered Truss 4' on Ctr.

*Due to the extremely volatile lumber market right now we are unable to print starting prices for the above listed barn sizes. Please call for a quote.*



**217 W. Wayne Street • New Madison, OH 45346**

# Bussey Brothers presented 600-plus pieces of machinery at auction

By William Flood  
Ohio Correspondent

Greenville, Ohio – Bussey Brothers Auctioneers conducted its final heavy equipment and agricultural machinery consignment auction Dec. 20-25. The live and webcast event – one of its largest – featured 653 lots of construction and farm equipment, trucks, trailers and construction materials.

A 2023 John Deere S790 combine topped the sale at \$325,000. In excellent condition with just 552 separator and 721 engine hours, it offered 36-inch tracks, PRWD, extended wear package, 28-foot auger, power-fold bin extensions, and a 5-speed feederhouse drive.

Three tractors also drew five-figure bids. A 2013 John Deere 9560R with 3,306 hours reached \$175,000, featuring five remotes, 36 front suitcase weights, Active Seat, StarFire 3000 SF1, AutoTrac activation, Goodyear LSW 1400/30R46 tires, and amenitized cab. Two brought \$165,000: a 2013 John Deere 8360R with 4,524 hours (1,000 since engine overhaul), front and rear duals, IVT, five remotes, quick hitch, 1,000 PTO, 22 front suitcase weights, instructional seat, and amenitized cab; and a 2017 AGCO Challenger MT875E track tractor with 3,549 hours, a 16.8L 590-hp engine, 16F/4R full powershift, 30-inch tracks (65 percent left/35 percent right), 3-point quick hitch, 85-GPM high-flow hydraulics, five remotes, 32 front suitcase weights, instructional seat, and GPS-ready.

Other farm equipment also sold well, led by a 2015 John Deere R4030 sprayer with 2,728 hours that hit \$67,000. It featured hydrostatic drive, 90-foot booms, 800-gallon poly tank, boom air purge, seven-section boom with 20-inch nozzle spacing, side fill, section control, Auto-

Trac unlocked, leather and instructional seats, and amenity cab. A 2024 John Deere HD40R hinged draper head with 282 hours, lights, and single-point hook-up landed \$62,500, while a low-acre 2021 35-foot John Deere RD35F Hydraflex draper head with poly finger reel and single-point hookup got \$55,500.

Bidders also scored some budget-friendly ag equipment. A 2020 Case 30-foot platform head with full finger auger, poly finger reel, hydraulic fore/aft, and single-point and PTO hookups sold for \$5,500. An International 254 tractor in operating condition with 1,378 hours, 3-point arms, 540 PTO, and drawbar brought \$2,850. Meanwhile, a New Holland 973 Terrain Tracer 30-foot platform head with hydraulic reel, auger, and multi-point hookup changed hands for just \$300.

Construction and heavy equipment performed well, led by a 2021 Komatsu D51PXi-24 dozer/crawler with 5,199 hours, 6-way blade, 28-inch tracks, EROPS, and intelligent machine control, at \$86,000. Another \$86,000 went to a Caterpillar 318FL hydraulic excavator with 4,970 hours, Cat C4.4 Acert engine, 48-inch bucket, quick coupler, hydraulic thumb, and EROPS. A 2024 Caterpillar 299D3 XE skid steer with just 186 hours came close at \$85,000, featuring 16-inch rubber tracks, hydraulic quick attach, HiFlow hydraulics, LED lights and EROPS.

Heavy equipment also saw some value purchases. An operating Komatsu D53A-15 dozer with 8,038 hours, two-way blade, 20-inch steel tracks, and EROPS went for \$10,000. A Galion A500E grader with 4,481 hours, 12-foot blade with tilt, mid-mount ripper, and EROPS landed \$7,500. A \$5,500 offer won a 1980 John Deere 860-B motor scraper with 16-cubic-yard capacity,



**Above:** A broad array of farm equipment was available, including this 2015 John Deere R4030 Sprayer that landed \$67,000.

2,030 engine hours (14,000 overall), operating but needing some repairs.

Bargains extended to nearly 100 new machines, including mini excavators and skid steers, many selling under \$5,000. Highlights included a DigSwift DS-15Pro gas-powered mini excavator with grading blade, rubber tracks, hydraulic thumb, and work light at \$1,800; an SDLANCH SDL25 gas-powered, rubber-tracked mini dumper with open station, power dump, and fold-down sides for \$2,200; and an AGT SDA-140W mini loader with smooth bucket and OROPS for \$1,800.

Momentum continued with semis and commercial trucks, topped by a 2018 Kenworth T880 quint-axle dump truck with 415,664 miles that reached \$92,500. It had a Paccar MX-13 485-hp engine paired with an 18-speed Eaton Fuller automatic transmission, along

with a 210-foot Bibeau BFL steel bed, double frame, spring-ride suspension, air ride seat, three steerable drop axles, high-lift air tailgate, new 21-foot electric tarp, strobe lights, and new brakes and kingpins.

Mid-range semis included a 2000 Peterbilt 379 sleeper at \$55,000. Showing 986,522 miles and a rebuilt motor with roughly 500,000 miles, it featured a 60-Series 500-hp Detroit engine, 373 rear ends, Jost lockable fifth wheel with blocks for dual-line wet kit, aluminum wheels, Michelin fiberglass rear fenders, 22.5 low-profile tires, and numerous new parts. At the lower end, a 2009 Volvo VNL tandem-axle sleeper with 876,499 miles finished at \$4,300, while a 2007 Volvo VNL sleeper with 1,633,306 miles brought \$4,000.

**(Bussey continued on page 5B)**

**SOLD**

**Sold at Auction \$590,000 or \$8,720 per acre**

**65+/- ACRES • 3 TRACTS**

30.92 FSA Cropland Acres  
JANUARY 20, 2026 3 PM EST  
• Fountain County, Indiana  
• Mix of Wooded Timber + Tillable  
Owner: Moore Family, et al.

**LIVE CALL AND ONLINE AUCTION**  
Shelbyville, IL

**77+/- ACRES • 2 TRACTS**

JANUARY 28, 2026 Room Opens at 12PM, Bidding starts at 1PM CST  
• Shelby County, Illinois  
• Held at Foxmore in Shelbyville, IL  
Owner: The Miller Family, et al.

**Online Auction**  
Significant Tillable + Beautiful Home  
Angola, IN

**350+/- ACRES • 10 TRACTS AVAILABLE**

BIDDING OPEN NOW THRU MARCH 17, 2026  
• Steuben County, Indiana  
• Ten (10) tracts of • Tillable & Recreation  
• 4bed/3bath Home on 9+/- Acres  
Owner: Kankamp Trust, et al.

**ONLINE AUCTION**  
Greentown, IN  
Howard County

**2.07+/- ACRES • 3 TRACTS**

BIDDING OPEN NOW THRU MARCH 19, 2026  
• Offered as three (3) tracts  
• Investigate potential homesites  
Owner: BD Ag Solutions, LLC

**Find your Local Advisor**

With our full-time team, you'll get our "boots on the ground" worth ethic paired with the latest digital technology & national marketing reach - for the best-in-class service and results.

**GESWEIN**  
FARM & LAND

MORE LAND VALUE. SINCE 1977

**Auctions & New Listings**

**SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER AND GET BIDDER PACKET + INFO**

**Phone Bidding Available**  
Call to Register at (765) 426-6666

AUCTIONEER JOHNNY KLEMM AU#12000053 & IL #441002505

**APPRaisALS & MARKET ANALYSIS**

*What's the value of my land?*  
Whether you are passing your family land to heirs, planning for retirement need to know the value based on death, or have an undivided interest...

*Planning & preparation are the next best steps in land ownership & estate planning.*

**FIND OUT WHY MORE SUCCESSFUL LANDOWNERS TAKE THIS NEXT STEP**

**NATIONAL LANDOWNERS DAY** Every August 4th!

Since 1977, we've valued Farmers & Landowners, the Stewards of our Great Natural Resources.  
Back in 2020, we created the idea and made August 4th the official day to celebrate landowners everywhere.  
We tip our hats to you, for your continual investment & preservation of soil, water, nutrients, and natural landscapes - sustaining our livelihood today and for generations to come.

**FOR THE LOVE OF LAND**  
NATIONAL LANDOWNERS DAY AUGUST 4TH

# AUCTIONEERS DIRECTORY

IS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE IN LOCATING YOUR AUCTIONEER  
OR ONE QUALIFIED TO HANDLE YOUR SALE OF REAL ESTATE,  
FARM OR PERSONAL PROPERTY OR LIVESTOCK.

"THE AUCTION WAY" IS THE QUICKEST & BEST METHOD TO  
DISPOSE OF PROPERTY FOR TOP DOLLAR.

CALL 1-800-876-5133, Ext. 122 to be a part of this directory.



**Young's  
Auctions, LLC.**

Anthony L. Young, Auctioneer  
youngsauctionsllc@gmail.com

2206 E. Dublin Pike  
New Castle, IN 47362  
AU11700067  
(765) 524-1535

3-26



**KIRBY LYONS**  
AUCTIONEERS, LLC  
GREENVILLE, OHIO  
937-316-8400

5-26

**Someone Is Looking For An  
Auctioneer Right Now!**

**Make Sure You're Found Right Here**

**Call Michele At:**

**1-800-876-5133, Ext. 122**



**WILSON NATIONAL LLC**  
A REAL ESTATE & AUCTION GROUP

Highly Specialized Service • Innovative Marketing

11-26

**PREMIER  
AGRICULTURAL  
ASSET  
MARKETER**

- Real Estate Auctions
- Equipment & Ag Asset Auctions
- Private Treaty Land Brokerage
- Multi-Parcel Marketing
- Internet Auctions
- 1031 Tax Deferred Exchange Buyers

**800-450-3440 • www.wilnat.com**

**KURTZ**  
AUCTION & REALTY®

**800-264-1204**  
**kurtzauction.com**

3-26



**HALDERMAN**  
REAL ESTATE & FARM MANAGEMENT

We combine dedication and area expertise  
to provide you the service you deserve.

APPRAISALS | REAL ESTATE | AUCTIONS  
FARM INVESTMENT | FARM MANAGEMENT

800.424.2324 | halderman.com



1-26

**FarmWorld**

1-800-876-5133, Ext. 122

## AUCTION MARKETING

**SPECIALISTS**

**Nationwide**

**Since 1944**



**Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc.**

**www.SchraderAuction.com**

**Call us for your**

**Real Estate and Farm**

**Equipment Auction needs!**

**SCHRADER 800-451-2709**

2-26

**FarmWorld**  
auction ads  
get results.

*Contact one of the  
listed auctioneers today  
to plan your farm  
equipment, household,  
or real estate auction.*



**www.burgessauctions.com**

765-445-7814



9-26

## MICHAEL AUCTION & REALTY SERVICE LLC

THE COMPLETE AUCTION, REAL ESTATE  
& APPRAISAL SERVICE



**SIDNEY (SID) MICHAEL**  
65 HILLSDALE ST.  
HILLSDALE, MI 49242  
OFFICE: 517-437-7387

www.michaelauctions.biz

• Licensed in Indiana & Ohio



**JOHN MICHAEL**  
REALTOR / AUCTIONEER  
COLDWATER, MI 49036  
517-398-1855

8-26

**LANDPROZ**  
of Indiana



Agricultural & Recreational Real Estate / Auctions / Farm Management

• AGRICULTURAL & RECREATIONAL • REAL ESTATE

4-26

• LAND AUCTIONS • FARM MANAGEMENT • INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

**LANDPROZ.COM**

1-812-662-3276 indiana@landproz.com

**OWENS**  
AUCTION SERVICE, INC.

**THE WENDT GROUP**  
Land & Agricultural Asset Auctions



## REAL ESTATE AUCTIONS • FARM EQUIPMENT AUCTIONS

Agricultural Asset Liquidation • Livestock Auctions  
Traditional Farm Real Estate Listings • Internet Auctions



Looking for a convenient way to sell your equipment?

List with one of our agents on The Equipment Exchange!

- Market Your Equipment to 450,000+ Potential Buyers
- Convenience - Equipment Remains on Your Farm
- Strong Selling Market - Capitalize on Record Prices & Low Inventory

Kevin Wendt, CAI - President / Auctioneer / Broker  
419.566.1599 | kevin@thewendtgroup.com  
Plain City, Ohio

Kasey Smith - Auctioneer / Real Estate Agent  
740.505.884 | kasey@thewendtgroup.com  
New Vienna, Ohio

Dale Evans - Auctioneer / Broker  
260.894.0458 | dale@thewendtgroup.com  
Kimmell, Indiana

Tyler Wilt - Auctioneer / Real Estate Agent  
740.572.1249 | tyler@thewendtgroup.com  
Lebanon, Indiana

Wesley Black - Auction Coordinator / Real Estate Agent  
740.572.1670 | wesley@thewendtgroup.com  
Greenfield, Ohio

John Meents - Auction Day Coordinator  
419.306.7480 | john@thewendtgroup.com  
Jenera, Ohio

Keagan Nicol - Auctioneer  
937.594.8146 | keagan@thewendtgroup.com  
Milford Center, Ohio

W.J. Fannin - Auctioneer / Real Estate Agent  
614.395.9802 | wj@thewendtgroup.com  
Washington Court House, Ohio

GET AUCTION  
INFO BY TEXT!

TEXT AUCTIONS  
TO 380-214-5965

10-25

121 Jackson Street, Plain City, Ohio 43064  
**www.thewendtgroup.com 614.626.SOLD**



**Bussey**

FROM PAGE 3B

Attention then shifted to smaller professional trucks and pickups, led by a 2018 Ford F550 4x4 crew cab diesel flatbed at \$32,500. With 121,654 miles, it carried a 6.7-liter turbo diesel engine, 6-speed automatic transmission, and 9-foot steel flatbed rated at 19,500-pound GVWR. It was equipped with an XL décor package, trailer tow package with power-heated mirrors, a 9.5-foot six-way stainless steel trip-edge Power V snowplow, a 9-foot four-cubic-yard salt spreader with 10.5-hp gas drive and 400-pound vibrator kit, and

stainless-steel LED light bar. Bids eventually dipped to \$1,400 for a 2006 Chevrolet Suburban 1500 4x4 with 231,064 miles and a 5.3-liter gas engine.

Trailers were also plentiful, led by a Mac 39-foot aluminum end-dumper with full liner, air ride, electric tarp, coal, and man doors scoring \$43,000. A 1998 Eager Beaver lowboy trailer with 22-foot wood deck, 8-foot top deck, front hydraulics, pony motor, rear ramps, and 22 outriggers bid to \$22,000. The auction closed with 16 shipping containers, ranging from \$1,700 for a Touax 20-foot variety to \$5,750 for a used-once 40-footer, with two side doors and rear double doors, capping a successful event and sales year.

## Indiana FFA, Indiana Farm Bureau mark successful 2026 Advocacy Day

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana FFA and Indiana Farm Bureau brought young leaders, educators and agricultural advocates to the Indiana Statehouse on Jan. 21 for the 2026 Advocacy Day. The annual event connected FFA members and farm bureau volunteers with lawmakers to discuss issues shaping Indiana agriculture and rural communities.

More than 100 FFA students from across the state participated in legislative visits, policy discussions and leadership activities designed to strengthen their understanding of civic engagement. The event featured keynote remarks from Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith and Don Lamb, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture.

Lamb underscored the impact of the event.

"Advocacy Day is so important because it gives FFA members a real look at how things get done at the Statehouse. When you're walking into legislative vis-

its, sitting in on committee hearings and talking directly with the people who make decisions, it suddenly clicks – your voice really does matter. This day helps young leaders feel confident speaking up, builds stronger connections across our ag community and makes sure the folks writing our laws understand what's happening on the ground in Indiana agriculture."

Participants met with legislative members and toured the Statehouse. The day concluded with a three-person panel featuring Jeanette Merritt, Indiana Pork director of communications; Hannah Gee, Indiana Beef education and industry relations director; and Katie Nelson, Indiana Farm Bureau executive director of public policy. The panel focused on the importance of agricultural education, volunteer efforts to teach young children about agriculture and the value of engaging with local government leaders.



**Above:** Over four dozen trucks were offered, including this 2018 Kenworth T880 quint-axle dump truck that bid to \$92,500.



**Above:** The auction's highest bid, \$325,000, went to this good-condition, well-outfitted John Deere S790 combine.

## ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAND AUCTION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026 - 12:00 PM CST

**VIRTUAL  
LIVE!**

**120±  
ACRES  
(Subject to Survey)  
2 TRACTS**

The Johnston farm is located approximately 3 miles east of Reynolds, IL or 15 miles south of Rock Island, IL and is further described as being located in Section 34, T16N • R2W, Bowling Township, Rock Island County, IL.

Tract 1 is nearly 100% tillable "Class A" farm land. Tract 2 is high percentage income producing land, has recreational possibilities and a potential home site as well!

**ROBERT JOHNSTON,  
SUSAN ORWIG AND  
VICTORIA JOHNSTON**

Representing Attorney: Karl Bredberg | Katz Nowinski, P.C.  
2020 SE 3rd St. | PO Box 208 | Aledo, IL 61231 | (309) 582-5327

Auction Representative: Dale Jones (309) 299-6400

## OGLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAND AUCTION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026 - 12:00 PM CST

**VIRTUAL  
LIVE!**

**285.68±  
DEEDED  
ACRES  
3 TRACTS**

The Yokoi farm is located approximately 6 miles north of Dixon, IL in Sections 29, 28 and 32, T23N-R9E Pine Creek Township, Ogle County, IL.

Tracts 1 and 2 represent high percentage tillable, productive Class A cropland. Tract 3 represents mostly tillable, productive cropland with a small amount of wooded area and a large, sweeping draw.

**JANE YOKOI LIVING TRUST  
LEATRICE YOKOI-MOON, TRUSTEE  
KNOWN LOCALLY AS THE JONES FARM**

Representing Attorney: Tom Suits | M. THOMAS SUITS, P.C.  
114 West Mason Street | Polo, IL 61064 | (815) 946-2276

Auction Representative: Dale Jones (309) 299-6400

**MERIT AUCTIONS**

"Specializing in Farm Real Estate & Ag Equipment"  
833.273.9300 | [www.MeritAuctions.com](http://www.MeritAuctions.com)

CHECK WEBSITE FOR A  
COMPLETE LIST OF OUR  
UPCOMING AUCTIONS!



# LARGE PUBLIC AUCTION

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026 AT 9:00 AM

Ted Everett Farm Equipment, 11998 N. STATE RD. 39, MONROVIA, IN 46157

Twenty Miles West of Indianapolis, Indiana, on Interstate 70 To State Road 39, (Exit 59)-Then 1/2 Mile South To Sale Site.

### ABSOLUTE AUCTION, EVERYTHING SELLS, NO CONSIGNMENTS

\*Three Auction Rings - Two Starting at 9:00 AM\*

**FIRST RING:** Compact Tractors, Industrial, Farm Equipment • **SECOND RING:** Golf Carts, Lawn & Garden, ATV's & Misc.

**THIRD RING:** 1:00 PM OUTSIDE - Vehicles & Misc.

<b>TRACTORS</b>	JD 9530 W/ DUALS, PS, 4272 HRS, S/N 24916	JD 706, LP, 3PT, S/N 29824	JD 527 DISK RIPPER, 5-SHANK	UNVERFERTH HT25 HEAD CART, 25'	ER, TANDEM AXLE, SINGLE WHEEL	JD Z665, 60", 368 HRS
	JD 560, LP	JD 45 FIELD CULTIVATOR, 12'	CASE 590SL TLB W/ CAB, EXT-A-HOE, 2WD, 2900 HRS	BRILLION CC-300 RIPPER W/ HITCH, 4-SHANK	J&M TB600 TRAILBLAZER HEAD CART, 35'	JD Z445, 48"
	BRILLION PACKER, 10'	(2) 2024 CASE CX30C EXCAVATOR W/ CAB & AC, NEW W/ WARRANTY	WHITE DISK CHISEL, 11-SHANK	HOME MADE HEAD CART	2009 YAMAHA SNOW MOBILE (NO KEY)	JD Z445
	DUNHAM PACKER, 8'	2023 CASE CX37C EXCAVATOR W/ CAB & AC, 351 HRS	BRILLION 6-ROW CULTIVATOR	JD H480 LOADER W/ GRAPPLE & BALE SPEAR OFF JD 8100	<b>GOLF CARTS, ATVS, AND UTVS</b>	JD Z425, 48", 733 HRS
	SULKEY 1X PLOW	2015 CASE CX80C EXCAVATOR, C/A/H, 3890 HRS	CHISEL PLOW, 3PT	WOODS 360 LOADER OFF MAGNUM TRACTOR	(60) 2015/2016 YAMAHA GLACIER GOLF CART, GAS	JD Z225, 42", 1000 HRS
	HYD BOOM POLE, 3PT	GRADER BLADE, 8'	JD ROTARY HOE	FARMHAND F348 LOADER	(52) 2021 EZ-GO TXT GOLF CART, 48V, BURGANDY W/ TAN SEAT & TOP, WINDSHIELD	JD X534
	BACKHOE BUCKET, 3'	ROTARY CUTTER, 7'	Kewanee DISK, MANUAL FOLD, 12'	NH 550LU LOADER FRAME - NO BRACKETS OR BUCKET	(2) YAMAHA GOLF CART, GAS	JD X520
	GRADER BLADE, 8'	YANMAR SV100 EXCAVATOR, 4805 HRS, S/N 01134	KRAUSE 1452 ROCKFLEX OFFSET DISK, 15'	(2) JD 84" BUCKET	2018 TXT GOLF CART, GAS	JD X350, 42", 429 HRS
	ROTARY CUTTER, 7'	2019 YANMAR VI025-6A EXCAVATOR	PULL-TYPE HYD DISK, 8", 7.5"	JD 72" BUCKET	2016 CLUB CAR PRECEDENT, GAS, BLUE W/ BEIGE SEATS	JD X320, 48", 588 HRS
	BLADE, 3PT, 5'	(2) WAGON W/ HOIST	SPACING	KUBOTA BUCKET	BIG HORN GOLF CART, GAS, 92 HRS	JD X300, 48"
	BLADE, 3PT	(2) HAY WAGON	JD 3X PLOW	KUBOTA PIN ON BUCKET	(2) GOLF CARTS	JD X300
	2015 CAT D5K2 LGP DOZER, GRADE CONTROL, 3624 HRS, S/N KY200515	MF 3X PLOW	LANDPRIDE SGC0660 GRAPPLE, 60"	2024 CAN AM COMMANDER 700XT, 300 HRS	JD M653	
	HOIST	4X PLOW	LANDPRIDE BB596 BOX BLADE	2024 CAN AM COMMANDER 700XT, 300 HRS	JD LTX1046	
	KAWASAKI MULE 610, 4WD, 133 HRS	<b>GRAIN CARTS &amp; WAGONS</b>	WESTERN PRO SNOWPLOW, 76"	2024 CAN AM COMMANDER 700XT, 300 HRS	JD LT155, 42"	
	YAMAHA KODIAK 400 (AS IS)	BRADCO 8MD2 BACKHOE ATTACH	CUB WALK-BEHIND SNOWBLOWER	2023 KAWASAKI MULE PRO 700MX	JD F1145 W/ BLADE, FWD, NO DECK	
	DIXIE CHOPPER SP3000, 72" (AS IS)	CAT BA25 ANGLE BROOM	SNOWBLOWERS	2022 JD XUV835M GATOR W/ WESTERN SNOWPLOW & 45-GAL SPRAYER W/ BOOMS	JD D140	
	DIXIE CHOPPER XT3200, 60" (AS IS)	SWEEPERST 2101 BROOM, WHEEL LOADER MT, 18"	LARSON SALT SPREADER	2021 CAN-AM COMMANDER 1000R	JD E120, 42"	
	DIXIE CHOPPER XW2500 (AS IS)	JD MS60 MANURE SCRAPER, SS ATTACH	PRESEEDER 605, 3PT, 6'	XT, 20 HRS	(5) JD 997, 72"	
	JD 260, NO DECK (AS IS)	FINISH MOWER, SS ATTACH	LANDPRIDE RTR1250 TILLER, LIKE NEW	2019 KUBOTA RTV X900, 1558 HRS	JD 757, 60"	
	MC ROTARY SCYTHE, 12'	CAT SKIDSTEER POWER BOX RAKE	WOODS RT48 TILLER, 48"	2021 JD TE GATOR, ELECTRIC TILLER	JD 737, 54"	
	SCISSOR HOIST W/ PTO PUMP	CAT SKIDSTEER AUGER W/ 12" & 24" BITS	EZ-TRAIL 500 GRAIN CART	2020 POLARIS RANGER 1000	JD 335	
	POST DRIVER, 3PT	JD PA15 AUGER OFF JD 17D EXCAVATOR (NO BITS)	J&M 540 GRAVITY WAGON (2) J&M 250 GRAVITY WAGON	2020 KAWASAKI TERYX LE800, 150 HRS	JD 320, 48"	
	TELEHANDLER BOOM	TELEHANDLER BOOM	GENERATOR	2019 KUBOTA RTV X900, 1558 HRS	BAD BOY MAVERICK MZ	
	(2) CASE QUICK HITCH	PLATE COMPACTOR, SS-ATTACH	DANUSER PHD, 3PT	HRS/8258 MILES	BAD BOY MAVERICK, 60"	
	HYD CYLINDERS, 4'	DANUSER CONCRETE MIXER, SS MT	COUNTYLINE PHD	2018 HONDA PIONEER 1000-5 DE-LUXE, 150 HRS	BOBCAT ZTR, 52"	
	BRUSHGUARD FOR IH 706-806	CONCRETE CHUTE, QA	BOBCAT 15C PHD	2018 POLARIS RANGER XP900	BUSH HOG ZTR	
	BRUSHGUARD FOR AC D19	SKIDSTEER BUCKET	JD 327 SQUARE BALER	2016 POLARIS RANGER XP900	CUB CADET TANK, 54"	
	(2) RUNNING GEAR	BACKHOE BUCKET	NH 310 DISKBINE	2016 POLARIS RANGER 570	CUB CADET ZT1, 54"	
	(2) PULL-TYPE SPRAYER	CAT TOOTH BUCKET, 24"	JD 946 MOCO	2016 JD 825I GATOR W/ POWER DUMP BED, PS	CUB CADET PRO Z160S (AS IS)	
	24XDW16L 8-LUG RIM, NEW	(12 SETS) Q/A PALLET FORKS, 4000LB CAPACITY, NEW	KUHN GF5001THA TEDDER, 4-BAS-KET, PULL-TYPE	2016 BAD BOY BUGGIE AMBUSH TORO SPRAYER	COUNTRY CLIPPER XLT, 52"	
	12.5-15 IMPLEMENT TIRES	LOTS OF MISC	NH 256 HAY RAKE	2015 POLARIS RANGER 570, 100 HRS	(2) DIXIE CHOPPER 2760 SILVER EAGLE	
	C/IH JX100U W/ LDR, ROPS, MFWD, 321 HRS	<b>COMBINES</b>	NI 402 HAY RAKE	2013 POLARIS RANGER XP900	DIXIE CHOPPER LT2700	
	C/IH STX275, 3PT, PTO, 5307 HRS	JD 9660 STS W/ BIN EXT, 4490/2900 HRS, S/N 366614	(3) BALE SPEAR, 3PT	2013 JD XUV825I GATOR	DIXIE CHOPPER X-CALIBER, 74"	
	C/IH MAXXUM 115 W/ CAB, 2WD	JD 9560 STS W/ DUALS, 3080/2169 HRS, S/N 712617	BALE SPEAR, QA	2011 POLARIS RANGER XP800, 498 HRS	EXMARK L227	
	C/IH MX285 W/ FRONT & REAR DUALS, MFWD, 5195 HRS	C/IH TC280 W/ FRONT & REAR DUALS, MFWD, 6125 HRS	LDR BALE SPEAR	2011 POLARIS RANGER 800	EXMARK L2X5	
	C/IH MX240 W/ FRONT & REAR DUALS, MFWD, 321 HRS	24XDW16L 8-LUG RIM, NEW	BALE SQUEEZE, SS MT	2011 CAN-AM COMMANDER 800 RXT	(6) EXMARK LAZER Z	
	C/IH JX100U W/ LDR, ROPS, MFWD, 321 HRS	LOTS OF MISC	BALE FORK	(2) 2006 POLARIS SPORTSMAN 500 H.O. 4-WHEELER	EXMARK Z 48"	
	<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>		<b>ROTARY MOWERS</b>	BOBCAT 2200 UTV, 4X4	EXMARK STAND ON	
	JD 333G SKIDSTEER, 875 HRS, S/N 366614	JD 9660 STS W/ BIN EXT, 4490/2900 HRS, S/N 712617	JD CX15 BATWING	CAN AM COMMANDER 800R, 300 HRS	EXMARK, 60"	
	2020 CAT 299D3 SKIDSTEER, 2407 HRS, S/N DY02365	JD 9560 STS W/ DUALS, 3080/2169 HRS, S/N 710330	JD HX15 BATWING	FERRIS IS3200Z		
	2019 CAT 289D SKIDSTEER, 2643 HRS, S/N TAW13881	C/IH 7120, 4WD, 3986/3170 HRS, S/N Y9207949	BUSH HOG 11815 BATWING	FERRIS IS3000Z		
	2021 CAT 259D3 SKIDSTEER W/ CAB & AC, 2349 HRS	NH CR7090 W/ DUALS, 4WD, 4587/2582 HRS, S/N 116798	BUSH HOG 2615 BATWING, 540 PTO	FERRIS IS600, 250 HRS		
	2020 CAT 259D3 SKIDSTEER, 1259 HRS, S/N CW906191	NH TR89 W/ DUALS, S/N Y0G116798	WOODS BW1800RM BATWING, 1000 PTO	FERRIS SR5 (AS IS)		
	2018 BOBCAT T650 SKIDSTEER, 2259 HRS, S/N ALJG25565	MACDON FD75 DRAPER HEAD, 35', S/N 234284	WOODS BW180 BATWING, 540 PTO	GRASSHOPPER 720K W/FRONT DECK		
	BOBCAT T595 SKIDSTEER, 484 HRS	C/IH 3162 DRAPER HEAD, 35'	WOODS BW180 BATWING, 540 PTO	GRAVELY, 54 HRS		
	BOBCAT T190 SKIDSTEER, NEW TRACKS (AS IS - HYD LEAK)	2013 C/IH 3020 GRAIN HEAD W/ AIR REEL, S/N YCH210505	DEWALT 7749 RADIAL ARM SAW	GRAVELY PRO-STANCE, 60"		
	BOBCAT S250 SKIDSTEER, 2344 HRS	JD 920 GRAIN HEAD, 20', POLY	DELT A UNISAW, 10"	GRAVELY		
	BOBCAT S185 SKIDSTEER	JD 918 GRAIN HEAD	DELT A BAND SAW	HUSQVARNA LZ30		
	2014 BOBCAT S70 SKIDSTEER, 349 HRS	GERRINGHOFF NS ELITE CORN HEAD, 12-ROW	DELT A PLANER	HUSQVARNA ZTR (AS IS)		
	CASE TR380 SKIDSTEER, 1400 HRS	JD 608C CORN HEAD, S/N 757008	DELT A PLANER/JOINTER	HUSTLER SUPER Z XR7, 60"		
	CASE SR210 SKIDSTEER, S/N 440064	JD 893 CORN HEAD	QUICKWY VALVE GRINDER	HUSTLER RAPTOR SD42		
	CASE 1835B SKIDSTEER	JD 643 CORN HEAD	AMCO BRAKE DRUM ROTOR & TURNER	KUBOTA ZD1211L, 72", 380 HRS		
	2024 KUBOTA SSV65 SKIDSTEER	JD 444 CORN HEAD	ACCU-TURN TIRE CHANGER	KUBOTA ZD1211L, 72", 460 HRS		
	2017 NH C238 TURF SKIDSTEER, 1341 HRS, S/N NHM427861	2012 C/IH 3408 CORN HEAD, S/N YCS022950	SUN CWB1856 TIRE BALANCER	KUBOTA Z231		
	NH L150 SKIDSTEER, 1118 HRS	C/IH 2206 CORN HEAD	ROTUNDA TIRE BALANCER	KUBOTA Z125S, 54", 400 HRS		
	NH LS160 SKIDSTEER, 1500 HRS	NH CORN HEAD, 6-ROW	SNAP-ON AC KOOLKARE-134	KUBOTA ZG23, 54"		
	NEW KUBOTA B2401 W/ LA435 LDR, 350 HRS		SNAP-ON VOLTAGE TESTER	KUBOTA 3990 FRONT MT W/ CAB, 4WD		
	KUBOTA B2401 W/ LDR, MFWD, 350 HRS		AIR BLOWER	KUBOTA TRACTOR-TYPE MOWER		
	KUBOTA B2400		FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	NEW HOLLAND ZTR		
	MF 4245 W/ CANOPY, MFWD, 2000 HRS		LIGHT PLANT	SCAG TIGER CAT II, 61", 1489 HRS		
	MF 2670 W/ CAB & LDR, MFWD, 2802 HRS, S/N 11005		PORTABLE RAMPS	SCAG TIGER CAT, 61", 806 HRS		
	NH TC40D W/ LDR, MFWD, 167 HRS		JD 466 ENGINE	SCAG CHEETAH, 72", 628 HRS		
	KUBOTA B7300		(6) JD FRONT WEIGHTS	SCAG CHEETAH, 1400 HRS		
	KUBOTA B2920 W/ LDR, HYDRO, MFWD, 2000 HRS		JD 500LB WEIGHTS	SCAG TURF TIGER		
	DAVID ALLEN EQUIPMENT		JD SUITCASE WEIGHTS	SCAG LIBERTY		
	KUBOTA B20 TLB, 731 HRS		(2) QA TO 3PT ADAPTER	SIMPPLICITY DERBY, 48"		
	KUBOTA G5200 (AS IS)		QUICK HITCH	(3) SIMPLICITY		
	AC D19, LP, 3PT		2025 IA FUEL TRAILER, NEW	TORO Z-MASTER 7000, 72", DSL		
	IH 806, LP		1000-GAL FUEL TANK W/ PUMP	TORO MX5480, 594 HRS		
			(2) PAIR OF 11.2X28 TIRES	TORO 3000, 60"		
			1400-24 TIRE	TORO Z588E, 60", EFI, 632 HRS		
			2 RIMS OFF MAGNUM TRACTOR	TORO TITAN ZX4800, 48"		
			MISC SETS OF KUBOTA TIRES & RIMS	TORO 325-D GROUNDSMASTER		
			MISC TIRES & RIMS	TORO TIMECUTTER		
				TORO		
				TROYBILT XP, 42"		
				PUSH MOWERS		
				L&G TIRES		
				L&G SEATS		

AGDIRECT FINANCING AVAILABLE CALL 317-996-3929 FOR PRE-APPROVAL

# Disciplined and proactive approach necessary for farmers in 2026

The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center's outlook through Feb. 3 calls for "very likely below" normal outlook for temperature and precipitation. The February-March-April seasonal outlook for the upper Midwest is leaning to a normal outlook for temperature and above normal outlook for precipitation. Farther out, the May-June-July outlook is leaning above normal temperature and equal chances for normal outlook for precipitation.

The Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC) recently issued a very rare G4 (severe) geomagnetic storm watch for Jan. 20. A G4 geomagnetic storm may degrade satellite navigation for some hours and disrupt low-frequency radio navigation. But given this is January and not the middle of spring planting for example, this storm had a negligible effect on U.S. farms.

A look at recent history shows the impact of a geomagnetic storm could well be more significant during the crop season. On May 10, 2024, a powerful geomagnetic storm affected the U.S., smack in the middle of planting. That storm caused "mass global navigation satellite system outages leading to an assumed \$565 million in losses for Midwestern crop producers."

The sun is the main source of space weather. Radio emissions, coronal mass ejections (CMEs), and solar flares are some of the causes of geomagnetic storms. These can disrupt communications, the power grid, navigation, radio and satellite operations for minutes, to hours or days at a time. A complete loss of signal lock by the GPS receiver due to extreme noise from the upper atmosphere (primarily nighttime) can result in no location data for an interval of time. Like a thunderstorm, farmers can only manage their systems through GPS-battering geomagnetic storms. Newer positioning systems that lock onto multiple satellite constellations are little or not affected by solar storms.

With older navigation systems, farmers may bring a stop to fieldwork or, like grandpa did, grab the steering wheel and just plow through, accepting crooked rows and any planting and data collection inaccuracies that follow. But without GPS, the as-planted data (as-sprayed, as-fertilized) cannot be logged onto a map or georeferenced. Interested persons can sign

## WEEKLY AG UPDATE

BY NED BIRKEY  
MSU EXTENSION EDUCATOR EMERITUS  
SPARTAN AG

up for space weather alerts/watches/warnings at the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center. If an issue is noticed with the GPS systems, look at the NOAA alerts or the Navigation Centers civilian GPS outage reports to determine whether the source is environmental or a hardware problem.

Marketing Success is NOT about timing the market perfectly. Farmers have only one chance to hit the high (or low) price, but two chances to hit all other prices. Agriculture is often defined by volatility and change but also depends on planning, perspective and partnership. Maintaining a strong relationship with a lender that understands agriculture helps farmers make informed decisions that support their short-term and long-term goals.

As farmers prepare for 2026, a disciplined and proactive approach will be essential. Penciling out and keeping costs low and under control remains a top priority. Tighter margins make it more important than ever to closely review operating expenses and identify opportunities for efficiency. Planning the financial budget well ahead of the production cycle can help reduce uncertainty, strengthen cash flow and provide flexibility as market conditions evolve. Strategic use of risk management tools – such as crop insurance and thoughtful marketing strategies – can also help protect against volatility. Hitting the highest price of the year is not a reasonable goal. There are other tools to help achieve high relative prices, usually with the help of someone off the farm with the time and experience to objectively watch the markets.

MSU "Agronomy Day" in southeast Michigan will be for both field crop and vegetable farmers on Feb. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Old Mill Museum, Dundee. Farmers can register now by calling Chris Galbraith at 734-240-3178 or Madelyn Celovsky at 517-768-2048. New this year in the afternoon will feature two concurrent sessions, one session on corn, soybean and wheat pro-

duction topics and the other session with vegetable production topics. This event and lunch are free, but space is limited so please register ahead. 4 RUP and 6 CCA CEUs will be available.

Outdoor and Gardening Benefits of Snow Winter snow may feel like a nuisance, but it's surprisingly useful. From lightening pancake batter to protecting garden plants and easing inflammation, snow has practical benefits indoors and out. Snow is an insulator that keeps plants and even water from freezing. Apple growers will use wind or irrigation water to protect fruit from freezing. Snow is great for gardens and called "poor man's fertilizer." Soil that's insulated by a blanket of snow can stay close to 32°F even when the air temperature plunges below zero, which can protect leftover root crops. In a brief winter warm spell, snow's insulation works the other way: It can keep the soil from warming up

so plants aren't tricked into sprouting too soon.

Snow protects plants from drying winter winds, especially semi-hardy plants such as bigleaf hydrangeas. In spring, melting snow provides moisture to plants' roots as the plants are coming out of dormancy.

### Frequently Asked Questions

Is it safe to eat snow? Only eat clean, freshly fallen snow away from roads, roofs, and animals. Avoid old or discolored snow.

Can snow really insulate plants? Yes. Snow traps air, keeping soil temperatures near freezing even in extreme cold, which protects plant roots.

Can snow be used instead of ice for injuries? Yes, but always wrap snow in a cloth to prevent frostbite. Apply for no more than 10 minutes at a time.

Does snow help gardens in spring? Absolutely. Melting snow slowly releases moisture into the soil just as plants wake from dormancy.

## LAND AUCTION

118+/- ACRES - 3 PARCELS

DANA, IN - VERMILLION COUNTY - HELT TOWNSHIP

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026 - 6:00 PM

DANA FIREHOUSE, DANA, IN

Parcel 1: 40 +/- Tillable Acres (1/2 mile south of US 36 on West side of Hwy 71)

Parcel 2: 74 +/- Tillable Acres (126 W. 700 S. Dana, IN)

Parcel 3: 4 +/- Wooded Acres - ideal for a home site. This is the boyhood home site of Ernie Pyle (126 W. 700 S. Dana, IN)

Property will be offered as parcel, parcel combinations, and entire farm.

Owners: Gary Goforth, Susan Wegmann, and Steven Goforth.  
"Happy Memories Farm, LLC"



Doug Brown  
(765) 569-6689 • (765) 592-0855  
Lic. # AU19500052

Photos & advance sale bills  
available on our searchable website  
[www.sellabrationauction.com](http://www.sellabrationauction.com) OR  
[www.auctionzip.com](http://www.auctionzip.com) ID #2932

## LAND AUCTION

Champaign/Clark Co. Area Land Auction

Cropland ♦ Pasture Land ♦ Building Sites  
Thursday ♦ February 19 ♦ 1:00 PM

Farm Location: 3760 Middle Urbana Rd. Urbana, OH  
Auction Location: Champaign County Fairgrounds, Urbana, OH

deal mix of homesites, pasture, farmland, and recreation. 6 lots include: 5+ acre, perc-tested building sites. 3 larger tracts: 25.5 & 39 acres with pond, rolling pasture great for horses, hunting, or mini-farms; 78± acres with 60 tillable, pond, and woods excellent for farming or investment. Buy one, a combo, or the whole farm! Just north of the Clark County line.



### INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY!

Call or visit us on the web for a complete Bidder Package

SHERIDANS is a leader in the sale of land throughout Ohio. Call today for a no-fee consultation to discuss your buying or selling needs.

SHERIDANS  
LLC  
[www.SheridanTeam.com](http://www.SheridanTeam.com)  
(937) 766-2300

## AUCTION

PAULDING COUNTY OHIO LAND

5 Farms  
205± acres  
OFFERED IN 7 TRACTS OR COMBINATIONS

IMMEDIATE  
POSSESSION AT  
CLOSING  
QUALITY TILLABLE  
FARMS  
WELL MAINTAINED  
SOILS

Owner: Kuhn Family  
Auction Mgr: Jerry Ehle  
260.410.1996

SCHRADER  
Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc.

MONDAY, MARCH 2 • 6:00PM  
held at the Paulding County Fairgrounds • Online Bidding Available

INSPECTIONS: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9 & 16  
4-6pm or call the auction mgr for walk over inspection.

Access along Co Rd 106, Twp Rd 96 & SR 49

TRACT 1: 24± acres  
TRACT 2: 20± acres  
TRACT 3: 20± acres  
TRACT 4: 25± acres  
TRACT 5: 47± acres  
TRACT 6: 31± acres  
TRACT 7: 38± acres

800-451-2709 • SchraderAuction.com

Ohio Real Estate: Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc. #REC.0000314452  
(Jeffersonville, OH) • Rex D. Schrader II #BRKP201400282 • Jerry Ehle #SAL.2006001035  
Ohio Auctioneer: Schrader Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc. #63198513759

## OLSON AUCTIONS CONSIGNMENT ONLINE ONLY AUCTION

Auction opens March 1, 2026 & ends March 6, 2026  
[olsonauctions.hibid.com](http://olsonauctions.hibid.com)

Location: 259 S 700 W, Winamac, IN

Call by Tuesday, February 10th to have your items advertised!

→ Call Nate @ 574-242-1262 ←

Consignments taken Wednesday, February 25 through Saturday, February 28 (8-5) ET

Inspection: Monday, March 2 (9-2) ET. Gate open daily from daylight until dark to view items.

Buyer pick up: Saturday, March 7 & Monday, March 9 (9-4) ET

Gary Olson 574-595-5164 - Nate Swartzell 574-242-1262 - Kenny Becker 574-242-0146

Gary L. Olson  
Auctioneer  
IN Auc Lic #AU01031658

Olson  
Auctions  
Inc.

259 S 700 W, Winamac, IN  
Phone: 574-595-5164 or 574-242-1262  
E-mail: [olsonauctions1@gmail.com](mailto:olsonauctions1@gmail.com)  
Web: [olsonauctions.com](http://olsonauctions.com)  
Hibid: [olsonauctions.hibid.com](http://olsonauctions.hibid.com)

Nathan D. Swartzell, Auc Lic#AU11400050 - Kenneth R. Becker, Auc Lic#AU11400044 - Jordan A. Broeker, Auc Lic#AU11400049

*Featured*

# Auction Calendar

[www.BidMetzger.com](http://www.BidMetzger.com)**Robertson**

ONLINE ONLY AUCTION!

January 30, 2026

Peru, IN 46970

[Bid Metzger.com](http://BidMetzger.com)

## Online Silver, Coin &amp; Currency Auction!

**AUCTION!**

February 1, 2026

North Manchester, IN

AUCTION MANAGER: TIM HOLMES - 260-580-5473 [BidMetzger.com](http://BidMetzger.com)NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIFACT  
ONLINE AUCTION!

February 2, 2026

North Manchester, IN 46962

[Bid Metzger.com](http://BidMetzger.com)Commercial Retail Building  
with State Road 15 Frontage!Selling via Online Auction:  
February 3rd • 6 pm

608 N. Jeffersen Street, Silver Lake, IN 46982

[Bid Metzger.com](http://BidMetzger.com)

## Online Real Estate Auction!

3 BR, 1.5 Bath Home!

Online Auction:

Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm

Property Address:  
535 E. Center Street, Warsaw, IN 46580[Bid Metzger.com](http://BidMetzger.com)

METZGER PROPERTY SERVICES

## Online Firearms Auction!

February 4, 2026

Warsaw, IN

[Bid Metzger.com](http://BidMetzger.com)**Equipment & Vehicle**  
ONLINE SIMULCAST AUCTION!Vehicles - Tractors - Farm & Livestock  
Equipment - Trailers - Boats - ATVs  
& More!CALL OUR OFFICE TO  
CONSIGN TODAY!

February 6, 2026

**Bid Metzger**  
.com

METZGER PROPERTY SERVICES

**The Outstanding  
Jim Mayer Estate**  
ONLINE AUCTION!

February 8, 2026 Claypool, IN

[Bid Metzger.com](http://BidMetzger.com)METZGER  
PROPERTY SERVICES**HOMIER LLC**

## ONLINE ONLY AUCTION!

NEW, OVERSTOCK, DISCONTINUED HOME  
IMPROVEMENT ITEMS AND RETURNS!  
TOOLS, APPLIANCES, HOME IMPROVEMENT, BABY  
& CHILDREN'S, PLUMBING, FURNITURE, HOME DECOR,  
BUILDING MATERIALS, KITCHEN & BATH, INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES & MORE!

LOCATED: HUNTINGTON, IN 46750 - 260-358-7923

[BidMetzger.com](http://BidMetzger.com)

BID NOW!

**97+/-ACRES**BID LIVE  
OR ONLINE!of QUALITY TILLABLE CROPLAND  
& COUNTRY HOMESTEAD!61.5 Acres with a Country Homestead  
in Howard County &  
35.66 Tillable Acres in Clinton CountyFOREST TWP. MONROE & HARRISON TWPS.,  
CLINTON CO., IN HOWARD CO., IN

Thursday, February 12th at 6:30pm

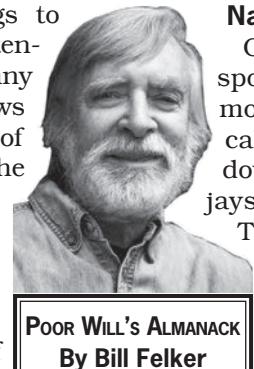
AUCTION LOCATION:  
Jeff Stout Community Center  
650 N. West Street  
Russiaville, Indiana**Metzger**  
Property Services[BidMetzger.com](http://BidMetzger.com)

## Auctioneers &amp; Realtors...

Chad Metzger, N. Man., IN, 260-982-0238  
Tim Pitts, Fort Wayne, IN 317-714-0432  
Michael Gentry, LaCrosse, IN 219-754-2237  
John Burnau, Leesburg, IN 574-376-5340Rod Metzger, Ossian, IN, 260-982-0238  
Jason Conley, Warsaw, IN 574-527-2247  
Tiffany Reimer, Realtor 260-982-0238  
Neal Snyder, Andrews, IN 260-358-7923Tim Holmes, Churubusco, IN, 260-580-5473  
Rainelle Shockome, Col. City, IN, 260-341-4801  
Brian Evans, Lagro IN 219-754-2237  
Justin Nicodemus, Churubusco, IN 260-246-3778Brent Ruckman, Larwill, IN 260-609-2155  
Dustin Dillon, Warsaw, IN 574-265-9215  
Dodie Lambright Hart, Howe 260-463-1717

# Cardinals, blue jays, robins among birds becoming more active

But now there are things to be heard if one is at all attentive. At noon time on a sunny day the dooryard sparrows begin to test a few phrases of remembered song... From the woodland the male cardinal whistles as though he really means it... True, these are slight matters, particularly on a day when the wind has a wire edge and the threat of more snow. But spring is the sum of many things, and weather is only one of them. - Hal Borland



**POOR WILL'S ALMANACK**  
By Bill Felker

## Natural Calendar

Cardinals, which sang only sporadically earlier in the month, have begun mating calls half an hour before dawn, doves, song sparrows and blue jays often joining their song.

The first major waves of robins and bluebirds cross the Ohio River. On highways, roadkills attest to the increasing nighttime activities of skunks and opossums. Constellations of the Dog Days are rising: Lyra and Cygnus. Deep in the southeast, red Antares is glowing. Regulus leads Leo's Sickle into the west.

As January wanes, Orion moves more westerly in the mid evening, and to the upper left of that vast group of stars, past Castor and Pollux, the stars of Cancer follow. After Cancer, and shaped like a sickle, comes Leo, easily found since Regulus, now the strongest star in the eastern sky, is its leading edge. Early mornings in late January bring May's planting star, Arcturus, overhead. To the far east, the first dandelions can be flowering, snow crocus and henbit budding. Sometimes moss grows on logs. Sometimes tulip and grape hyacinth leaves are pushing out of the ground. Sometimes day lily foliage is up three inches, daffodil spears four to eight inches. When the sun is strong enough for all of that to happen, then flies hatch to warm themselves on the south side of your house, their soft presence almost tipping the delicate scale of time.

## In the Field and Garden

Pruning is recommended for the next two weeks, as the moon wanes. Depending on where you live, this may be the time to lime your soil. Since lime reacts slowly with the ground, it should be worked in a few months before planting. Lime can also be applied to the surface for no-till fields.

Inspect young trees for rodent damage throughout the winter. Consider forage testing for your livestock

soon if you suspect that quality is declining.

Some traditional supplements for your animals include a little whole barley, a teaspoon of molasses in a pint of milk, powdered slippery elm, calcium rich powdered willow bark, flaked oats, powdered seaweed, and mashed raw carrots. As with any supplement, use in moderation, and keep track of any results you notice.

The major lambing and kidding season now starts throughout the region: more lambs and kids are born in the next eight weeks than in any other months.

A light feeding in the morning, and a heavier feeding towards dark can provide your chickens with a little more heat as the mercury falls. Egg production can be expected to decline when highs stay below 30 degrees, but warm water may help keep the hens laying a little.

Frost-seed crops like red clover in

the pastures, and scatter grass seed over bare spots on the lawn. Freezing and thawing plants the seeds.

Spray broad-leaved evergreens with anti-drying agent to prevent winter-kill. Prepare landscaping, garden, and field maps, including plans for double cropping, intercropping, and companion planting.

## The Countdown to Spring

- One week until the skunk cabbage blooms in the wetlands and cardinals begin their spring mating calls
- Two weeks until doves join the cardinals, and maple sap is running
- Three weeks to the very first snowdrop bloom and the official start of early spring
- Four weeks to major pussy willow emerging season
- Five weeks to crocus season

(Poor Will continued on page 13B)

## The Weather in the Week Ahead

On Jan. 31, the sun passes a declination of 17 degrees and 40 minutes, one fourth of its way to spring equinox. Near this same day, a temperature pivot throws the entire northern and southern halves of the planet into reverse. And average temperatures start to rise throughout the country. Personal thermometers not only mark that process at home, but almost everywhere. And no matter where the starting point, the interval - the rate of increase - is almost the same in every part of the United States:

During February, for example, the rise in averages at Columbus, Ohio, is from 28 to 30 degrees. That interval is matched by Houston's rise from 54 to 56, Memphis' 42 to 45, Juneau's 25 to 27, Denver's 29 to 32, San Francisco's 49 to 51, St. Louis' 32 to 35, Chicago's 26 to 28. In western states more subject to the vast thaws sweeping up from the gulf, the jump is four to five degrees: Minneapolis averages move from 12 to 16 degrees, International Falls from 3 to 7.

These seemingly minor changes measure distance and time as well as temperature. If we actually can't see the days expanding by 90 seconds every 24 hours, even if we can't walk north now through green Louisiana, we still can know for certain that our Spring is underway everywhere north of the equator. It will reach us when it should, and we will pick our daffodils in the middle of an ordered sequence that begins this January week along the southern beaches.

## HUNT ONLINE ONLY HIBID AUCTION

Auction opens February 1, 2026 & ends February 9, 2026

► olsonauctions.hibid.com ◀

LOCATION: 6942 E 350 N, Monticello, IN 47960

Inspection Day: Tuesday, February 3 (3:00 - 6:00) ET • Buyer pick up: Tuesday, February 10 (2:00 - 6:00) ET



### TRACTORS - BACKHOE

IH 1066 D, fender, s/n 49138; Farmall Super MTA, gas, PS, turbo, s/n 70026; CIH DX25 MFWD, ROPS, 60" deck, 1,711 hrs; IH 806 D, fender, FH, 18.4x38 tires, 7,403 hrs, s/n 34717; IH 1066 D, fender, s/n 9807; Case 580K backhoe, MFWD, ext-a-hoe, rebuilt cylinders; Farmall M, s/n 130994;



### VEHICLES - TRAILER

2011 Ford F250 Super Duty 4x4 pick-up, 4-door, 6.7 Power Stroke, GN hitch, 57K mi; 1961 Ford Galaxy 500, 2-door, hard top, 390 V8, nice restoration, rare; 2023 Eby alum. 20' tandem trailer, mega ramps, pulled approx. 100 mi since purchased new; 1967 Ford F150 4x4 ext cab pick-up, runs, rough;



### 4-WHEELER - EQUIPMENT - MISC.

2021 CFMOTO 4-wheeler, 4x4 w/winch; IH 2350 loader; CIH 3408 8x30 corn head, single point hook-up, stalk stompers; IH 720 5x18 ASR plow; 12' 3 pt or pull type spring harrow, like new; KK 5' 3 pt rotary mower; 9-bolt dual hubs for IH 1066; 18.4x38 9-bolt duals; forks for 2350 loader; pair 38" rims; narrow front for H or M; 300 gal OH fuel tank; Texaco & Mobile gas pumps; other misc. items;



For catalog, registration, bidding & terms go to: [olsonauctions.hibid.com](http://olsonauctions.hibid.com)

► For more info call Gary @ 574-595-5164 ◀

{ Becky Hunt & The Late Wayne Hunt, Owner }

Note: Wayne loved Ford vehicles & IH tractors (especially the 1066). Most of the tractors have been repainted w/good tires. Car & pick-up are excellent.

**GARY L. OLSON**  
259 S 700 W  
Winamac, IN 46996  
Lic #AU01031658

**Elson**  
auctions

Phone: Gary (574-595-5164) - Nate (574-242-1262)  
Email: [olsonauctions1@gmail.com](mailto:olsonauctions1@gmail.com)  
Web: [olsonauctions.com](http://olsonauctions.com)  
[olsonauctions.hibid.com](http://olsonauctions.hibid.com)

Nathan D. Swartzell, Lic#AU11400050 - Kenneth R. Becker, Lic#AU11400044 - Jordan A. Broeker, Lic#AU11400049 - Sheila Broeker, Office Manager

## ATTENTION LANDOWNERS & FAMILY FARM OWNERS

Join us for Lunch, Program and visit with fellow landowners on

**FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup>  
11:30 AM to 2:00 PM**

**BECK  
AGRICULTURAL  
CENTER**

**WEST LAFAYETTE  
4550 US 52 W, West Lafayette, IN 47906**

Meet Schrader Representatives and learn about the current farmland market. Also hear comments about estate planning, unique 1031 exchange opportunities, and tax strategies from Discipline Advisors.

*Farm Owners, Spouses, Attorneys and Trustees Welcome.  
No charge for program. Lunch with great fun and farm fellowship expected.*

*Reservations Required! To RSVP by Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> or Questions, Please Call Toll Free  
SCHRADER 800-451-2709 • [SchraderAuction.com](http://SchraderAuction.com)*

## K & K Dairy ONLINE Milking Herd Dispersal

**2-4-26 12-1PM ET | Botkins, OH**

[www.kreegerdairy.com](http://www.kreegerdairy.com)

**300**  
Productive Cows Sell ONLINE

**80# 4.4f 3.5p  
2x Avg**

280 Cows 2X Avg 80# 4.4%f 3.5%p

RHA 25087 4.1 1026 3.3 820

Herringbone Parlor, Matress Stalls

Headlocks, Complete Herd Health & Vac's

Top Cow 137#, 50+ 100+ Cows



80+ Fresh Last 90 Days

20+ Dry Cows

AI Sired & Bred- COBA Select Sires

Several Red & Whites & Brown Swiss

Many Young 4★ Uddered Cows

Tested For Bird Flu To Travel

**Productive Cows Since 1967  
Catalog, Videos, & Bidding @ [www.kreegerdairy.com](http://www.kreegerdairy.com)**

**K & K Dairy, Inc**

Robert & Marcy Kohler 937-489-8080  
19170 Sidney Freyberg Rd Botkins, OH

Sale Coordinator: Clay Papoi 517-526-1917

Chad Kreeger 517-294-3484 Brian Landis 574-536-5026

Paul Warner 517-231-8427 Shaun Hyde 989-287-2660

Joe Sparrow 270-670-4178 Dave Bennett 989-286-7244

Dave Whelen 517-403-7219 Gabe Papoi 989-444-8275

Kreeger and Associates, LLC  
PO Box 42  
Cass City, MI 48726

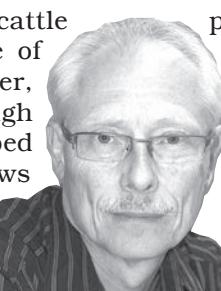
# Number of dairy cattle sent to slaughter up from previous week

While President Donald Trump rattled the markets this week in his pursuit of Greenland, threatening additional tariffs on nations critical of his venture, the USDA issued its monthly Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook on Jan. 16. As usual, it mirrored milk price and production projections in the preceding World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report issued Jan. 12.

The Outlook reported that dairy cow slaughter in the first half of 2025 was below 2024 levels. "The low culling levels likely indicate that producers chose to extend the productive life of existing cows partially due to tight supplies of replacement heifers, elevated replacement cow

prices, and high feeder cattle prices increasing the value of cross-bred calves. Moreover, the low feed prices through most of 2025 likely helped farmers to keep dairy cows longer in the productive cycle. However, during the second half of the year, the slaughter rates have been mostly above the 2024 levels, with weekly dairy cow slaughter in the last four weeks of the year averaging only slightly above last year's levels."

USDA will issue its Cattle report on Jan. 30 and include milk cow inventory data along with dairy re-



**MIELKE MARKET  
WEEKLY  
By Lee Mielke**

placement heifer numbers. The report will give insight into the current state of the herd and will inform the outlook for much of 2026.

Meanwhile, the USDA's latest Livestock Slaughter report was scheduled to be issued Thursday afternoon. The latest weekly report showed 45,500 head of dairy cattle sent to slaughter the week ending Jan. 3, up 3,000 from the previous week, and 1,400 or 3.2 percent above that week a year ago.

The latest Margin Watch (MW) from Chicago-based Commodity and Ingredient Hedging LLC. stated; "Dairy margins were mixed over the first half of January with continued weakness in nearby periods as lower milk prices offset a decline in feed costs, and stable profitability further out on the curve.

"USDA released a surprisingly bearish January crop report," according to the MW, "raising corn production to a record 17.021 bil-

lion bushels on higher yields and increased acreage, counter to pre-report market expectations. While the soybean balance sheet was not quite as bearish, it likewise featured rising inventories on both the domestic and world balance sheets, with corn and soybean meal prices slumping as a result.

"Milk futures remain under pressure from heavy supplies and dairy product production," according to the MW, which also detailed highlights from the November Cold Storage report that I have previously reported.

The MW stated that butter prices have dropped to a five-year low and cheese trading down to levels last seen during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, however "Low prices are beginning to stimulate demand."

The 6.3 percent jump in the Jan. 6 Global Dairy Trade auction (GDT) broke a five-month losing streak, according to the MW. "Low prices need to be maintained for the U.S. to remain competitive on the global market though, with high cattle prices sustaining dairy margins for now," the MW concludes.

Speaking of the milk futures; settlements Wednesday were not encouraging. The January contract was at \$14.75 per hundredweight; February, \$15.30; March, \$15.38; April, \$15.80; and May, \$16.25; with the peak at \$17.75 in October.

A quick note on the feed front; corn export sales are strong and almost double the five-year-average, according to Western United Dairy's weekly update. Soybean sales remain well behind the historical average, but purchases from China are starting to pick up and export inspections are increasing.

The second Global Dairy Trade of 2026, Event 396, saw the weighted average rise 1.5 percent, following the surprising 6.3 percent boost on Jan. 6. Volume fell to 61.3 million pounds, down from 64.6 million on Jan. 6. The average metric ton price hit \$3,615 US, up from \$3,533 on Jan. 6, and the highest since Nov. 18, 2025.

(Mielke continued on page 15B)

## TELL THEM YOU SAW THEIR AD IN **Farm World**

### ASHLAND COUNTY 70-ACRE FARM & CHICKEN BARNS ABSOLUTE AUCTION

**Tillable Land – Move-In Ready Home –  
4 Pullet Breeder Houses – Great Location –  
Instant Income Opportunities**



**Tuesday, February 17th @ 5:30 PM**

**Location:** The property is located at 1778 County Road 175, Jeromesville, OH. From US Rt 30, take County Road 175 north just over a mile to the property. Watch for RES signs.

**The auction will be held at the RES headquarters at 375 Fry Road, Wooster, OH.**

**Open House:** The home will be open for inspection **Tuesday, February 3rd 4-5:30PM.**

**The poultry barns will be available to view by appointment only due to Livestock Biosecurity. Pick up a brochure and walk the land at your leisure. Private showing available through Andy White, 419-651-2152.**

Andy White – Jake White – Drew Turner –  
Mary Hartley – Seth Andrews, Broker



**February 2026 Machinery Auction co-hosted with L&W Equipment**  
Tuesday, February 17th at 9:30AM | 6645 NE Rockfield Rd; Delphi IN 46913

Join us for this farm machinery auction! Co-hosting with L&W Equipment, LLC this auction will feature large amounts of quality farm and construction equipment. Contact the office or auction manager to get involved in this auction!

**Receiving equipment from February 2nd to February 13th.**  
Print advertising deadline Monday, February 2nd.

**Contact Lewis Mack or the office to get involved in this premier event!**



President: Jay Martin 315-521-3123  
Advertising: Marie Martin 315-856-8447  
Site Manager: Lewis Mack 574-581-0165

ONLINE BIDDING  
Powered By  
proxibid

BID NOW  
Online Bidding Provided By  
Equipmentfacts

Live Online Bidding by  
LEVEL  
www.uselevel.com

**J MARTIN**  
Auctions & Realty

Complete Auction Company

www.jmartinauctions.com

1036 State Route 318, Waterloo, NY 13165

Fax: (315) 856-8448 | Office: (315) 856-8447

**L&W Equipment**

## 16TH ANNUAL BULL SALE



**MARCH 14 2026**  
CLARE, MICHIGAN AT 1:00 PM ET  
JC Simmentals Sale Facility



SAPI +204  
STI +115

SIMANGUS - G A R TRANSCENDENT SON



SAPI +184  
STI +108

PB SM - LBRS GENESIS G69 SON

Our group of  
breeders includes the  
#6 and #7 ranking SAPI  
herds in the nation.

**120 Powerhouse Yearling  
SimAngus™ & Simmental Bulls  
3 Elite Open Heifers**

**OPEN HOUSE MARCH 7 || 11 AM - 3 PM**

Catalog requests and reasonable delivery arrangements anywhere in the US, contact John Miller, 989-429-2834 or john@jcsimmentals.com For more information, visit [www.jcsimmentals.com](http://www.jcsimmentals.com)

**Great Lakes Beef Connection:**  
John Miller, JC Simmentals 989-429-2834  
Andy Salinas, Salinas Farms 231-245-6750  
Steve Oman, SD Simmentals 989-429-3600  
Brian Harris, Green Valley Farm 517-749-4117

**ALLIED**  
GENETIC RESOURCES

Marty Ropp 406-581-7835  
Corey Wilkins 256-590-2487  
Jared Murnin 406-321-1542  
[alliedgeneticresources.com](http://alliedgeneticresources.com)

Bid Live Online **DVAuction**

**BREED LEADING GENETICS AT SENSIBLE PRICES**

## 49th ANNUAL COLDWATER YOUNG FARMERS CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

Located on the North edge of **COLDWATER, OHIO** at the Coldwater football stadium on Butler Street on

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026 - 9:00 A.M.**

### TRUCKS, TRACTOR, SKID STEER, TRAILERS

2016 Freightliner Cascadia day cab, Cummins ISX 450 hp, 10 speed, 597k miles; 2011 Mack Pinnacle sleeper semi, 773k miles, 505 hp, dual line wet kit; 2001 IH 4400 single axle truck w/dry box, DT466, 6 speed, 413k miles, wet kit; 1974 Ford single axle grain truck, tarp, 55k miles; John Deere 3520 compact tractor w/loader, 1320 hrs; Case 1845c skid steer, 4700 hours, w/bucket; 2005 Mauer 34'x66"x96" hopper bottom; 1993 Barrett 26' aluminum gooseneck livestock trailer

### FARM EQUIPMENT:

JD 7000 6 row planter; AC 1300 18' field cult. w/ rolling basket; IH 720 4-18 plow; J&M TF 212 26' torsion flex soil conditioner; 2014 Hardi Navigator 4000 90' sprayer w/JD rate controller; 2014 Spray King 1000 gal sprayer w/90' booms, Tee Jet controls; 9 shank 28% applicator, 500 gal, John Blue pump; Gehl CB800 chopper w/both heads; (2) Gehl 940 14' silage wagons; IH 56 silage blower; NH 570 square baler w/ launcher; Kuhn GF5202 4 basket hay tedder, hyd lift; 16' kick bale wagon (nice); (3) kick bale wagons; NH 411 discbine; Pequea 710 hay tedder; Claas rollant 66 round baler w/net wrap; NI 401 hay rake; JD 640 hay rake; Hesston 3831 hay rake; Hiniker stalk chopper; Brillion 15' stalk chopper; JD 27 20' stalk chopper; NI 1 row picker; Hagedorn 5290 manure spreader; NI 3632 tandem axle manure spreader; IH 150 manure spreader, pto; NI triple beater manure spreader; Friesen 220 bulk seed tender; J&M 385 bu hopper wagon; (2) Killbros 350 hopper wagons; Killbros 385 hopper wagon; JD 3000 receiver; (12) JD max emerge XP row units w/3 bu boxes; (12) fert. openers for White 8000 planter; (6) fert. openers for White 6100 planter; solid cast closing wheels; sand shooter for skid steer; 10' x 12' building (new); (2) battery jump boxes; 2006 Simplicity Citation zero turn mower, 48" deck; Simplicity 520 20" snow blower; 84 sections of roller conveyor; PHT 150 bu hopper extension for JD S760/ S770 combine; hay & straw; misc items.

**Note: We will be selling with 2 rings promptly at 9:00 A.M. Sale day phone # 419-733-3096.**

To view updates and photos go to [www.coldwaterauctionservice.net](http://www.coldwaterauctionservice.net)

**Terms: Cash or Good Check**

**COLDWATER YOUNG FARMERS ASSOCIATION**

**Sale Conducted by COLDWATER AUCTION SERVICE**

419-733-3096 or 419-852-0800

**Auctioneers: Rick Uhlenhake, Brenda Schieterman, Jim Walterbusch, Frank Wills Arling, Brandon Arling**

**Lunch served by Philothea Ladies Sodality**

**Not responsible for Accidents**

# Question of why we drink too much answered in this new book

"Why We Drink Too Much: The Impact of Alcohol on Our Bodies and Culture" by Dr. Charles Knowles  
c.2025, Celadon Books, \$28, 304 pages

It seemed like a good idea at the time.

You had a drink. And another. Someone ordered a round and it's always polite to reciprocate, right? You toasted to the future, to friendship, your families and to your health – but you didn't feel so healthy the next morning, ugh. In the new book "Why We Drink Too Much" by Dr. Charles Knowles, you'll see why you can't wait to do it again.

So, you had a few drinks on New Year's Eve. Or more than a few, and you're not alone: in 2018, the average adult on the planet drank more than 1.5 gallons of ethanol, which is "an ingredient in drinks." That's equal to more than 206 cans of beer per year, per person.

Monkeys drink alcohol. Elephants do it, insects do it, and tree shrews do it. Humans have been drinking alcohol for tens of thousands of years. But why?

Somehow or other, you had to "learn to drink," Knowles says, and once you did, alcohol was reinforcing because drinking was fun. Your brain was rewarded with a rush of dopamine. Pure alcohol tastes awful but the drink's mix made it taste good. The behavior motivated you in one of two ways: if you drank to celebrate or because everyone else was drinking, your "externally generated motivations" were triggered. If you were drinking to relax, to self-soothe, to forget or feel better, your "internally generated motivations" were working overtime.

Inside your body, your organs are toiling hard, too. Alcohol goes to your stomach, then to the liver, which processes as much as it can. What it can't process leaks into your circulatory system, to your heart and your brain, and you get drunk.

And maybe you want to stop, but you're not sure how. Knowles, a surgeon, offers some advice, including "Twelve Guiding Principles" for those who drink too much. And he ought to know: some 10 years ago, his "30-year

relationship with alcohol" nearly made him take his own life...

New Year's Eve was fun. New Year's Day, not so much. You knew that was going to happen, but you drank anyhow and "Why We Drink Too Much" explains why.

The first thing you'll want to know about it, though, is that it's not the breezy book you might want. Knowles dives deep into science, neurology, biology and ancient history, taking the facts slow so they're well-parsed and relatively easy to understand. He doesn't scold or belittle anyone, but he's quite firm when he tells readers what alcohol can do, long-term. Throughout his narrative, Knowles answers questions that readers want to know about biology, cravings and why some people can be "social drinkers." This is all wrapped in a stunning biography that will resonate with readers who need it, and with those they love.

Before you head to your after-holiday party or that next-celebration celebration, check out "Why We Drink Too Much." If you're worried about yourself or a loved one, reading it might be a good idea now.

## Why We Drink Too Much

The IMPACT of ALCOHOL  
on OUR BODIES and  
CULTURE

Dr. Charles Knowles

**FarmWorld**

The Midwest's Leading  
Weekly Ag Publication!

### 29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WINTER NO-RESERVE EQUIPMENT AUCTION

Tuesday, Feb. 10, & Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026 • 9:00 A.M.

Schmid Auction Center  
909 E Main St. Teutopolis, IL 62467

Tractors, Combines, Tillage Equipment, Planters, Backhoes, Trackhoe Excavators, Skid Steers, Sprayers, Hay Equipment, Silage Equipment, Forklifts, Man Lifts, Semis, Pickup Trucks, Grain Trucks, Golf Carts, UTV's, ATVs, Tools, Skid Steer Attachments, Mini Excavators and much more!

Over 2500 Lots! 2-day Online-only Auction—No Reserves!

Large Equipment Tuesday, Feb. 10  
and Smalls Wednesday, Feb. 11

SCHMID AUCTION  
TEUTOPOLIS AND MCLEANSBORO, IL



**SCHMID**  
**AUCTION**

(217) 857-1507  
(618) 308-1551  
BidSchmid.com

909 E Main St. • Teutopolis, IL 62467  
Trent D. Schmid – Auctioneer

IL Auction Firm License No. 444-000399

## MIDWEST LANDOWNERS AND FAMILY FARM OWNERS

- Lunch
- Informative Program
- Fellowship
- Reservations Required

**THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>**  
11:30 AM to 2:30 PM

at the beautiful  
**ESTERO  
COUNTRY CLUB**  
19501 Vintage Trace Cir,  
Fort Myers, FL 33967  
On HWY 41 just North of Corkscrew Rd

- 11:30 Registration
- 11:45 Introductions and Meet Fellow Landowners
- 12:15 Luncheon (RSVP)
- 1:00 Program
- 2:30 Questions, then Social Hour

**Reservations Required!**  
To RSVP by Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>  
or Questions Please Call Toll Free!

# STATE OF THE Farmer's Economy UPDATE

With over  
\$400 million  
in sales  
annually!

Schrader Real Estate and Auction has conducted land transactions in 40 states over the years. Our aggressive marketing campaigns, coupled with time spent in the local markets and innovative auction method, allow us to be the leading land auction marketing experts in the country.

**SCHRADER**  
Real Estate and Auction Company, Inc.

**800-451-2709 • SchraderAuction.com or equipment.schraderauction.com**

### KEYNOTE PRESENTATION SPEAKERS



R.D. SCHRADER

ALEC BEAN

### FEATURED TOPICS

LAND VALUES TODAY  
-RD Schrader, President Schrader Companies

TAX DEFERRAL STRATEGIES  
THROUGH SOIL FERTILITY  
-Alec Bean, Soil Tax Guys

# Purdue offering 4-session Grain Market Navigator Program

Grain price volatility, shifting basis, and uncertain economic conditions have made marketing decisions more complex – and more consequential – than ever. The Grain Market Navigator Program is a four-session Purdue University Extension series designed to help Indiana producers strengthen their understanding of cash and futures markets, evaluate marketing alternatives and manage risk with greater confidence. Through real-world examples, current market outlooks, and direct insight from grain buyers, participants will gain practical tools they can apply immediately to their operation. Sessions run Feb. 17-March 10, with in-person locations across Indiana and a live virtual option available.

The Grain Market Navigator provides the knowledge and tools needed to confidently navigate grain markets – especially during uncertain economic times.

The four sessions are:

Feb. 17 – Session 1 breaks down grain marketing terminology, explains basis and compares cash vs. futures markets.

Feb. 24 – Session 2 dives into grain contracts, using real-world ex-

amples to show how they work and what to consider.

March 3 – Session 3 features a market outlook presentation to help producers understand current trends and future projections.

March 10 – Session 4 wraps up with a dynamic panel discussion featuring grain buyers who will share insight, answer questions and offer practical advice.

This series also fosters community engagement and resilience by connecting farmers with experts and peers to strengthen decision-making and market strategies.

The sessions are 6:30-8:30 p.m. eastern time/5:30-7:30 p.m. central time. In-person or virtual options are available. In-person locations include LaPorte, Jasper, White, Elkhart, Whitley, Huntington, Carroll, Putnam, Johnson, Knox, Dubois and Spencer counties.

Register by Feb. 12, 2026. The virtual registration fee is \$55. The in-person registration fee is \$40. Register <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/johnson/Ag-Natural-Resources/grain-marketing.html>.

# Virtual EQUIPMENT AUCTION

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup> • 10AM EST**

**ONLINE/VIRTUAL BID BY PHONE /ABSENTEE BID**

Equipment located at Various Places! Reference Our Online catalog for exact locations!

**TRACTORS-EXCAVATORS-LIFTS-SKID STEERS-FORK LIFT  
-TILLAGE-PLANTING-SPRAYING & FERTILIZER EQUIPMENT  
-COMBINES-HEADS-HEAD CARTS-GRAIN CARTS-WAGONS  
-GRAIN CLEANER-AUGERS-SEMI'S-TRAILERS-TRAVEL  
TRAILER-MANURE EQUIPMENT-HAY & FORAGE EQUIPMENT  
-PORTABLE AIR COMPRESSORS-FARM MISC**



SMALL ITEMS WILL BE IN A TIMED ONLINE ONLY AUCTION. Lots Start Closing: THURS., FEB. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM.  
Visit [equipment.schraderauction.com](http://equipment.schraderauction.com) for details.

**SCHRADER**

VARIOUS SELLERS | AUCTION MANAGERS: Eric Ott, 260-413-0787 | Robert Mishler, 260-336-9750 | Mark Schroeder, 260-564-0570

AC63001504 • AU08701553 • AU1600071 • AU12300016

800-451-2709 • SchraderAuction.com or [equipment.schraderauction.com](http://equipment.schraderauction.com)

### KEYNOTE PRESENTATION SPEAKERS



R.D. SCHRADER

ALEC BEAN

### FEATURED TOPICS

LAND VALUES TODAY  
-RD Schrader, President Schrader Companies

TAX DEFERRAL STRATEGIES  
THROUGH SOIL FERTILITY  
-Alec Bean, Soil Tax Guys



## PREBLE COUNTY FARM &

### EQUIPMENT AUCTION

SATURDAY MARCH 21, 2026 @ 10:00AM

PCFG - 722 S FRANKLIN ST EATON OH 45320

Consignment deadline

Friday March 13

We have change the format to better serve the global market. Our continued dedication to marketing your investment has not changed. The auction deadline will be strickley enforced!

Please call early for consignments.

Lucky Montoya  
937-313-1660

Bob Roach  
937-533-7081



Essential information and advertising for Farming and Agriculture

Advertise or Subscribe Now!

800-876-5133 | www.farmworldonline.com

## LUCAS OIL SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

10 TRUCKS – 10 TRAILERS – PASSENGER VEHICLES – CLOSING TRUCK MAINTENANCE FACILITY

### ONLINE-BIDDING ENDS FEBRUARY 17

ADDRESS: 3185 Harrison Way NW, Corydon, IN 47112

LOCATION: Just 24 miles west of Louisville KY on Exit #105 on I-64.

SHOP EQUIPMENT & TOOLS - MASSIVE AMOUNT OF NEW/USED PARTS

INSPECTION: Thursday February 12, 12-3 PM



NOTE: Lucas Oil has closed their truck & trailer maintenance facility at the Corydon Facility. Visit [beckortauctions.com](http://beckortauctions.com) for complete catalogs & photos of 750+ lots! Highlights: 10+ trucks, 10+ trailers, 6 passenger vehicles, storage containers, \$500k+ in NEW & used truck/trailer components/parts, & shop equipment/tools!

SEMI/WRECKER/SERVICE/BOX TRUCKS (10+): '01 Peterbilt FLD132 (Detroit S-60, 13-speed); '01 Freightliner FLD132 (Detroit S-60, 13-speed); '05 Freightliner CST120 (Detroit S-60, 10-speed); '96 Peterbilt 379 wrecker (CAT 3406E, 18-speed); Pro-Tote 8 Elite wrecker boom; '95 Ford Aeromax L-9000 (Cummins N14, 10-speed); '99 Ottawa Commando 30 Yard Spotter (Cummins); '97 Int 4700 service w/Knapheide service bed (welder, air comp, lift gate); '05 GMC C7500 24' box (CAT C7, auto); '87 Int S2300 24' box (Cummins L10, 9-speed)

TANKER/VAN TRAILERS: '02 Great Dane 53' dry van; '00 Great Dane 53' dry van; (3) '99 Great Dane 53' dry vans; '97 Freuhauf 53' dry van; '73 Fruehauf 8700-gal tanker; '75 Heil 8700-gal tanker; '81 Polar Tank 9500-gal tanker; (3) 40' storage containers

PASSENGER VEHICLES (6): '08 Toyota Tundra 4x4 PU, miles: 265K, loaded; '04 Ford F150 XLT PU, miles: 284K; '11 Toyota Highlander SUV, miles: 173K; '10 Toyota Highlander SUV, miles: 156K; '10 Toyota Highlander SUV, miles: 286K; '05 Ford E-350 cargo van, miles: 241K

NEW TRUCK/TRAILER PARTS: Western Star; Peterbilt; Kenworth; International; Kenworth; Volvo; large amount of Cummins/Detroit engine parts; (5) truck radiators; (6) charge air coolers; (12) sets semi-trailer skirts; (5) engine turbos; (10) water pumps; (25) A/C compressors; lighting; brake parts; (100) air springs; air horns; alternators; clutch fan kits; Cobra 29 CB radios; mufflers; mud flap assemblies; (20) Cummins/Detroit resurfaced flywheels; filters; (4) Cummins ISX DPF filter systems; fuel injectors; Thermo King APU parts; (85) shoe brake sets; (30) brake drums; trailer jack assemblies; chrome bumpers; fender sets;

USED TRUCK/TRAILER PARTS: (2) CAT C-15 engines; (5) Cummins N14/ISX engines; (1) Detroit 60 engine; engine parts (blocks, cores, etc); (20) transmissions; chassis/body parts; bumpers; seats; (10) Thermo King APU; crates of good used truck parts; axles; (25) differentials; (10) fifth wheel plates

TIRES/WHEELS: (90) NEW 22.5/24.5 tires; (200) good used/recap 22.5/24.5 tires; (100) 22.5/24.5 alum wheels; (100) 22.5/24.5 metal wheels

SHOP/SPECIALTY TOOLS: Generac self-contained pump system (15 hrs); Homak RS Pro 15-drawer tool chest; Armstrong 19-drawer tool chest; Robinair 34788 AC service machine; Protrak QTC laser alignment system; (2) Gray WL-30 wheel lifts; (2) Gray LTL-300 trailer lifts; (3) Gray specificity lifts; (10) 1" pneumatic impacts; antifreeze/oil waste units; large amount of hand tools/wrenches/sockets (NAPA, Matco, Snap-On, Armstrong); quality torque wrenches;

SHOP EQUIPMENT: Miller Dial Ark welder; Lincoln 350MP welder; Lincoln SP-135 welder; (10) NEW Graco oil pumps; Ridgid compound/table saws; Everett 3-ph cut off saw; Wilton 3410/8201 metal bandsaws; (3) mobile ladder systems; shop fans; jack stands; tire equipment/tools; floor jacks; tool sets; pneumatic/power tools; gear pullers; (23) 210-gal poly storage tanks;

STEEL TABLES/SHELVING: Mobil 8' weld table w/Wilton 8" vise; steel tables; mobile workstations; metal cabinets/shelving; pallet racking



BECKORT  
Auctions LLC

(812) 738 - 9476  
[beckortauctions.com](http://beckortauctions.com)

LICENSE #AU19800105

## Illinois conference to focus on protecting natural resources

COLLINSVILLE, Ill. – Natural resource professionals play a key role in protecting our communities' environmental assets. With ongoing research and changing conditions, it's increasingly important to adopt responsible stewardship, manage new diseases and pests, and apply sustainable practices that safeguard the future.

Industry professionals and land stewards interested in this intersection of agriculture and sustainability can register for the 2026 Gateway Green Conference hosted by Illinois Extension. The March 4 event at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville will provide a platform for attendees to access current research findings and explore best practices to responsibly care for Illinois' natural resources and cultivated outdoor spaces.

Sessions run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. across three main tracks: Building Sustainable Landscapes, Conservation Stewardship, and Tree Care. Conference attendees will gain insights from industry experts and researchers.

Through the building sustainable landscapes track, presenters will share information on interconnected landscapes, stormwater and rain gardens, understanding soil test results, shade gardens and invasive plant management.

Through the conservation stewardship track, participants will learn about the mushrooms of Illinois, man-

aging wildlife species, prairie ecosystems and the ornate box turtle, and alternative tools for conservation. An added bonus for the conservation track is a presentation from Heather Holm, a renowned pollinator conservationist, biologist, and award-winning author known for her influential books like Pollinators of Native Plants, Bees, and Wasps. Through her work, Holm has been educating gardeners and the public on supporting native bees and insects by using native plants and creating habitats.

The tree care track covers topics such as pruning shade trees, managing trees in decline, diagnosing oaks, shade tree species selections, breeding and selecting woody plants, and Tree City USA and community forestry grants.

Register online at [go.illinois.edu/2026GGC](http://go.illinois.edu/2026GGC). Registration on or before Feb. 27 is \$80 per person; registration after Feb. 28 is \$85 per person. Certified Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists with a current ID card or letter of active status from their supervising Extension county director may register for \$50 per person.

Continuing education units will be available for professional association members maintaining certification through the International Society of Arboriculture, Illinois Park & Recreation Association, and Certified Golf Course Superintendent.

brown. The berries of the euonymus were falling from their decaying, once protective sepals. No pussy willow catkins were open yet; I cut a branch and brought it indoors, set it in a vase of warm water.

I walked beyond the covered bridge late in the afternoon with Bella, our border-collie-s spaniel. The temperature was almost 60 degrees, the river high. Garlic mustard was lush on the hillsides. In protected hollows, cushions of chickweed were deep March green.

Black walnut hulls were dark and collapsing, fell away at the touch of my heel. Only a few box elder seeds were hanging from their branches, thinning now like the honeysuckle berries. Young poison hemlock was feathery and spreading. New ragwort and sweet rocket leaves were pushing up. Cautious skunk cabbage spears were just barely visible.

Even though I was a little disappointed at the slow progress of the plants during such a warm, month-long thaw, Bella had no reservations about the state of the landscape. A far better observer than I, she took a different inventory, and she ran and ran for joy once we reached the bright meadows below the Vale.

## Poor Will

FROM PAGE 10B

- Six weeks to the beginning of the morning robin chorus before sunrise
- Seven weeks to daffodil time
- Eight weeks to the major wildflower bloom
- Nine weeks until the yellow blossoms of forsythia bushes appear

### Journal

2006: After a very mild January, I took inventory at the beginning of Late Winter. Snowdrops, some daffodils and hyacinths were up about an inch around the yard. Snow crocus were two inches above the mulch, ready to bud. Purple deadnettle, bittercress and chickweed were slowly spreading across the garden.

I found one new wild strawberry leaf, one new waterleaf sprout. There was fresh growth on the Japanese honeysuckle, leaves dark violet, venturing out from the axils of their woody vines. A few red nubs of peonies had appeared.

The foliage of the oak-leaf hydrangea had fallen in the past two weeks. The Osage fruits had turned deep red

BigIron  
AUCTIONS

TIMED ONLINE | NO RESERVE

## GREENVIEW FARMS RETIREMENT

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 | Grand Mound, Iowa



HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE: '24 John Deere 9R440 4X4 Tractor, 99 hrs.; '24 John Deere 8R370 MFWD Tractor, 479 hrs.; '24 John Deere 8R370 MFWD Tractor, 307 hrs.; '24 John Deere 8R370 MFWD Tractor, 428 hrs.; '24 John Deere 8R370 MFWD Tractor, 515 hrs.; '24 John Deere 8R310 MFWD Tractor, 306 hrs.; '24 John Deere 6R145 MFWD Loader Tractor, 282.6 hrs.; '24 John Deere 6R145 MFWD Tractor, 233.3 hrs.; '25 John Deere S7800 Pro Drive Combine, 431.3 eng./320.4 sep hrs.; '25 John Deere S7800 Pro Drive Combine, 413.8 eng./317.5 sep hrs.; '25 John Deere S7800 Pro Drive Combine, 418 eng./321.8 sep hours; '24 John Deere HD40F Hinged Frame Draper Head; '24 John Deere HD40F Hinged Frame Draper Head; '24 John Deere HD40F Hinged Frame Draper Head; '24 John Deere C12F Folding 12 Row 30" Corn Head w/Trailer; '24 John Deere C12F Folding 12 Row 30" Corn Head w/Trailer; '24 John Deere C12F Folding 12 Row 30" Corn Head w/Trailer; '25 John Deere 1775NT Exact Emerge 24 Row 30" Planter; '25 John Deere DB60 24 Row 30" or 47 Row 15" Planter; '22 Unverferth SeedRunner 3755 XL Seed Tender; '21 Unverferth SeedRunner 3755 Seed Tender; '21 Unverferth SeedRunner 3755 Seed Tender; '20 Kuhn/Krause Excelerator 8005 40' Vertical Tillage; '20 Kuhn/Krause Excelerator 8005 30' Vertical Tillage; '13 Kuhn/Krause 6200 Landsman 27' Soil Finisher; '10 John Deere 714 11 Shank Mulch Tiller; '20 Chevrolet/Navistar 5500 HD Diesel 4 X 4 Dump Truck, 20,842 mi.; '01 Ford F450 4 X 4 Dual Diesel Service Truck, 122,416 mi.; '18 B & Tilt Bed 22' Flat Bed Trailer; '23 John Deere XUV835R Gator 4 X 4, 267.8 hrs.; '06 Polaris 500 cc Ranger 4 X 4, 1,087.5 hrs.; Plus Much More!

EQUIPMENT QUESTIONS:  
KEVIN GREEN  
(563) 212-2992

SALES REP:  
RUSS RADLOFF  
(563) 590-1439

VIEW FULL LISTING AT  
[BIGIRON.COM](http://BIGIRON.COM) | 1-800-937-3558



INSPECTION EVENT | THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

# Mississippi farmers looking for ways to end wild pig infestation

HAZELHURST, MISS. — John Parker Campbell describes the wild pigs on his family farm as "a constant headache."

Hogs will eat corn and peanuts that have just been planted, damaging acres of crops in a night. Some years the hog damage is worse than others, but it has been a problem since his father started farming in Copiah County in the 1990s.

In Mississippi, wild hogs create around \$60 million to \$80 million in damage every year, including eating crops and damaging property. Farmers, researchers, the state and the federal government are trying to fight the infestation, but it's a never-ending battle for landowners.

"Farmers have enough stress as it is. They don't need this modern-day locust," said Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson.

Campbell and his father use traps and have an electric fence around their property to keep the hogs out. The fence has been effective, although the feral pigs have broken through parts of it before. However, it was expensive to initially put up and costs thousands of dollars each year to maintain.

"You have to know that they're out there," Campbell said. "We keep an eye on our fields but you can get busy and then go a couple days without looking and they can just do a tremendous amount of damage."

The wild hog population has grown over the past 40 years, not just in Mississippi, but across the United States. In the 1980s they lived in 17 states, now they can be found in 35. Previously, it was thought they cost the U.S. \$2 billion a year but new research indicates that number is over \$3 billion.

Wild pigs are not native to the United States. The first population was escaped livestock brought to the Americas by European settlers. Later, Eurasian boars were imported for hunting and joined the wild hog population. With no natural predators and plenty of land, water and food, their numbers have grown.

While some owners successfully deterred pigs by using electric fences, the only way to manage the larger population is by killing the hogs.

Mississippi was the first state to launch a statewide wild hog-control program in 2020. The program provides education and traps to landowners.

The program operates with a budget of \$183,000 a year which mainly goes to staff salaries and maintenance of smart traps and cameras. The program has four application cycles with each cycle receiving 35 to 40 applications.

There are a number of ways to reduce the pig population, including us-

ing traps, aerial gunning and poison. While wild hogs are considered nuisance animals and can be hunted year round, hunting is relatively ineffective at controlling the larger population.

Aerial gunning in Mississippi is only used by the USDA. It also has limited use as the pigs can easily run into the trees for cover, whereas in places like Texas, there is more open and flat land. While there is ongoing research into the use of poisons, including contraceptives, it's challenging to make sure that other animals don't eat them.

Trapping is one of the most common methods and is preferred as it requires less time and effort than other methods. A new study from Mississippi State University looked at the economic benefits of trapping.

The average landowner in the study had an estimated \$20,000 in hog damages per year. It showed that reducing a local pig population can lead to less damage and \$300-\$4,000 in savings per pig the next year for landowners. But combating the wild hog problem is an expensive and constant battle.

The study involved intense, dedicated hog removal through Delta Wildlife, a conservation nonprofit.

Jody Acosta, Delta Wildlife's nuisance-and invasive-species program manager, and his team set up and monitor traps around the Delta. While the team is experienced and knowledgeable, Acosta is clear that the job is not about the glory of hunting but about pest management.

Some of the trap doors will only close when a Delta Wildlife team member remotely pushes a button. So, they work around the clock, often late at night, checking the live video feed of the traps. Once they successfully trap a group of pigs, a Delta Wildlife worker quickly makes their way to the trap so they can dispose of the pigs and reset the trap.

The study estimates that it would cost a landowner about \$200 per pig if they outsourced every part of trapping. Strickland, one of the study's authors, acknowledges that "it's absolutely a big number" but says that the average landowner would likely pay less. Despite the initial sticker shock, Strickland said the study shows that pig removal results in a "positive return on investment" and that government programs are economically viable.

Long term, Strickland thinks it's possible to reduce the wild pig population through a concerted effort and investment. He urges farmers and landowners to take wild pigs seriously even if there's only a few on their property.

"The problem will only get worse and worse," he said.

**VISIT US ONLINE**  
**www.farmworldonline.com**



## POWDER MILLS EQUIPMENT ONLINE HIBID AUCTION

Auction Opens February 10, 2026 (8:00 AM CT) & Closes February 14, 2026 (Beginning at 5:00 PM CT)

Location: 1555 Powder Mills Rd, Magnolia, KY 42757

Inspection: Daily (8-5) - Buyer pick up: Monday - Friday (8-5 CT (starting Feb 16)

For catalog, registration, bidding & terms go to: [olsonauctions.hibid.com](http://olsonauctions.hibid.com) (available February 8th) ←

**Vintage Semi Trucks - Tractors - Planters - Drills - Combine & Heads  
Sprayers - Skidsteer/Loader Attachments - Backhoe - Bulldozers  
Haybines - Discbines - Rakes - Balers - Tillage - Parts - More**

Equipment Info Call Tony Weston @ 270-528-2583  
Bidding Info Call Nate Swartzell @ 574-242-1262

Nathan D. Swartzell  
Auctioneer & Listing Agent  
Lic# AU11400050  
Phone: 574-242-1262



Gary L. Olson  
Auctioneer  
Lic# AU01031658  
Phone: 574-946-4663  
Jordan A. Broeker, Lic# AU11400049 sbcw

**HIGH QUALITY TILLABLE  
FARMLAND & SOILS**

**LAPORTE CO, IN  
WILLS TWP**

## ONLINE at halderman.com AUCTION

**PROPERTY LOCATION:** 4 miles southeast of New Carlisle, IN along the intersection of 250 N and 1100 E.

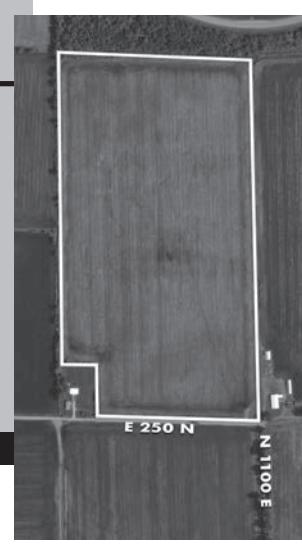
**81.78 +/- ACRES**

79.16 +/- Tillable | 2.62 +/- Non-Tillable

**Nolan Sampson:** 219.575.1486 | **Larry Smith:** 219.716.4041

**HALDERMAN**  
REAL ESTATE & FARM MANAGEMENT  
800.424.2324 | [halderman.com](http://halderman.com)

Auctioneer: Russell D. Harmeyer IN Auct. Lic. #AU10000277, HRES IN Auct. Lic. #AC6920 0019, Seller: Braid Farm HLS# NAS-13176



E 250 N  
Z 1100 E

*Like to be noticed?  
You will be seen in  
FarmWorld*

**PRIME CLINTON CO FARMLAND • POTENTIAL BUILDING SITE • CREEK**

## ONLINE at halderman.com AUCTION

**TRACT 1: 71.48 +/- Acres  
TRACT 2: 61 +/- Acres  
TRACT 3: 33 +/- Acres  
165.48 +/- ACRES**

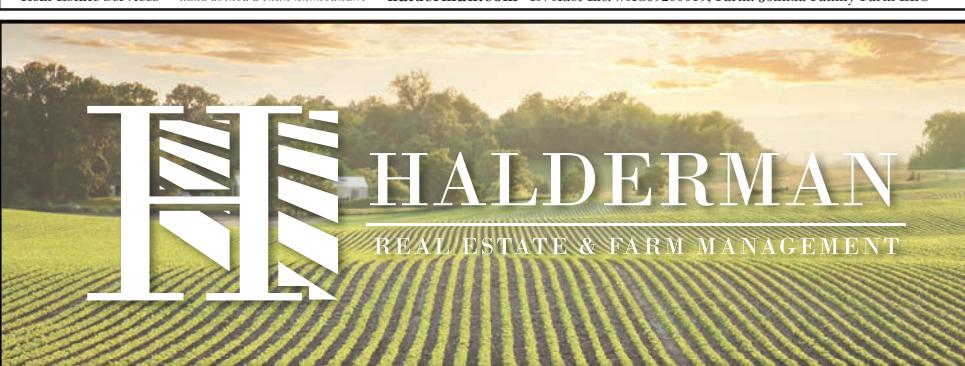
**MON. FEBRUARY 9TH | 4 PM - 6 PM ET**

**PROPERTY LOCATION:** Approx. 10425 E SR 38, Kirklin, IN 46050 in Sugar Creek Township

**Sam Clark:** 317.442.0251 | **Jim Clark:** 317.627.6928

**HALDERMAN**  
REAL ESTATE & FARM MANAGEMENT  
800.424.2324  
[halderman.com](http://halderman.com)

Auctioneer: Russell D. Harmeyer IN Auct. Lic. #AU10000277, HRES IN Auct. Lic. #AC69200019, Farm: Jolinda Family Farm LLC



**UPCOMING AUCTIONS**

**MORROW CO, OH: FEBRUARY 3 (ONLINE) 159.06 +/- Acres**

**Recreation • Hunting • Woods** Contact: Brett Salyers: 419.806.5643 or Emily Wildermuth: 937.631.5047

**CLINTON CO, IN: FEBRUARY 9 (ONLINE) 165.48 +/- Acres • 3 Tracts**  
**Prime Tillable Farmland • Potential Building Site • Creek**

Contact: Sam Clark: 317.442.0251 or Jim Clark: 317.627.6928

**MARSHALL CO, IN: FEBRUARY 10 (ONLINE) 172 +/- Acres**

**4 Tracts • Tillable • Potential Building Sites • Woods** Contact: AJ Jordan: 317.697.3086, Jon Rosen: 260.740.1846 or Larry Jordan: 765.473.5849

**LAPORTE CO, IN: FEBRUARY 17 (ONLINE) 81.78 +/- Acres**

**High Quality Tillable Farmland & Soils**

Contact: Nolan Sampson: 219.575.1486 or Larry Smith: 219.716.4041

**LAPORTE CO, IN: FEBRUARY 18 (ONLINE) 205 +/- Acres**

**Productive Cropland • Whitetail & Turkey Habitat • Storage Shed**

Contact: Nolan Sampson: 219.575.1486 or Larry Smith: 219.716.4041

**BOONE/CLINTON CO, IN: FEBRUARY 23 (LIVE)**

**276.28 +/- Acres • 3 Tracts • Prime Farmland • Creek • Tool Shed**

**Tillable Acreage • Woods • Potential Building Site**

Contact: Jim Clark: 317.627.6928 or Sam Clark: 317.442.0251

## PRIVATE SALES

**CLINTON CO, IN: 107.71 +/- Acres • Versatile Farm • Woods**

**Productive Cropland** Contact: Sam Clark: 317.442.0251 or Jim Clark: 317.697.6928

**800.424.2324 | [halderman.com](http://halderman.com)**

Elson Auctions Inc. HRES IN Auct. Lic. #AC69200019, IL Lic. #417.013288 MI Lic. #6505264076. AUCTIONEER: RUSSELL D. HARMAYER, IN Auct. Lic. #AU10000277, IL Auct. Lic. #441.002337 & OH Auct. Lic. #200104575

# YOU'LL FIND IT HERE!

## Mielke

FROM PAGE 11B

Anhydrous milkfat again led the gains, up 3.0 percent, after leading Jan. 6 by 7.4 percent. Butter was up 2.1 percent, after a 3.8 percent rise. Skim milk powder was up 2.2 percent, after jumping 5.4 percent, and whole milk powder was up 1.0 percent following a 7.2 percent rise. GDT Mozzarella led the declines, dropping 2.3 percent, after inching 0.7 percent higher last time. Cheddar was down 1.4 percent, after inching up 0.6 percent. Lactose was down 1.8 percent.

StoneX says the GDT 80 percent butterfat butter price equates to \$2.3515 U.S. per pound, up from \$2.3040 on Jan. 6. GDT Cheddar equated to \$2.0838, down from \$2.1158 last time. GDT skim milk powder averaged \$1.1862 per pound, up from \$1.1629, and whole milk powder averaged \$1.5644, up from \$1.5453 per pound.

Analyst Dustin Winston reports that North Asia (which includes Chi-

na) market share of purchases was down from the previous event but stronger than last year. Southeast Asia and Oceania purchases were up from the last event, which led to an increase in market share from the first event of the year but less than last year.

China got serious on buying cheese and butter in December. The latest data showed cheese imports totaled 49.0 million pounds, up 24.4 percent from December 2024, an all-time high, according to HighGround Dairy. The largest year-on-year gains came from Australia and New Zealand.

Butter imports hit 36.6 million pounds, up 28.9 percent, a multi-year high not seen since Jan. 2020, says HighGround, which credited falling Kiwi prices toward the end of fourth quarter 2025. New Zealand accounted for 94 percent market share, says HGD, and the Jan. 20 GDT results "Showed North Asia maintaining a strong share of butter sold, suggesting demand from the region has carried into the new year."

Skim milk powder imports were down 34.8 percent and whole milk powder was off 4.4 percent. HighGround says, "Strong internal cream production has increased the availability of skim solids domestically, reducing the need for skim milk powder imports, while whole milk powder demand remains supported by displaced internal production."

Back on the home front, cash block Cheddar saw some strength in the Martin Luther King Day holiday shortened week. It climbed to \$1.36 per pound Wednesday, highest since Jan. 7, but gave back a penny Thursday, slipping to \$1.35, up 6 cents on the week thus far, but still 48.25 cents below a year ago. It closed Friday at \$1.29. Traders were anticipating Friday afternoon's December Milk Production and Cold Storage reports.

The barrels were holding at \$1.3575 per pound Thursday, which was where they closed Friday, and are 46.25 cents below a year ago.

HighGround's Monday Morning Huddle stated "Outside of 2020, the last time Cheddar blocks were below \$1.30 per pound was in 2016, and before that it was 2010 and 2009, highlighting how rare this price level is."

Dairy Market News reports that milk output is strong in the Central region and Class I demand was strengthening. Spot sales of Class III milk were steady compared to the previous week but remain light overall, as cheesemakers have plenty of milk within their networks. Class III prices at mid-week ranged from \$4-under to \$1-over Class. Spot volumes remained available but some contacts who reported downtime in recent weeks said their plants were now operating full schedules and they were selling fewer spot loads.

# 63+ ACRE FARMLAND AUCTION

HANCOCK COUNTY  
ALLEN TOWNSHIP



AUCTION DATE & TIME:  
FEBRUARY 12, 2026  
6:00 PM

AUCTION LOCATION:  
OLD MILL STREAM  
CENTRE HANCOCK  
COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS,  
1017 E SANDUSKY ST.  
FINDLAY OHIO 45840

CONTACT:  
DEVIN DYE  
THE LAND GUY  
419-303-5891

WWW.DYEREALESTATE.COM



# 90+ ACRE FARMLAND AUCTION

ALLEN COUNTY | AUGLAIZE TOWNSHIP

AUCTION DATE & TIME:  
FEBRUARY 19, 2026  
6:00 PM

AUCTION LOCATION:  
HOWARD JOHNSON INN  
1920 ROSCHMAN AVE.,  
LIMA, OH 45804



CONTACT:  
DEVIN DYE  
THE LAND GUY  
419-303-5891



## 60th ANNUAL NEW SALEM LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CONSIGNMENT SALE

ON-SITE LIVE AUCTION  
SAT., FEB. 28, 2026  
AT 9:00 AM  
RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

NOW TAKING CONSIGNMENTS  
FOR SALE LISTING ABSOLUTELY  
NO HOUSEHOLD GOODS

WILL HAVE WAGONS  
WITH MISC. ITEMS

WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING ITEMS  
ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026  
9:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM  
MONDAY THRU SATURDAY  
NO SUNDAYS

ABSOLUTELY NO TIRES ACCEPTED!  
NOTE: Items accepted at the discretion  
of the sale committee - last day to bring  
items is Feb. 24, 2026 by 4:00 PM.

TO CONSIGN,  
CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:  
LARRY T. JOHNSON - 765-561-0212  
DAVE HASECUSTER - 765-561-0432  
CARL GREEN - 317-797-5119  
MIKE NIEDENTHAL - 765-561-1392  
AUCTIONEERS  
RODGER DIERCKMAN - AU10900004  
LOREN MATLOCK - AU12400024  
JACOB SCHWAB - AU11600050  
ROBERT VESTAL - AU19300220  
MENO HERSHBEGER - AU1060077

# Congratulations 2025 Yield Contest Winners



## Seed Genetics Direct 2025 Corn Yield Contest Winners

### FIRST--James Jacobs--Bloomingburg, Ohio

AGI-C-4111PWE 323.36 BU/ AC. NCGA NO-TILL 3rd OHIO  
AGI-C-6112PWE 304.07 BU/AC. NCGA NO-TILL 5th OHIO

### SECOND--Don Jackson--Camden, Ohio

AGI-C-6112PWE 297.06 BU/AC. NCGA STRIP-TILL, MIN. TILL 8th OHIO

### THIRD--Hartsock Farms/Tim & Tom--Circleville, Ohio

AGI-C-3114PWE 257.79 BU/AC. NCGA STRIP-TILL, MIN. TILL, IRRIGATED 5th OHIO

## Seed Genetics Direct 2025 Soybean Yield Contest Winners

### FIRST--Wenning Farms Inc.--Greensburg, Indiana

ET-4738E3 102.54 BU/AC. 1st

### SECOND--Kannon Jones--Greensfork, Indiana

ET-4736E3 99.66 BU/AC. 2nd

### THIRD--Bruce Stephens/85:10 Farms--Columbus Grove, Ohio

ET-3731E3 90.89 BU/AC. 3rd



**Seed Genetics  
DIRECT LLC**

**See our 2025 performance results  
and get your 2026 Seed Guide.**

**Visit [SeedGeneticsDirect.com](http://SeedGeneticsDirect.com) or call us today.**