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## Farmer sentiment drops in the latest Purdue/CME ag survey

By Michele F. Mihaljevich  
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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – A monthly survey that monitors farmer sentiment dropped sharply in January, an indication producers are concerned about the economics of farming, according to the director of the Purdue University Center for Commercial Agriculture.

The Purdue University-CME Group Ag Economy Barometer index fell 23 points, from 136 in December to 113 last month. The survey of 400 farmers across the U.S. was conducted Jan. 12-16. The results were released Feb. 3.

“(This) brings this index to the lowest it’s been for quite a while,” said Michael Langemeier, also a Purdue professor of agricultural economics. “In fact, we haven’t seen this lower reading since September 2024, which, of course, was before the 2024 election. So this was a pretty big shock in terms of sentiment.”

Two of the barometer’s sub indices – the Index of Current Conditions and the Index of Future Expectations – also fell. The current conditions index was down 19 points to 109, while the future expectations index fell 25 points to 115.

A value of greater than 100 shows positive sentiment toward the economy, while values lower than 100 indicate negative sentiment.

One question on the survey asked respondents if they think it is more likely that U.S. agriculture, during the next five years, will have widespread good times or widespread bad times.

“The percentage that indicated good times dropped sharply, from 46 percent to 34 percent,” Langemeier said during the Feb. 3 Purdue Commercial AgCast. “The percentage that said bad

times went from 24 percent to 46 percent, so a very large percentage that indicated that they thought agriculture was going to have bad times in the next five years.

“This helps explain why the Index of Future Expectations declined so much. It was primarily due to this particular question.”

The January World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report was released Jan. 12. While the survey didn’t ask any questions about it, Langemeier said the news coming out of the report wasn’t positive, especially for corn.

“They actually increased the U.S. yield by a half bushel,” he noted. “And they also increased the harvested acres, increasing the stocks to use up to about 13.5 percent. So, that may have been part of it.”

More negativity regarding exports may have also played a factor, Langemeier said. In addition, the indices related to financial performance were more negative in January than they were in December, he pointed out.

Farmers’ perspectives on U.S. agricultural exports were more pessimistic in January, according to the barometer. Sixteen percent of respondents looked for exports to decline over the next five years, the report said, up from December’s 5 percent. The percentage of farmers who thought exports would increase was 42 in January, down from 52 percent in December.

In a question asked only of corn and soybean producers, 21 percent said they thought there would be a decrease in soybean exports. Eighty percent said they were concerned, or very concerned, about the competitiveness of U.S. soybean exports with Brazil’s exports.

A couple of questions were asked of respondents regarding operating loans. The first question asked if farmers expect the size of their operating loans to be larger, smaller or about the same this year. Compared to January 2025, the results were somewhat similar, Langemeier said. There was a slight uptick in the percentage that though their operating loan was going to be larger – 21 percent in January 2026 and 18 percent in January 2025, he said.

The second question looked at why respondents expect a larger operating loan.

“It’s one thing to expect a larger operating loan due to higher input costs



**Above:** The full moon was rising over a farm in New Palestine, Ind., last week. Photo by Tonia Chisham. Have a great photo from your farm? Send it to [connie@farmworldonline.com](mailto:connie@farmworldonline.com)

## Chairman of House Committee on Ag to visit Springfield Feb. 17

By TIM ALEXANDER  
Illinois Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – With talk of a new farm bill recently rekindled in the House of Representatives, Rep. Glenn “GT” Thompson (R-Pa.), chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, is the scheduled keynote speaker for the Illinois Pork Producers Association’s (IPPA) inaugural “Swine Mixer” event, Feb. 17 at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield. Thompson re-ignited hope for a farm bill when he briefed GOP lawmakers on the bill during a recent member meeting.

Though Thompson’s farm bill text still hasn’t been formally introduced, it is expected to have similar priorities to a version that advanced out of committee in May 2024 but never became law, according to Capitol Hill news source Politico. As of press time for Farm World, House Ag Committee staff was still awaiting cost estimates from the Congressional Budget Office.

Also, according to Politico, “House Ag Republicans have said they are hoping to get a floor vote on the bill before the chamber recesses for Easter, according to two of the people, who were granted anonymity to discuss private details. The most expensive GOP farm bill priorities – like bolstering commodity and crop insurance programs – were already included in the One Big Beautiful Bill (BBB) Act, paid

for by slashing food aid spending.”


Jennifer Tirey, IPPA executive director, had engaged Thompson to speak to pig farmers at the group’s Swine Mixer (taking the place of the long-running Illinois Pork Expo) prior to his announcement that a House-led farm bill could soon be forthcoming. Tirey told Farm World that the pork industry will be especially interested in what Thompson has to say about California’s Proposition 12, which standardizes swine housing size requirements. Tirey and leaders of the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) are lobbying for language within the farm bill that would grant states the power to determine their own animal confinement standards and regulations.

“Our biggest ask in the farm bill will be a solution to Prop 12, which Congressman Thompson is in support of as well,” Tirey said in an email. She pointed to a recent Capital Update from the NPPC reporting that Thompson told his Republican colleagues he hopes to mark up a farm bill during the week of Feb. 23.

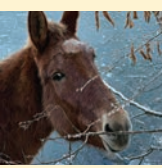
“Thompson said he’s aiming for a vote by the entire House before Congress takes a two week-plus break around Easter. A new farm bill has not been approved since 2018. That one expired Sept. 30, 2023, and has been extended several times,” the NPPC update stated, in part.

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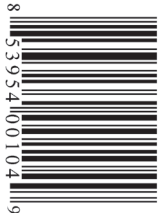
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# Frost seeding can establish different forages into an existing pasture

By Celeste Baumgartner  
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Frost seeding is one of the many tools a farmer can use to establish more or different for-

ages into an existing pasture or field. It is relatively inexpensive. It works well for clovers; many grass pastures or fields can benefit from having more legumes.

“There are a lot of tools and a

range of technology levels that allow you to get seed onto a field,” said Dr. Emma Matcham, Ohio State University assistant professor of integrated forage systems. “Frost seeding has a narrow window of time that you can do it. In Ohio, farmers usually frost seed sometime in February because they want the soils to go through a few freeze/thaw cycles after the seed is put on the field but before that spring warmup.”

Freeze/thaw cycles open the soil surfaces in what is called “honeycombing,” where the soil surface changes shape a few times, Matcham said. That allows the seed to come in contact with the soil and will allow it to germinate once the soil has warmed up.

“The seeds can be spread on the soil surface many different ways,” Matcham said. “The most common is probably a spinner spreader on the back of an all-terrain vehicle. You can also use a handheld spinner spreader. A drone would be one

of the higher tech options.

“One of the really low-tech options that works well for people, if they’re OK with slightly less even distribution of seed, I have seen people hand spread seed while they’re out walking the fields in the winter,” she said. “Or they can put it in a backpack with some holes and play fetch with their border collie.”

The timing is the most important thing, she said. The soil must go through some freeze/thaw cycles, and you can’t spread seed on 6 to 8 inches of snow. If there is a lot of snow on the ground and there is a sudden warmup, that seed is going to drain off into the ditches instead of straying on the field.

Clovers are the most common species for frost seeding. Birdsfoot trefoil is another legume option, annual ryegrass, orchard grass, and some other grasses can be established this way. But plant establishment from frost seeding is usually higher for

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## Barometer

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than unpaid operating debt,” Langemeier said. “There’s a lot of difference between those two.”

In January 2021-24, more than 60 percent of respondents said they were going to increase their operating loan because of higher input costs, he said. Since January 2025, the number has been around 50-55 percent. In the January 2026 survey, 31 percent of respondents said they would seek an increase

in their operating loan due to unpaid operating debt.

Needing a bigger operating loan due to unpaid operating debt “can be a signal that perhaps they’re having some difficulty because of tight cash flow or low cash flow in repaying operating debt in a timely fashion,” Langemeier explained. “If you’re increasing the size of your operating loan primarily due to unpaid debt, that’s probably a signal we’re seeing more financial stress here in early 2026 then certainly we saw in 2023 and 2024, and so financial stress appears to be increasing.”

measures to prevent a patchwork of conflicting state farming regulations and bring further certainty to the pork industry,” said 2025 NPPC President Duane Stalder, a pork producer from McComb, Ohio, upon the BBB’s passage.

The “farm bill 2.0,” as Thompson has called the potential legislation, will address “leftover” industry priorities not covered by the BBB, such as rural development and research plans, according to Politico. In addition, “Thompson says this second farm bill could be the legislative vehicle to advance ag priorities like E15 and additional farmer aid, which weren’t included in recent spending bills,” Brownfield Ag News reported.

For more information on the Illinois Swine Mixer, which is a private event for IPPA members and invited industry guests, contact Jackie Wible of the IPPA at jackie@ilpork.com.

## Ag Chairman

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NPPC had advocated for a number of additional farm bill priorities that were addressed largely to the Council’s satisfaction in the BBB Act signed into law by President Donald Trump on July 4, 2025. Those priorities included preserving necessary resources to protect the nation’s food supply through foreign animal disease prevention, maintaining market access programs for U.S. pork, maintaining resources for the feral swine eradication program to protect herd health and a number of tax-related issues relating to deductions, depreciation and estate transfer.

“We look forward to continuing to work with congressional partners this year on a ‘skinny’ farm bill, which should include



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# The low quality of some Chinese corn may mean more imports

Some questions are starting to arise about the quality of the U.S. corn crop being stored. This is mainly in regions that suffered from disease during the growing season, mainly tar spot and southern rust fungus. These cut test weight to below normal levels in several cases. This corn is now starting to make its way into the supply line, and some buyers are showing concern. Low test weight impacts usage and typically requires elevated corn consumption. Low test weight also impacts what a buyer is willing to pay. While this is not a widespread problem at this time, it is enough that corn grading is being closely monitored.

China's corn crop may have been a record 301.2 million metric tons this year, but a large portion of this crop had such low quality it will not be us-



MARKET ANALYSIS  
By Karl Setzer

able for livestock feed. According to research firm Sitonia, 30 mmt of China's corn crop may be unusable for feed due to high toxin levels. This news has caused the USDA's Foreign Ag Service to up its China corn import forecast to 8 mmt from its prior 1 mmt estimate. The FAS office also believes this number may increase. China imported 800,861 mt of corn in December, a 44 percent increase from November.

China has a 2026 sorghum import forecast of 7.6 mmt, but this may be light as well, especially following recent purchases from the U.S. Sorghum is a popular corn replacement grain in China as it requires little import certification compared to corn.

China's tight corn supply is also being noted in the country's wheat demand. China's Sino group has been conducting auctions from gov-

ernment reserves to help lower domestic grain costs. There have been four of these auctions since Jan. 1 with solid demand at each one. Sino has indicated these will continue as needed.

Year to date, China has imported 3.98 mmt of wheat, a 65 percent decline from last year's imports. China harvested a bumper grain crop this year which has cut into its wheat needs. More analysts are starting to question how much of this crop is usable given low-quality reports.

Brazil soybean harvest is advancing, but its impact on global market has been limited. Domestic soybean processors have expanded operations in recent years and now demand a larger share of the soybean crop. This is starting to impact Brazil's ability to satisfy both the interior and export markets, especially during the early stages of Brazil's harvest. In turn Brazil's soybean values have become more expensive, but what is a bigger concern from importers is timely shipments. This includes the leading trade partner China.

One country building trade relations with China is Canada. China and Canada recently resolved their dispute over electric vehicles and this

caused an immediate spike in trade as China booked a reported 10 vessels of Canadian canola. This would total roughly 650,000 mt. While not a huge volume, it is business the U.S. had been hoping for before Brazil got its export program underway.

The Black Sea conflict continues to impact Ukraine's exports. Ukraine is reporting year-to-date corn exports of 11.8 mmt, well below last year's 11.8 mmt. Ukraine wheat exports now total 8.4 mmt, also well under last year's 10.6 mmt. Ukraine has suffered significant port damage in recent months as well as having power disruptions, greatly reducing export volumes. Shipping premiums to enter the Black Sea are also limiting interest in sourcing needs from the region. Ukraine is also seeing pressure from cheaper grain out of Argentina and the United States.

An interesting story is starting to develop in the U.S. replacement cattle market. Livestock producers are holding feeders a bit longer before they are being placed, which is elevating placement weights. At today's market values, this is making many yearling feeders unprofitable, even with high demand for fat cattle. This has also started to draw more demand to dairy cross feeders as they tend to be lighter at that age.

A story that is again gaining traction in the market is the proposed approval for year around E-15 ethanol usage. E-15 usage has historical-

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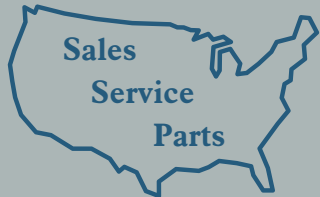
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ly been suspended during summer months due to emission concerns at elevated temperatures. For the past several years we have had a temporary lifting of the E-15 blending suspension though to lower energy costs. This has not really increased E-15 demand as usage is not mandated. Until this changes and usage is mandated, elevated consumption will be difficult to sustain.

Crop scouts continue to tout large South American crops, but we are starting to see a lot more doubt on the Argentine estimates, especially on soybeans. The USDA is currently predicting a 48.5 million metric tons. Most analysts are in line with the USDA, but we are starting to see more doubt on production following recent hot, dry conditions. The Argentine soybean crop is now rated 47 percent good/excellent and 16 percent poor/very poor. The soybean

crop rating has declined nearly 20 points in the past month, and there is little doubt this has affected yields as well. Argentina's corn rating is higher, but those numbers are expected to start falling as well.

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## Frost


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clovers than other species.

A farmer can frost seed into almost anything but there are some things they can do before winter that will improve success, that is, the amount of seed that establishes and becomes a plant in spring. One of those things is grazing the field a little lower in fall so there is soil that the seed can make contact with. In thick growth it will be hard for the seed to make its way down to the soil surface and then for the emerging plant to have enough light to grow.

"We don't recommend this in really thick pasture stands that have a lot of above ground growth," Mat-cham said. "Also, the people who frost-seed tend not to frost-seed all of their acres because you don't want to graze a freshly frost-seeded pasture. We want to give newly established plants some time to grow."

So, farmers don't want to frost-seed the field they use for turnout first thing in the spring. The plants should have a good root system before animals are turned into it for grazing. Also, don't spread nitrogen on a field that is freshly frost seeded with legumes because those legumes need to nodulate and start fixing nitrogen.



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Slaughter Cattle:	35(14.6%)	100(10.1%)	160(7.1%)
Replacement Cattle:	6(2.5%)	3(0.3%)	21(0.9%)

No trends due to last weeks market being closed because of weather, however the feeder market appeared spotty and mixed today as snow and ice covered roads continue to limit cattle movement and buyers interests in some classes of livestock. Slaughter cows and bulls appeared stronger with a limited supply. Supply included: 83% Feeder Cattle (36% Steers, 45% Heifers, 18% Bulls); 15% Slaughter Cattle (77% Cows, 23% Bulls); 3% Replacement Cattle (33% Stock Cows, 44% Bred Cows, 11% Cow-Calf Pairs, 11% Bulls). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs.

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21 Black/BWF 624 lbs 411.00

### FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	325	325	477.50	477.50
1	375	375	495.00	495.00
4	420-445	436	450.00-480.00	461.68
5	470-485	475	462.50-477.50	466.49 Fancy
4	513-535	519	425.00	425.00 Value Added
5	575-578	577	417.50-425.00	423.51 Value Added
8	632-647	637	382.00-400.00	392.03
25	624-628	625	411.00-415.00	411.64 Value Added
2	670	670	352.50	352.50
1	715	715	362.00	362.00
7	753-780	768	347.50-350.00	348.55
1	925	925	311.00	311.00
1	965	965	299.00	299.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	615	615	362.50	362.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	275	275	435.00	435.00
1	320	320	422.50	422.50
1	340	340	447.50	447.50 Fancy
2	370-375	373	465.00-480.00	472.55 Fancy
1	410	410	435.00	435.00
13	400-440	428	442.50-465.00	452.17 Fancy
6	470-495	481	392.50-403.00	396.80
7	450-488	470	417.50-450.00	427.22 Fancy
2	545	545	380.00	380.00
21	520-549	547	405.00-410.50	409.99 Value Added
3	550-562	558	357.50-371.00	366.56
1	645	645	330.00	330.00
6	629	629	360.00	360.00 Guaranteed Open
5	662	662	350.00	350.00 Guaranteed Open
5	715-720	717	325.00-330.00	327.01
2	792	792	310.00	310.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	270	270	395.00	395.00
1	530	530	347.50	347.50
1	595	595	339.00	339.00
1	695	695	315.00	315.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	285	285	360.00	360.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	367-375	371	440.00-457.50	445.66
3	383	383	475.00	475.00 Fancy
1	410	410	441.00	441.00
2	512	512	393.00	393.00
5	518-537	526	420.00-422.50	421.48 Fancy
1	565	565	350.00	350.00
3	550-580	570	397.50-398.00	397.84 Fancy
5	600-635	611	350.00-360.00	353.98
1	680	680	328.00	328.00
2	737	737	300.00	300.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	360-390	375	412.50-427.50	419.90
1	430	430	392.50	392.50
2	520	520	343.00	343.00

### SLAUGHTER CATTLE

#### COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
2	1355-1465	1410	168.00-171.00	169.44	Average
2	1485-1635	1560	179.00-183.00	180.90	High

#### COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
4	1080-1200	1159	161.00-169.00	164.90	Average
3	1020-1275	1158	176.00-185.00	181.34	High

#### COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
3	1020-1310	1155	135.00-152.00	145.84	Average
5	1060-1245	1138	161.00-170.00	165.66	High
1	715	715	127.00	127.00	Low

#### BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
2	810-1760	1285	187.50-201.00	196.75	Average
4	1705-2065	1885	213.00-228.00	219.67	High

### REPLACEMENT CATTLE

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	O	3	805-1055	960	187.50-222.50	201.02

#### BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5	T1	1	1395	1395	2425.00	2425.00
>5	T3	2	1520-1565	1543	2725.00-3100.00	2909.76
>5	T3	1	1495	1495	3475.00	3475.00 Fancy

#### COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ <150 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5	O	1	1150	1150	2750.00	2750.00

#### BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	1	1220	1220	2950.00	2950.00

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

Explanatory Notes:

Stage (Cattle) - Represents pregnancy stage (O = open; T1 = 1st Trimester, 1 to 3 months; T1-2 = 1st/2nd trimester, 1 to 6 months; T2 = 2nd Trimester, 4 to 6 months; T2-3 = 2nd/3rd Trimester, 4 to 9 months; T3 = 3rd Trimester, 7 to 9 months; T1-3 = all trimesters, 1 to 9 months)

Age - Numerical representation of age in years.

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News  
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## Kentucky Daily Grain Bids

Grain Report for Thursday, February 5, 2026 - Final

Exchange		Commodity		FUTURE SETTLEMENTS Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 2/5/26					
CBOT	Corn	435.00 (Mar 26)	443.00 (May 26)	449.25 (Jul 26)	447.00 (Sep 26)	461.00 (Dec 26)	472.75 (Mar 27)	478.75 (May 27)	
CBOT	Soybeans	1112.25 (Mar 26)	1126.00 (May 26)	1137.25 (Jul 26)	1127.00 (Aug 26)	1097.50 (Sep 26)	1098.50 (Nov 26)	1108.25 (Jan 27)	
CBOT	Wheat	535.25 (Mar 26)	544.00 (May 26)	554.75 (Jul 26)	567.25 (Sep 26)	585.75 (Dec 26)	601.50 (Mar 27)	609.75 (May 27)	
CBOT	White Oats	311.75 (Mar 26)	315.75 (May 26)	317.00 (Jul 26)	321.25 (Sep 26)	332.00 (Dec 26)	335.50 (Mar 27)	341.50 (May 27)	
KCBT	Wheat	538.50 (Mar 26)	550.50 (May 26)	564.00 (Jul 26)	578.75 (Sep 26)	599.50 (Dec 26)	615.75 (Mar 27)	623.75 (May 27)	
MGE	Wheat	571.50 (Mar 26)	584.25 (May 26)	598.00 (Jul 26)	614.50 (Sep 26)	633.00 (Dec 26)	645.75 (Mar 27)		

### US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	75.00H to 175.00H		UNCH	5.1000-6.1000	UP 0.0550	5.6000
Pennyrile	50.00Z		UNCH	5.1100	UP 0.0375	5.1100
Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	175.00H		UNCH	6.1000	UP 0.0550	6.1000
Ohio River - Lower KY	50.00Z		UNCH	5.1100	UP 0.0375	5.1100
Purchase	170.00H		DN 5.00	6.0500	UP 0.0050	6.0500
Purchase	60.00Z		DN 5.00	5.2100	DN 0.0125	5.2100

### US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	22.00H		UNCH	4.5700	UP 0.0550	4.5700
Purchase	-10.00U		UNCH	4.3700	UP 0.0450	4.3700
Green River	25.00H		UNCH	4.6000	UP 0.0550	4.6000
Green River	-10.00Z		UNCH	4.5100	UP 0.0375	4.5100
Pennyrile	-10.00H to 20.00H		UNCH-DN 2.00	4.2500-4.5500	UP 0.0550-UP 0.0350	4.3583
Pennyrile	-30.00Z to -15.00Z		UNCH	4.3100-4.4600	UP 0.0375	4.3817
Louisville	-8.00H		UNCH	4.2700	UP 0.0550	4.2700
Louisville	-8.00H		UNCH	4.2700	UP 0.0550	4.2700
Bluegrass	0.00H		UNCH	4.3500	UP 0.0550	4.3500
Bluegrass	-45.00Z		UNCH	4.1600	UP 0.0375	4.1600

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	2.00H to 8.00H		DN 1.00-DN 2.00	4.3700-4.4300	UP 0.0450-UP 0.0350	4.4000
Ohio River - Upper KY	-30.00Z to -24.00Z		UP 2.00-UP 6.00	4.3100-4.3700	UP 0.0575-UP 0.0975	4.3400
Ohio River - Lower KY	15.00H to 27.00H		DN 1.00-UNCH	4.5000-4.6200	UP 0.0450-UP 0.0550	4.5617
Ohio River - Lower KY	-32.00Z to -13.00Z		UNCH-UP 1.00	4.2900-4.4800	UP 0.0375-UP 0.0475	4.3900
Purchase	15.00H to 35.00H		DN 5.00-UNCH	4.5000-4.7000	UP 0.0050-UP 0.0550	4.6125
Purchase	-32.00Z to -15.00U		UNCH	4.2900-4.3200	UP 0.0375-UP 0.0450	4.3033

### US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	20.00H		UNCH	11.3225	UP 0.2000	11.3225
Purchase	-15.00X		UNCH	10.8350	UP 0.1100	10.8350
Green River	-15.00H		UNCH	10.9725	UP 0.2000	10.9725
Green River	-40.00X		UNCH	10.5850	UP 0.1100	10.5850
Pennyrile	-25.00H to 20.00H		UNCH-UP 2.00	10.8725-11.3225	UP 0.2000-UP 0.2200	10.9868
Pennyrile	-60.00X to -12.00X		UNCH	10.3850-10.8650	UP 0.1100	10.5107
Louisville	-59.00H		UNCH	10.5325	UP 0.2000	10.5325
Louisville	-59.00H		UNCH	10.5325	UP 0.2000	10.5325
Bluegrass	-32.00H		UNCH	10.8025	UP 0.2000	10.8025
Bluegrass	-75.00X		UNCH	10.2350	UP 0.1100	10.2350

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-5.00H to 8.00H		UP 4.00-DN 3.00	11.0725-11.2025	UP 0.2400-UP 0.1700	11.1375
Ohio River - Upper KY	-28.00X		UNCH	10.7050	UP 0.1100	10.7050
Ohio River - Lower KY	10.00H to 40.00H		UP 2.00-DN 3.00	11.2225-11.5225	UP 0.2200-UP 0.1700	11.3658
Ohio River - Lower KY	-15.00X to 0.00X		UNCH-UP 10.00	10.8350-10.9850	UP 0.1100-UP 0.2100	10.8790
Purchase	18.00H to 34.00H		DN 2.00-UP 2.00	11.3025-11.4625	UP 0.1800-UP 0.2200	11.3675
Purchase	-15.00X to -9.00X		UNCH	10.8350-10.8950	UP 0.1100	10.8650

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

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	25.00H		UNCH	5.6025	UP 0.0850	5.6025
Pennyrile	10.00N		UNCH	5.6475	UP 0.0750	5.6475

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

Country Elevators - Conventional						
Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average	
Purchase	-15.00N	UNCH	5.3975	UP 0.0750	5.3975	
Green River	-75.00N	UNCH	4.7975	UP 0.0750	4.7975	
Pennyrile	-55.00H to -40.00H	UNCH	4.8025-4.9525	UP 0.0850	4.8625	
Pennyrile	-55.00N to -14.00N	UNCH	4.9975-5.4075	UP 0.0750	5.1492	
Louisville	-32.00H	UNCH	5.0325	UP 0.0850	5.0325	
Louisville	-79.00N to -34.00N	UNCH	4.7575-5.2075	UP 0.0750	4.9825	



# MARKETS

## Daily Livestock and Poultry Slaughter

Report For Thursday, February 3, 2026 - Final

Current Day Slaughter									
Thurs., Feb. 5, 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week	Last Year	2026	2025	Ytd	
				WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	% Change
Calves	1,000	364	4,000	4,000	2,183	15,493	15,161		2.2%
Cattle	114,000	117,179	450,000	436,000	473,336	2,785,311	3,143,681		-11.4%
Hogs	492,000	481,531	1,903,000	1,865,000	1,929,824	13,024,100	13,499,401		-3.5%
Sheep	7,000	6,409	34,000	32,000	31,300	187,955	182,765		2.8%
Chicken (Young)	35,714,000	35,337,000	139,259,000	128,326,000	140,190,000	877,374,000	964,321,000		-9.0%

Previous Daily Slaughter									
Wed., Feb. 5, 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week	Last Year	2026	2025	YTD	
				WTD	WTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	% Change
Calves	1,000	626	3,000	3,000	1,819	14,493	14,797		-2.1%
Cattle	113,000	120,676	336,000	324,000	356,157	2,671,311	3,026,502		-11.7%
Hogs	490,000 R	484,442	1,411,000	1,382,000	1,448,293	12,532,100	13,017,870		-3.7%
Sheep	8,000	7,153	27,000	25,000	24,891	180,955	176,356		2.6%
Chicken (Young)	35,633,000	35,333,000	103,545,000	92,875,000	104,853,000	841,660,000	928,984,000		-9.4%

Previous Day Breakdown

Wed., Feb. 4, 2026

CattleSteers/Heifers ... 92,000Cows/Bulls ... 21,000

Explanatory Notes: Livestock Species listed consists of young and mature animals.  
Poultry references young only. Year to Date calculation is based on week 1 of calendar year  
R = Revision    WTD = Week to Date    YTD = Year to Date

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## Weekly National Sheep Summary For Week Ending Friday, January 30, 2026

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter woolled and shorn lambs sold steady. Slaughter ewes sold stead.

All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-3

San Angelo: No test.  
New Holland: No test.  
Billings: No test.  
Ft. Collins: 60-70 lbs 325.00-340.00; 70-80 lbs 300.00; 80-90 lbs 300.00; 100-110 lbs 300.00; 110-120 lbs 295.00-305.00; 150-170 lbs 237.50-270.00.

Kalona: 50-60 lbs 370.00-450.00; 60-70 lbs 435.00-455.00; 70-80 lbs 335.00-375.00.

Equity Coop: No test.  
Sioux Falls: 70-80 lbs 310.00-325.00; 80-90 lbs 310.00-325.00; 90-100 lbs 295.00-325.00; 100-110 lbs 280.00-310.00; 120-130 lbs 225.00-230.00; 130-140 lbs 222.00-231.00; 140-150 lbs 216.00-218.00; 150-160 lbs 218.00-223.00.  
Buffalo, MO: No test.  
Missouri: 50-60 lbs 327.50; 160-170 lbs 190.00.

Arkansas: No test.  
Equity Coop: No test.  
Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3:  
San Angelo: No test.  
New Holland: No test.  
Billings: No test.  
Ft. Collins: 110.000-155.00.  
Kalona: 125.00-165.00.  
Equity Coop: No test.

Sioux Falls: 110.00-145.00.  
Buffalo, MO: No test.  
Missouri: 145.00-167.50.  
Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1:  
San Angelo: No test.  
Billings: 60-70 l 320.00-337.50; 70-80 lbs 305.00-337.00; 80-90 lbs 285.00-307.00; 90-100 lbs 262.00-275.00 100-110 lbs 257.50-267.50.

Sioux Falls: 40-50 lbs 445.00; 50-60 lbs 405.00; 60-70 lbs 335.00-340.00; 70-80 lbs 325.00.

Buffalo, MO: No test.  
Missouri: 30-40 lbs 372.50; 50-60 lbs 387.50..  
Ft. Collins: No test.  
Kalona: No test.  
Equity Coop: No test.  
Arkansas: No test.

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:  
San Angelo: No test.  
Billings: No test.  
Ft. Collins: No test.  
South Dakota: No test.  
Kalona: No test.  
Missouri: No test.  
Arkansas: No test.  
Sioux Falls: 4-6 year old WIN 180-210 lbs 360.00-450.00 per unit.  
Buffalo, MO: No test.

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 36,000 compared to 35,000 last week and 34,446 last year.

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## Weekly Combined Regional Shell Egg Report

Report for: 01/25/2026 - 01/31/2026

National Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (1/23/2026)	
Extra Large	126.00 - 167.00	150.75	43.50	107.25	
Large	125.00 - 150.00	138.44	43.50	94.94	
Medium	96.00 - 117.00	107.50	35.50	72.00	

Midwest Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (1/23/2026)	
Extra Large	126.00 - 135.00	130.50	43.00	87.50	
Large	125.00 - 134.00	129.50	43.00	86.50	
Medium	96.00 - 105.00	100.50	35.00	65.50	

Delivered Store Door, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (1/23/2026)	
Extra Large	133.00 - 141.00	137.00	43.00	94.00	
Large	131.00 - 139.00	135.00	43.00	92.00	
Medium	102.00 - 110.00	106.00	35.00	71.00	

Paid to Producers - FOB, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (1/23/2026)	
Large	107.00 - 117.00	112.00	43.00	69.00	
Medium	78.00 - 82.00	80.00	35.00	45.00	
Small	27.00 - 33.00	30.00	9.00	21.00	

Northeast Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (1/23/2026)	
Extra Large	136.00 - 163.00	149.50	45.00	104.50	
Large	130.00 - 144.00	137.00	45.00	92.00	
Medium	100.00 - 113.00	106.50	37.00	69.50	

South Central Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (1/23/2026)	
Extra Large	158.50 - 167.00	162.75	43.00	19.75	
Large	141.50 - 150.00	145.75	43.00	102.75	
Medium	108.50 - 117.00	112.75	35.00	77.75	

Southeast Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (1/23/2026)	
Extra Large	156.50 - 164.00	160.25	43.00	117.25	
Large	138.00 - 145.00	141.50	43.00	98.50	
Medium	106.50 - 114.00	110.25	35.00	75.25	

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

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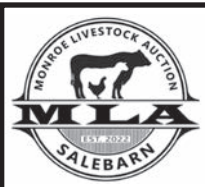


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Small Animals	2/3/2026	Sheep	Cows
Chickens	\$2-\$6.50	Ewes	Cull Cows
Bantys	\$2-\$6	40-60# Lambs	Bulls
Ducks	\$2-\$13	61-80# Lambs	15
Pigeons	\$4.25-\$5.25	81-100# Lambs	203
Eggs	\$1-\$2.25		2.00
Rooster	\$2.50-\$11		1
Turkey	\$25		
Peacock	\$75		
Rabbits	\$5-\$30		
	944		

Goats	Pigs
Billys	Fat Hogs
Nannies	Sows
Kids	Boars
	114
	93

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200-500#	20-45#
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# Farmers National issues 2025 land values report

By **TIM ALEXANDER**  
Illinois Correspondent

OMAHA, Neb. – Farmers National Co. issued its 2025 farmland values report and market analysis, finding that after years of steady increases, prices and demand are trending slightly downward across geographic regions within Farm World’s readership area.

“After years of steady growth, we’re seeing the farmland market stabilize,” Colton Lacina, senior vice president of real estate operations at Farmers National, said in a summary of the report. “This isn’t a sign of collapse but a recalibration that reflects current commodity prices, input costs and regional production conditions.”

Areas with high crop yields, diversified farms, and dependable groundwater continue to attract buyers and maintain steady values, according to Farmers National. The study found that areas facing commodity price pressure, lower yields or limited alternative income sources are experiencing lower demand for farmland.

“Farmland values are increasingly determined locally, sometimes down to the township,” Lacina said. “Buyers are carefully assessing soil quality, the percentage of tillable acres, water access, and how a parcel fits into their current operations. Those details matter more than ever.”

**East Region: Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky**

In the latter part of 2025, land values across Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky showed “remarkable

resilience and strength,” reported Jay Van Gorden, area sales manager for Farmers National.

“A strong mix of investor buyers and active farmers has driven competition and kept sale prices for high-quality farmland at record levels. Farmers National has seen multiple sales in the \$15,000 to \$19,000 per acre range in the past few weeks in our Eastern Region for highly tillable, productive soils in strong farming areas,” Van Gorden said.

He noted that farms with a lower percentage of tillable acres, woodland and medium-productivity soils in the region are not at record levels, but still command prices near the top of the range for their type. “1031 tax-deferred exchange funds from the sale of development land in urban areas continue to support strong land prices. Additionally, some post-harvest commodity price increases and a limited supply of land for sale relative to interested buyers continue to boost land values,” Van Gorden said.

**East-Central Region: Illinois and Wisconsin**

There was some softening in prices late in 2025, though land values in the East-Central Region remain generally stable. Vagaries in recent sales have sent mixed signals across the marketplace, according to Jim Ferguson, area vice president for Farmers National.

“In the past few weeks, there have been several notable sales, but brokers are also noting lower sale prices on high-quality tracts where strong competition previously seemed au-

tomatic. The market has seen multiple auctions end in no-sale or be sold afterward, indicating that farmer buyers – traditionally the main force behind Midwest bidding – are showing noticeably more caution than in previous years,” Ferguson said. “Aggressive bidding is less frequent, and many buyers seem more price-sensitive, carefully considering long-term returns and cash flow before pushing for top values. This has enabled investors to participate in sales that would have previously been outside their return thresholds.”

Ferguson added that profitability and an uncertain outlook remain key limiting factors. He noted that with more “arm’s-length” listings, softer auction competition, delayed USDA reports and 2025 yields trending slightly below expectations, buyers are cautious and sellers are “adjusting.”

While demand still outpaces supply, return expectations do not fully align with seller pricing, according to Ferguson. This creates a gap between what the most motivated buyers can justify and what certain sellers still expect.

“While this doesn’t prevent deals from happening, it influences them. Negotiation, realistic pricing, and strong marketing are more important than ever in bridging that gap in 2026,” Ferguson said.

Farm Credit Services reported that the first decline in Illinois farmland values since 2018 occurred in 2025 with a 4.41 percent drop. This was determined through a study of 22 “benchmark” farms across central and southern Illinois.

**Lacina: stabilized market may provide investment opportunity**

Some investors view the moderation in land values as an opportunity to enter the market at more disciplined prices, according to Lacina. “Investor buyers are focused on fundamentals,” he said. “They’re targeting land with strong lease potential and reliable income that can support long-term returns.”

In their report summary, Farmers National said the company anticipates “overall” stable U.S. farmland through the remainder of 2026, with ongoing divergence driven by local conditions. Opportunities may emerge in regions with weaker demand, with sellers’ success likely depending on accurate market insights and timing, the company advised.

“The farmland market isn’t weakening; it’s becoming more selective,” Lacina stated. “Whether buying or selling, the advantage will go to those who understand their local market and work with professionals who live and breathe those nuances daily.”

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Above: Mike Steenhoek, executive director of the Soy Transportation Coalition in Ankeny, Iowa, told Farm World the recent severe winter weather has had a detrimental impact on barge transportation. (courtesy of the Port of New Orleans)

# Rail grain shipments increase, while barge movements decline

By DOUG SCHMITZ  
Iowa Correspondent

ANKENY, Iowa – According to the USDA’s Jan. 22 Grain Transportation Report, rail grain shipments surged 22 percent, while barge movements declined 15 percent, with the recent severe winter weather playing a key role in the barge transportation decrease, for the week ending Jan. 17.

The report said rail U.S. Class I railroads originated 32,255 grain carloads during the week ending Jan. 10. This was a 22 percent increase from the previous week, 26 percent more than last year, and 31 percent more than the three-year average.

The report added that average January shuttle secondary rail car bids/offers (per car) were \$325 above tariff for the week ending Jan. 15. This was \$21 more than last week, and \$338 more than this week last year. Average non-shuttle secondary rail car bids/offers per car were \$25 above tariff. This was \$13 less than last week, and \$225 lower than this week last year.

Shuttle refers to 100 or more car trains while non shuttle is single cars or smaller groups of cars.

In addition, barged grain movements totaled 446,867 tons. This was 15 percent less than the previous week, and 4 percent more than the same week last year. That same week, there were 985 grain barges unloaded in the New Orleans region, 19 percent fewer than the previous week.

Mike Steenhoek, Soy Transportation Coalition executive director in Ankeny, told Farm World the recent severe winter weather has had a detrimental impact on barge transportation: “Safety concerns for inland waterway workers – both those working on a barge and those on the shoreline loading the barge – will arise during extreme winter events.

“Ice accumulation on the river can

narrow the width of the shipping channel, which can result in having to limit the number of barges comprising a single flotilla or unit,” he added. “Ice accumulation on the river will result in reduced flow and potential shallow locations in the channel.”

He said ice and snow accumulation on railroad tracks must be cleared, which will reduce the fluidity and efficiency of the rail network: “Frigid temperatures will often cause mechanical breakdowns. Machinery obviously does not perform as normal in extreme cold temperatures.

“A train’s air braking system is significantly impacted by frigid temperatures – especially when below zero degrees Fahrenheit,” he added. “Water vapor in the compressed air will freeze into ice, which inhibits air flow through the braking system. This can result in brake failure.”

As a result, he said, “Rubber components (such as gaskets and seals) will harden in frigid temperatures and become less pliable. Leaks can often result. Cold air is denser than warm air. More time is therefore required to build pressure for the air braking system. This can cause delay at rail terminals.”

For barges, he said safety concerns for inland waterway workers – both those working on a barge and those on the shoreline loading the barge – will arise during extreme winter events: “Railroads will have to resort to reducing the length of trains – often by 25 percent or greater – and reduce speed.”

As far as the outlook for soybean transportation for the next few months, and how it will impact U.S. farmers, he said: “Low-water conditions on the Mississippi River continue to present challenges. Historically, we’ll start to see additional water levels over the next three months, which is something we will be monitoring.”



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# Blood test enhanced to detect early inflammation in horses

By Hayley Lalchand  
Ohio Correspondent

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. – Researchers from Pennsylvania State University have developed a new method to improve a blood test's ability to detect inflammation in horses.

Tools and tests to detect inflammation in horses remain limited, Molly Friend, a doctoral candidate in the Intercollege Graduate Degree Program in Integrative and Biomedical Physiology, said in an interview. Typically, veterinarians will quantify inflammation by testing for acute phase proteins in the blood. For horses, the major acute phase protein is serum amyloid A (SAA). SAA rises very high and very quickly in the bloodstream after horses encounter an inflammatory stimulus, such as an injury, Friend said.

"What's really popular for veterinarians right now is using the stall-side snap serum amyloid A tests," she explained. "That allows them to quantify (SAA) in the moment, which is great, but (SAA) is only one of multiple acute phase proteins and only one marker (of inflammation). Because (SAA) is more of an acute inflammatory marker, we were also curious to look at more of the slow-rise and slow-fall acute phase proteins."

To approach this research interest, the group decided to focus on a blood test called a complete blood count or CBC. CBCs are routinely used by veterinarians to assess the overall health of animals, diagnose and monitor disease progression, and evaluate treatment effectiveness by quantifying 19 measurements, including counts of red and white blood cells. Vets use reference intervals when interpreting information from CBC tests. Reference ranges and intervals are developed through research and represent what a clinically healthy animal's blood composition would look like.

"While reference intervals are often created from clinically healthy presenting horses, that doesn't necessarily mean that there's no inflammation happening behind the scenes," Friend noted. "That got us looking toward the creation of more inflammation specific reference intervals for each of the blood cell types and beginning to adapt these inflammatory indices that have become popular in human research for horses."

In human medicine, three inflammatory indices known as the systemic inflammation index (SII), systemic inflammatory response index (SIRI), and the aggregate index of systemic inflammation (AISI) have been developed which use information from CBCs to infer inflammatory information. For example, the SII compares neutrophil (a type of white blood cell that acts as a first responder to inflammation) and platelet counts to lymphocyte (a type of white blood cell that recognize and fight bacteria and viruses) counts, values that are measured in a CBC. In this way, doctors and researchers can learn about someone's overall inflammatory status, which can help diagnose and monitor certain diseases without more expensive testing.

The researchers completed an observational study in which they drew blood from 199 clinically healthy horses and horses under veterinary care. The horses under veterinary care had a variety of conditions from wounds to gastrointestinal distress, although the nature and duration of inflammation were not character-

ized specifically as part of the study. Then, the group analyzed the blood for concentrations of SAA and haptoglobin, another acute phase protein.

A variety of statistics were conducted to understand the relationship between CBC outputs and markers of inflammation, Friend explained. In this way, the group was able to quantify the inflammation and tie the values of the three inflammatory indices (SII, SIRI and AISI) to the inflammatory markers studied. New reference intervals were determined for non-inflamed horses which were slightly better at detecting inflammation than the broader industry standard reference ranges.

"I was really excited about our use of these inflammatory indices that have been developed and used in humans and that are starting to creep into the small animal (research) literature, but they've only been used in horses in one study before," Friend said. "Here, we were able to quantify the inflammation and tie the values of these three inflammatory indices – the SII, SIRI, and AISI – to these inflammatory markers. We found

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# South Korea open for potatoes from Michigan, some other states

By Stan Maddux  
Indiana Correspondent

LANSING, Mich. – Another country has opened its doors to potatoes from Michigan and nearly a dozen other states.

Expanded market access to South Korea was called a "landmark trade achievement" by the National Potato Council (NPC).

According to NPC, it took 19 years for the change to come about in a country that previously accepted table stock and chipping potatoes from U.S. growers only from Idaho, Wash-

ington and Oregon.

"Although this process began in 2007, our industry and government partners never wavered in their commitment to delivering this result for American growers," said Brett Jensen, NPC vice president of trade affairs.

The other states given access to the South Korean market for table stock and chipping potatoes are Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Maine, Montana, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nebraska and California.

According to a 2024 study from Michigan State University, expanded access to South Korea will increase to-

tal U.S. potato exports by as much as 10 percent or more. Overall, Michigan is eighth in the nation in potato production and first in the number of chipping potatoes coming out of the state.

Kelly Turner, executive director of the Michigan Potato Industry Commission, said such an increase in current U.S. potato exports would be "fairly significant" and comes at a critical moment in the industry.

Turner said there could be enough U.S. potatoes going to South Korea to reduce or even solve problems occurring periodically the past few years with oversupply, which has caused prices to fall enough that many U.S. producers operate in the red.

Contributing to the red ink are higher input costs.

"Growers, now, are providing potatoes at a significant loss. Opening up an additional global market provides an outlet for any sort of additional potatoes that can't be consumed here in the U.S.," she said.

The American Farm Bureau Federation called the financial losses currently faced by U.S. potato growers as "extreme" but one that can be alleviated some by the opening of a new market.

Turner said it's too early to predict the impact access to South Korea will have in Michigan, where potatoes

contribute over \$2.5 billion annually to the state's economy. She said the impact will depend on how many farmers choose to become suppliers to the foreign country.

Turner said she also hasn't seen the rules and regulations farmers will have to follow for their potatoes to enter South Korea, something that could encourage or discourage growers from wanting to take part.

"Until we see what that looks like, we won't even know who would be interested in supplying those potatoes from Michigan, if anyone," she said.

Turner said potato growers in states given access to South Korea could also benefit if Idaho, Washington and Oregon start exporting more potatoes to the country than what they're currently shipping to try to fill the void themselves.

That would leave less room for exports to South Korea from the other states but also fewer potatoes from Idaho, Washington and Oregon growers elsewhere must compete with in their respective markets, she said.

According to the NPC, fresh potato exports from the U.S. to South Korea currently exceed \$150 million. Idaho, Washington and Oregon together produce about 60 percent of the potatoes raised nationwide.

# Blood Test

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that (the inflammatory indices) seem to outperform these individual blood counts alone."

In other words, understanding the relationship between the concentration of different cells present in the blood can present a broader and clearer picture of inflammation within the body. Characteristic changes in several different population of cells occur alongside inflammation. For example, lymphocytes might be depressed initially during an inflammatory event, while neutrophils increase, Friend added.

"The interplay between these changes might be a more effective way to detect inflammation," she said.

More research is needed to validate the methods developed by the team, as well as applied to different types and duration of inflammation. Friend hopes that the methodology can become another tool for vets to use to identify inflammation, especially to evaluate chronic and low-grade cases.

Friend recommends that those with horses have a good working relationship with their vets and understand their horse's "normal."

"These reference intervals (for blood tests) can be pretty wide, and sometimes horses tend to fall in one area of a reference interval," she said. "Make sure you know your horse's normal temperature, heart rate, things of that nature. If you're able to get a CBC, take a look at it and see where your horse's normal sits at, because that can be valuable information."

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# Kentucky's Woolf Farms honored at international poultry expo

By DOUG GRAVES  
Ohio Correspondent

MAYFIELD, Ky. – Woolf Farms of Mayfield, Ky., was honored as a finalist by the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association (USPOULTRY) during the annual Family Farm Environmental Excellence Awards at the International Poultry Expo. The event was held in Tucker, Ga., and was part of the 2026 International Production & Processing Expo.

Presented each year, the award recognizes family farmers in poultry and egg production who demonstrate exceptional commitment to environmental stewardship.

Woolf Farms was nominated by the Kentucky Poultry Association. And recognition for their efforts for environmental stewardship is nothing new. In 2020, the farm captured the Kentucky Family Farm Environmental Excellence Award.

Woolf Farms is owned and operated by Earl “Sonny” Woolf Jr. In 1997, Woolf purchased an existing poultry farm on 67 acres that now includes eight chicken houses. He contracts with Tyson Foods’ Obion County Complex in Union City, Tenn.

Woolf said he and his family were drawn to this particular farm because they could hunt and fish on the property.

“It’s how we like to spend our time when we aren’t farming,” he said. “It’s our own slice of heaven. Farming allows me to work for myself and not have to punch a clock every day. Raising birds for Tyson means a lot to me because they have given me the opportunity to farm and fulfill our dreams, allowing me to work in the agricultural industry and provide for my family.”

While Woolf Farms wasn’t among the top five in the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association’s honorees for 2026, Woolf said it’s still rewarding to be nominated, adding that it means a lot to him to be recognized for all the daily hard work that goes into running a farm, and he’s honored to be able to make a positive impact on the environment so his children can have a future in farming.

As the poultry industry is ever changing, Woolf continues to make upgrades that are focused on increasing productivity and energy efficiency.

Inside Woolf’s chicken houses, upgrades include LED lights to reduce kilowatts per hour and radiant heaters that use significantly less propane. Woolf also insulates his walls and ceilings.

Outside, Woolf has a pond constructed that is now a natural reservoir that aids in slowing run-off and holds excess water. Buffer zones and gravel drip lines help decrease erosion and increase drainage away from the houses. Water conservation ponds can help enhance the environment by offering a self-sustaining cycle of hydration that keeps plants and local wildlife alive. This also helps maintain soil moisture, even on the hottest days in Graves County.

After construction, semi-permanent straw blankets were used to help control soil erosion. This practice involves the application of organic material to form temporary protective soil covering. Straw blankets can help control runoff and erosion on disturbed land prior to establishment of vegetation.

Another critical component of farm management is good biosecurity practices, which can help reduce the spread of avian disease. Woolf only allows essential visitors on his farm, and they are required to use bleach footbaths, located at the entrance of each house to disinfect footwear. Also, a rodent control program is in place.

Little management of manure,

spilled feed, feathers and bedding materials is vital, Woolf said. The farm sells 90 percent of its poultry litter to local row crop farmers for fertilizer and keeps the other 10 percent to fertilize his own 40 tillable acres for crops. Woolf takes litter samples for land application for analysis to help maintain a balance of nutrients in the soil.

“It is an honor to celebrate the outstanding work these family farms do as stewards of their land,” said Jonathan Cade, outgoing USPOULTRY chair. “Our industry’s continued success depends on responsible management of natural resources, and Woolf and the others should be commended for their dedication and leadership.”

Applicants were evaluated across multiple criteria, including litter management, nutrient management planning, community involvement, wildlife enhancement practices, innovative nutrient management strategies and participation in educational or outreach programs.

National winners and finalists were selected following a comprehensive review of applications and on-site farm visits conducted by a panel of environmental professionals representing universities, regulatory agencies and poultry associations.



Above: Sonny Woolf, of Mayfield, Ky., tends to 40 tillable acres in addition to his 67-acre poultry farm. (photo submitted)

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Above: The Allis-Chalmers WC, first built in 1933, featured a hand crank and steel wheels. This early-era model sold for \$350 at the auction.

Metzger auction saw hot bidding on Allis-Chalmers collection

By William Flood  
Ohio Correspondent

ROANN, Ind. – With the 2026 auction season off to a good start, Metzger Property Services added to the momentum with an early, highly anticipated online sale on Jan. 25 featuring the Allis-Chalmers collection of Dwayne Day. The auction featured 36 lots, including tractors, a combine, planting and related equipment, and A-C parts. These items drew interest from farmers and vintage machinery enthusiasts, particularly those with a passion for Allis-Chalmers.

While hammer prices weren't substantial, bidding was enthusiastic, with most of the tractors getting over 50 competing rounds. That was the case with three Allis-Chalmers tractors that opened the auction and drew the event's strongest numbers. Leading the way was a mid-1970s A-C 200 diesel model, with 6,148 hours and reported to be running. It climbed to \$6,100 after 53 bids. Another workhorse, a late 50s-early 60s

Allis-Chalmers D17 gas tractor with 4,276 hours, also in running condition, drew 48 offers and landed at \$3,500. Rounding out the trio was an early-60s D19 gas tractor with 1,375 hours and new rear tires and rims, which drew similar activity, settling at \$2,800.

The pace shifted briefly away from the A-C tractors, with an International Harvester 460 gas tractor, which captured the auction's highest bid count. Although the tractor was noted as needing tuning and hydraulic valve repairs on the loader, 71 advances took it to \$1,100. That same sum was reached after 55 bids on an A-C-built Gleaner F2 combine, with an Allis-Chalmers diesel engine and equipped with a narrow-row corn head. The machine was reported to be running and was updated with a new radiator last year.

Attention then returned to orange, as four different Allis-Chalmers tractors each landed modestly at \$750, while still surpassing the 50-bid

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**Above:** The auction was led by this mid-1970s Allis-Chalmers 200 diesel that picked up \$6,100 on over 50 rounds of bidding.

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mark. That group included a WD-45 gas tractor from the 1950s that last ran two years ago, a running 1940s-era model C tractor, and two 1940s-era WC gas tractors noted to be in running condition.

Another brief interruption to the tractor streak came from a 13-foot A-C 313 grain head, which found a new owner at \$725 from 64 competitive rounds. Then came two more vintage Allis-Chalmers tractors that, while still receiving plenty of action, nonetheless landed slightly lower. One, a running WC gas model moved at \$675, while another WC – noted as running two years ago – finished at \$625.

Coming in at roughly that same price bracket were two non-Allis items. A four-row narrow Deutz Allis 385 planter with a seed drop monitor sold for \$600, while a 1973 Ford 600 medium-heavy grain truck, showing 161,259 miles and needing engine repairs due to fuel in the oil, reached \$500.

The focus returned once again to tractors, starting with a model WC needing electrical work, which went home for \$475. Next up was a very-ear-



**Above:** Founded in 1923, Gleaner was once an independent company, eventually acquired by Allis-Chalmers. This late 70s Gleaner F2 combine (\$1,100) was from the A-C era.

ly WC on steel wheels with a hand crank – reportedly running two years ago – that attracted plenty of attention but quietly settled at only \$350.

Smaller machinery and support items filled out the latter portion of the auction. Among them was a Parker gravity wagon in good cosmetic condition that reached \$350. Later, a group of five 16.9-28 tractor tires and three rims hammered at \$260.

Then came 17 lots of assorted Allis-Chalmers tractor parts, providing opportunities for restorers and collectors. Among the highlights were a grill and fender combination likely from a model C, scoring \$130; an Allis-Chalmers B fuel tank hitting \$65; and a WC hood going for \$55. Smaller parts found their homes as well, including a WC radiator grill at \$30; a model C grill at \$20; and a pair of belt pulleys for \$7. Finally, a set of Allis-Chalmers B front wheels with rubber was picked up for a mere \$2.

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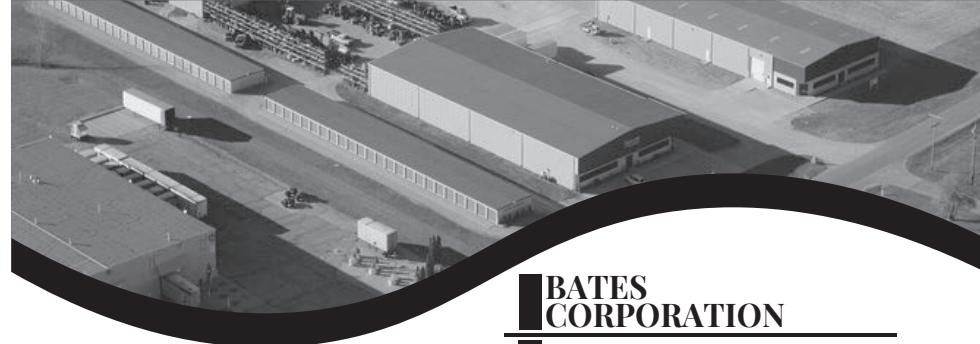
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## U.S. soybean delegates visit Egypt to discuss export markets

By **TIM ALEXANDER**  
Illinois Correspondant

BENSON, Ill. – It isn't every day one gets to visit the Egyptian pyramids or tour the historic sites and streets of Cairo and Alexandria. But those cultural pilgrimages took a distant second place to the thrill of accom-



**Above:** Ali Gibbs on a camel at the Great Pyramid.

plishment felt by Ali Gibbs following a recent trade mission to Egypt with 30 other farmer-leaders representing the United Soybean Board (USB) and the U.S. Soybean Export Council (USEC). The trip, financed through soybean checkoff funds and focused primarily on Egypt's aquaculture sector, was Jan. 16-24, 2026.

"Seeing historical wonders like the pyramids was cool, but I think everyone on the trip would agree that the coolest part of the trip was the industry side of it," said Gibbs, who grows corn, soybeans and specialty crops with her husband, Nathan, outside Benson in Woodford County. "I did get to go inside a pyramid, and we rode camels at the pyramids. We got to see some churches, tour some markets and experience a lot of different cultural aspects of Egypt."

After being named to the Illinois Soybean Association's (ISA) 2025 "Top 20 Under 40" list of young agricultural leaders, Gibbs was permitted to ap-

ply through the ISA to accompany the USB delegation on the trip, which was part of the 'See for Yourself' program offered through the USB and the Soy Checkoff Program.

"The purpose was for young farmers to see where their checkoff dollars are being utilized and how our soybeans are utilized in other countries. There was a focus on (Egypt's) aquaculture industry, which is now a subject I am very passionate about," she said.

The contingent of 31 USB and USEC delegates, composed of 12 farmer-leaders and 19 USB-USEC representatives, departed from O'Hare Airport in Chicago. The group transferred planes in Frankfurt, Germany, for the final leg of the journey to Cairo, where they immediately visited a research facility called World Fish.

"They are funded through USEC and soy checkoff dollars, and USEC works closely with World Fish and research institutes to intensify prawn (and other aquatic species) production in Egypt and to promote aquaculture because the fish are fed U.S. soy. This is why USEC is putting a lot of research dollars into this program," Gibbs said.

Aquaculture accounts for around 6 percent of global soy demand, with around 874 million bushels of demand in the 2023-24 marketing year, according to Gibbs. The market for soybean meal for aquaculture is expected to continue to expand, especially in Egypt, where pork is not a menu item. Egyptian buyers prefer U.S. soy over other countries, she said, due to the



**Above:** Ali Gibbs with a supply of soy meal at Dakahlia Poultry. Soybean meal is made up of an ideal amount of protein and a well-balanced amino acid profile, which is essential to the diets of fish and poultry. Aquaculture is a rapidly growing sector in Egypt.

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# Family saves frozen newborn calf from extreme temperatures

By DOUG GRAVES  
Ohio Correspondent

MOUNT STERLING, Ky. – When frigid temperatures, snow and ice take aim we’re often reminded to make sure our pets are safe inside. But what about a farmer’s livestock? What then?

Late last month, a newborn calf in Kentucky found itself in a bone-chilling predicament during a recent winter storm.

Tanner Sorrell, of Montgomery County, Ky., had been keeping a close eye on his cow, knowing she was going to give birth at any time. When he last checked on the cow he found her newborn, which was just a few hours old. Tanner and his wife, Macey, wasted no time.

“The baby was already chilled to the bone, and her umbilical cord had frozen in the cold air,” Macey said. “It looked like a frozen popsicle. Knowing she wouldn’t make it through the night outside, we brought her into the house to warm up while her mama stayed behind to eat corn and hay to regain her strength.”

Tanner added, “When we brought her in, she had ice on her. The afterbirth was still on her. I used a blow dryer and warmed her up, and got her all fluffed out.”

The family keeps about three dozen cows on their land and are used to bringing farm animals indoors from time to time. After losing a calf last winter to frostbite, the family moved quickly to bring the baby calf inside to clean her off and warm her up.

“People laugh when they hear we had a cow in the house, but honestly it’s pretty common for farm families,” Macey said. “Sometimes you’ve got bottles on the counter and a calf on the couch. It’s just part of life here. And bringing that little calf inside and watching the kids cuddle her gave us something to focus on. We wrapped her up and gave her plenty of cuddles.”

Their children, Gregory, 3, and Charlee, 2, cuddled the chilly calf until all



Above: Gregory Sorrell, 3, snuggled up with a calf he named Sally. (Macey Sorrell photo)

three fell asleep on the sofa.

Tanner just couldn’t resist, so he took photos of the children cuddling with Sally. Macey took it a step further and posted the photos on their Facebook page.

One of Tanner’s HVAC customers shared the post with WKYT in Lexington. To the surprise of the family, the story was then picked up by the Associated Press and a host of other media outlets.

“It was a small, sweet moment we really needed,” Macey said. “It reminded us that even in hard weeks, there’s still good moments. We work hard, take care of our animals, and we take care of each other. If something needs help, we help it. That’s how we were raised.”

The Sorrells fed the calf a bottle of colostrum to make sure it received the nutrients it needed. By morning, the calf was feeling much stronger, Macey said.

“At first light, we carried her back out to the barn. As soon as her mama heard her moo, she came running,” Macey said. “It was a sweet reunion. The calf went straight to nursing and hasn’t slowed down since.”

The family has provided the mother and baby their own cozy space filled with hay, straw, sweet feed and fresh water. In addition, there’s a camera in place so the family can keep a close watch on happenings in the barn.

“Thankfully, both mama and baby are doing great and thriving,” Macey said.

Tanner’s father died the week before this incident. Macey said the calf brought a much-needed diversion to the family during such a difficult time.

“Tanner learned a lot from his papaw Charlie,” Macey said. “He taught him how to farm and always said if you can save a life, you do it, no matter what it takes. These animals depend on us. They’re not just livestock, they’re lives we’re responsible for.”



Above: Reunited with mom. Sally, the newborn calf, went straight to nursing after being tended to indoors by the Sorrell family. (Macey Sorrell photo)

## Egypt

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they want it to float,” Gibbs explained. “Almost 100 percent of their fish products remain in-country. They use (soy-based fish meal) to feed their people by producing fish such as tilapia, and their population is booming so the aquafeed and aquaculture section is growing rapidly. They don’t eat pork, so fish is a very common food source there.”

Though birth rates declined slightly in 2025 after several years of upward growth, the Egyptian population had enjoyed year-over-year growth at least since 2020. The 2026 population growth rate is expected to increase by 1.47 percent, according to data from the United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, to 120,101,175. The population is expected to reach 136,097,217 by 2035 and soar to 161,630,192 by 2050.

“Egypt is on track to be a global leader in U.S. soy purchases. There

is an expected 10 percent increase in aquatic animal production expected by 2032, and it’s being driven by aquaculture,” said Gibbs, adding that around 80 percent of buyers and business owners the group met with indicated their preference for U.S. soy. “I think there is a lot of hope for the market in Egypt, and I think that is a credit to the checkoff program and to the work that USEC and U.S. Soy are doing to expand markets in places people may not be aware of.”

The group was able to meet with the Minister of Agriculture of Egypt, Alaa Farouk, in the U.S. Embassy in Cairo. The meet and greet included a discussion about the future of Egyptian aquaculture and the role of U.S. soy in Egypt. Poultry feed is another up-and-coming market for soybean meal in Egypt, Gibbs added.

In addition to Gibbs, the U.S. contingent included USB Chair Brent Gattton, of Kentucky; USB CEO Lucas Len Lucas Lentsch; USEC Executive Director (Middle East) Kevin Roepke; Indiana farmer Stewart Douglas; and Ohio farmer Becca Waldo.



Above: 2026 See For Yourself Trade Mission Team.



Above: Tanner Sorrell bottle-feeds the calf he brought inside. (Macey Sorrell photo)

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# Tennessee mule, calf home safe after dramatic rescues

By DOUG GRAVES  
Ohio Correspondent

GALLATIN, Tenn. – Winter storms can play havoc on people everywhere, downing powerlines, making roads treacherous and more. They can also spell danger for livestock that often roam from the safety of their farm.

As a recent winter storm pelted Middle Tennessee a mule in Sumner County and a calf in Loudon County can count their blessings and thank their owners and volunteers for coming to their rescue in a time of need.

For starters, mule siblings Pearl and Earl managed to escape from their Sumner County farm after a tree took down a fence on Jan. 26.



**Above:** Rescuers had to scale an eight-foot ravine and cut through ice to free Earl from the grips of the Cumberland River. (photo submitted)

Robin Miller and her boyfriend, Chad Patton, set out looking for the mules in their tiny town of Castalian Springs after a neighbor spotted them running loose. They managed to track down Pearl on a nearby property, but Earl seemed to have vanished without a trace. Earl was missing for three days, but no one gave up hope.

Wanting to get the word out about his missing mule, Patton reached out to social media for help.

Patton posted on Facebook: “I live at 946 Harsh Lane. My fence got torn down and my two red mules got out. I was able to find and catch one, but Earl is missing in action. I have been looking for him since sun up this morning. He is the one with the white spot on his head.”

Earl was much more than just an



**Above:** Earl, a mule who was missing for three days, was found in the icy Cumberland River near Gallatin. (photo submitted)

8-year-old mule, he became an internet star. Word about Earl spread like wildfire. The local sheriff's office was first to begin the search. Soon after, the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) got engaged, as did Ken Wagner's Emergency Management Agency (EMA). Even meteorologist Bree Smith of WSMV in Nashville heard about the search and then alerted her viewers.

Rescue teams searched the area from the farm outward. Finally, a group located Earl. He was alive, but not safe. Earl somehow worked his way into Bledsoe Creek State Park, then made his way to the banks of the Cumberland River near Gallatin, where he slipped into ice on the river's edge.

Earl was spotted by a hiker, Chris Parks, who saw the search party across the river on Jan. 28, and alerted them that Earl was trapped in the frozen river. Miller and Patton rushed to the location along with a long line of rescuers, officials and concerned neighbors. Rescuers used chainsaws and worked carefully to break the thick ice and create a path up the eight-foot embankment to set him free.

Rescuers believe Earl swam across the lake in the cold weather and then couldn't get out onto the bank.

“When I received the urgent message from Ken Wagner I got on the line with other people,” Smith said. “Tennesseans are great people. It seems that when we have weather emergencies in this state the helpers come out. The word spread and when Earl was located it took eight people to work through the ice and free Earl.”

Patton couldn't believe all the volunteers and officials who helped in this rescue. He posted a huge ‘thank you’ on the internet.



**Above:** A rescuer smiles after saving a calf from the Tennessee River. The calf was missing during the time of a recent winter storm. (photo submitted)

“Fortunately, there were no injuries and hopefully Earl will stay home with Pearl,” Patton said.

At about the same time, in nearby Loudon County, a weeks-old Angus calf had to be rescued after it fell into the Tennessee River. The calf became stranded at the bottom of a bluff, separated from its mother, after falling an estimated 30 feet into the river.

“Evidently, the animal was able to climb onto rocks along the riverbank but couldn't make it back up,” owner Tommy Simpson said.

Simpson, who farms cattle in Loudon, said he first learned about the situation after receiving a call early one morning. “The caller said, ‘I believe

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Above: Calf owner Tommy Simpson is all smiles after getting his calf aboard a rescue boat. (photo submitted)

# Rescue

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you’ve got a calf in the river. I saw it on social media,” Simpson said.

Within a short time, a rescue effort was underway involving friends, a nearby boat company, and an extension agent from the University of Tennessee. The crew made two attempts to reach the calf.

During the first attempt, a boat broke down, forcing the group to return to the bridge. A second boat was secured.

After about an hour, the rescuers were able to reach the calf and bring

it back to safety. Simpson said the animal was not injured but had likely been stranded for several days and was hungry.

“As soon as we got it back to land, it found its mama and was nursing,” Simpson said. “We were lucky and I’m appreciative to everyone being concerned and helping with this rescue.”

Simpson said it’s the first time one of his animals has fallen into the river, and he described such incidents as rare. He has also helped other farmers retrieve cattle from the water.

Simpson attempted to tag the calf after the rescue, but the tag fell off. He believes the animal is one of the smaller calves in the herd.

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LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT: Livestock gates; wheelbarrows; barn trolley manure buggy; feed and water troughs; assorted livestock handling and farm utility items.


TOOLS & SHOP EQUIPMENT: Welding helmet and welding tools; assorted hand tools including screwdrivers, hammers, files, and bearings; boxes and buckets of shop tools; log chains; aluminum extension ladders and planks.

SIGNS, COLLECTIBLES & ADVERTISING: 'Volkswagen Service' porcelain sign; Dayton Feed & Supply sign; additional advertising and collectible items.


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# Strong shipments to Canada, South Korea and Indonesia buoy exports

The Agriculture Department announced the first Class III milk price of 2026 at \$14.59 per hundredweight (cwt.), down \$1.27 from December, \$5.75 below Jan. 2025, and the lowest Class III price since July 2023’s \$13.77. Wednesday’s futures settlements had February at \$15.45; March, \$16.98; April, \$17.34; May, \$17.68; and June at \$17.83, with a peak of \$18.10 in October.

The Class IV price is \$13.55, down 9 cents from December, \$7.18 below a year ago, and the lowest Class IV since Feb. 2021’s \$13.19.

Meanwhile, you’d think US dairy farms were in the spring flush. December milk output hit 19.568 billion pounds, up 4.4% from Dec. 2024. The 24 State total, at 18.823 billion pounds, was up 4.6%. Fat and protein were both up from last year which put component adjusted production up 5.9%, according to StoneX.

November output was revised up 6 million pounds to 18.8 billion, 4.5% above a year ago. The 24 State total was revised up 3 million pounds, to 18.1 billion, up 4.7%.

Output for all of 2025 amounted to 231.482 billion pounds, up 2.5% from 2024, and 222.476 billion for the 24 States, up 2.6%. Cow numbers for the year were up 148,000 head and output per cow averaged 24,392 pounds, up 214 pounds.

December cows numbered 9.567 million, up 9,000 from the November count, which was revised down 12,000 head, but was up 212,000 or 2.3% from a year ago. The 24 State count was 9.138 million, up 9,000 from the November total, which was revised down 4,000 head, but is 222,000 or 2.5% above a year ago.

December output per cow averaged 2,045 pounds in the 50 States, up

41 pounds or 2.0% from a year ago. The 24 state average, at 2,060 pounds, was up 42 pounds or 2.1% from 2024. The November average was revised up 4 pounds in the 50 States and up 2 pounds in the 24-States.

Idaho was up 5.6%, thanks to 40,000 more cows offsetting a 5 pound drop per cow. Indiana was up 3.1% on 5,000 more cows and a 10 pound gain per cow. Michigan was up 4.5% on 20,000 more cows. Output per cow was unchanged. Ohio was up 2.5% on 5,000 more cows and a 10 pound gain per cow.

There’s plenty of dairy in the freezer though exports have kept stocks in check. The Agriculture Department’s latest Cold Storage report showed December butter stocks had shrunk to 199.3 million pounds, down 11.1 million pounds or 5.3% from November, and a whopping 14.96 million or 7.0% below Dec. 2024.

American type cheese crept to 789.8 million pounds, up 2.5 million or 0.3% from the November level, and up 18.6 million pounds or 2.4% from a year ago. The “other” cheese holdings climbed to 559.9 million pounds, up 7.2 million or 1.3% from November, but were just 468,000 pounds above a year ago.

The total December cheese inventory hit 1.372 billion pounds, up 10.2 million or 0.7% from November, and up 18.0 million pounds or 1.3% from a year ago. There were no revisions in any of the November data.

Speaking of exports, US dairy sailings in November hit 515.2 million pounds, up 13.8% from November 2024. The totals were buoyed by stronger shipments to Canada, South Korea, Indonesia, and Australia,

according to HighGround Dairy’s analysis, where exports increased by at least 6.6 million year-over-year. Sales to Mexico, the top US destination, however, dropped on an annual basis for the fourth month in a row, down 1.6%. Sailings to China, our Number two export market, were up just 0.7%.

Butter exports totaled 25.1 million pounds, up 245.2% from a year ago, second-highest all-time total, just behind August 2008, according to HighGround, which stated “US butter has been at a sizable discount to global prices for some time, with the largest discount occurring in September and October 2025, when some of these sales would have been booked.

Cheese exports hit 111.9 million pounds, up 28.1%, and up 20.1% year to date. Nonfat/skim milk powder totaled 121.3 million pounds, up just 0.1%, but down 11.1% year to date. Dry whey, at 37.8 million pounds, was up 18%, marking the six month in a row of an increase, according to HGD.

Another drop in the All Milk Price and higher prices for corn and hay pulled the December feed price ratio lower, down for the third month in a row. USDA’s Ag Prices report showed December at 2.26, down from 2.38 in November, and compares to 2.73 in December 2024.

The All Milk Price dropped to \$19.00 per cwt. with a 4.51% butterfat test, down 70 cents from November’s \$19.70 on a 4.46% test. It was the lowest level of 2025 and \$4.30 below a year ago which had a 4.46% butterfat test.

The November average cull price for beef and dairy combined fell to \$157 per cwt., down \$2 from October, after losing \$3 the month before. It was still \$38 above Dec. 2024, and \$85.40 above the 2011 base average.

Quarterly milk cow replacements averaged \$2,860 per head in January, down \$250.00 from October, but \$200 above January 2025. Cows averaged \$2,800 per head in California, down \$200 from October, but \$200 above a year ago. Wisconsin’s average, at \$3,170 per head, was down \$190 from October, but \$310 above January 2025.

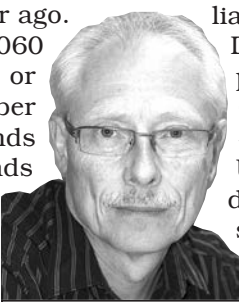
Milk production margins decreased for the fourth month in a row to the lowest level since January 2024s \$9.74 per cwt., with an 84 cent per cwt. loss from November to \$10.58 per cwt., according to dairy economist Bill Brooks, of Stoneheart Consulting in Dearborn, Missouri.

“Income over feed costs in December were above the \$8 per cwt. level needed for steady to higher milk production for the 26th month in a row,” says Brooks. “Input prices were mostly higher in December with two of the three input commodities inside of the top ten for December all-time. Feed costs were the 11th highest ever for December and increased 14 cents per cwt, from November.”

Milk income over feed costs for 2025 were \$12.44 per cwt., a loss of 2 cents from the previous estimate, and income over feed would be above the level needed to maintain or grow milk production, and down 96 cents per cwt. from 2024’s level.

Milk income over feed costs for 2026 (using Jan. 30 CME settling futures prices for Class III milk, corn,

(Mielke continued on page 9B)



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY  
By Lee Mielke

## BINGHAM FARM MACHINERY 4TH ANNUAL ABSOLUTE ONSITE OR ONLINE AUCTION

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### TRACTORS

Branson 4720 Tractor w/Loader & Backhoe, 450hrs, ROPS, 540 PTO, 1 SCV, 47HP, MFWD  
2010 Case IH Maxxum 140 Tractor w/Loader, 1,645hrs, Cab, 1000 PTO, 139HP, 3 SCV's, MFWD  
1981 Ford TW20 Tractor, 8,952hrs, Cab, 540/1000 PTO, 3 SCV's, 157HP, MFWD  
1981 Ford TW10 Tractor, 7,320hrs, Cab, 540/1000 PTO, 2 SCV's, 128HP, 2WD  
Ford 6000 Tractor - Qty 2  
1974 International 756 Tractor, 540/1000 PTO, 2 SCV's, 85HP, 2WD  
1984 John Deere 1650 Tractor w/Loader, 3,898hrs, ROPS, Gear Drive, 540 PTO, 2 SCV's, 67HP, MFWD  
2021 John Deere 1025R Tractor w/Loader, 33hrs, ROPS, Hydro, 540 PTO, 24HP, MFWD  
2007 John Deere 2305 Tractor w/Loader, 379hrs, ROPS, Hydro, 540 PTO, 24HP, MFWD  
2016 John Deere 3038E Tractor w/Loader, 639hrs, ROPS, Hydro, 540 PTO, 37HP, MFWD  
John Deere 4010 Tractor, Canopy, 540/1000 PTO, 80HP, 2 SCV's, 2WD  
1969 John Deere 4020 Tractor, 5,190hrs, Cab, 540/1000 PTO, 2 SCV's, 105HP, 2WD  
2002 John Deere 4110 Tractor w/Loader, 927hrs, ROPS, Hydro, 540 PTO, 20HP, MFWD  
1982 John Deere 4440 Tractor, 9,960hrs, Cab, Quad Range, 540/1000 PTO, 3 SCV's, 130HP, 2WD  
1975 John Deere 4430 Tractor, Quad Range, 540/1000 PTO, 2 SCV's, 138HP, 2WD  
1980 John Deere 4040 Tractor, 9,895hrs, Cab, 8-Spd Powershift, 540/1000 PTO, 2 SCV's, 120HP, 2WD  
1971 John Deere 4620 Tractor, 6,163hrs, Cab, 1000 PTO, 2 SCV's, 135HP, 2WD  
1994 JD 7800 Tractor, 6,801hrs, Cab, Power Quad, 540/1000 PTO, 161HP, 4 SCV's, 2WD  
1998 JD 7810 Tractor, 4,527hrs, Powershift, 540/1000 PTO, 3 SCV's, 175HP, MFWD  
2002 John Deere 8320T Tractor, Cab, Powershift, 1000 PTO, 250 HP, 3 SCV's  
John Deere 4630 Tractor with Loader, 3,641hrs, 1000 PTO, 164HP, 2 SCV

2005 Kubota B3030 Tractor w/Loader, 593hrs, Cab, Hydro, 540 PTO, 30HP, MFWD  
2013 Kubota MX5100 Tractor w/Loader, 450hrs, ROPS, Gear Drive, 540 PTO, 1 SCV, 52HP, MFWD  
Mahindra 6075 Tractor w/Loader, 1,140hrs, Cab, Power Shuttle, 540 PTO, 71HP, 2 SCV's, MFWD  
1976 Massey Ferguson 230 Tractor w/Loader, 2,083hrs, Gear Drive, 540 PTO, 38HP, 2WD  
New Holland 3010 Tractor, 483hrs, Canopy, Gear Drive, 540 PTO, 55HP, 1 SVC, 2WD  
Cockshutt 1255 Tractor, 6,207hrs, Gear Drive, 540 PTO, 1 SCV, 39HP, MFWD  
CONSTRUCTION  
2006 Case 580SM II Backhoe, 7,785hrs, Cab, Ext-A-Hoe, 80HP  
2011 John Deere 310SJ Backhoe, 8,042hrs, Cab, Ext-A-Hoe, Powershift, 91HP  
2004 Caterpillar 420D Backhoe, 4,070hrs, Cab, Ext-A-Hoe, 85HP  
2012 Case CX31B ZTS Excavator, 2,857hrs, ROPS, 30HP  
2008 Case CX50B Excavator, 2,753hrs, Cab, Extra Buckets, 39HP  
2017 Caterpillar 305E2 Excavator, 6,563hrs, Cab, 2-Spd, 40HP  
2015 Caterpillar 321D LCR Excavator, 9,417hrs, Cab, 148HP  
2013 Ihimer 9VXE Excavator, ROPS, 5HP  
2019 Kubota KX008-3 Excavator, 1,271hrs, ROPS, 10HP  
2019 Link Belt 145 X4 LC Excavator, 11,824hrs, Cab, 2-Spd, 102HP  
2005 Deere 650J XLT Dozer, 10,225hrs, Cab, 9.5ft Blade, 99HP  
2006 Case 650K Dozer, 2,490hrs, Cab, 8ft: Six-Way Blade, 80HP  
2019 Bobcat T450 Skid Steer, 1,425hrs, ROPS, 55HP, 54in QA Bucket  
2019 Bobcat T595 Skid Steer, 3,409hrs, Cab, 2-Spd, 70HP, 66in QA Bucket  
2002 Case 90XT Skid Steer, 5,292hrs, ROPS, Ride Control, 85HP, 6ft QA Bucket  
2023 Cat 226D3 Skid Steer, 2,982hrs, Cab, 67HP, 68.5in Bucket  
2019 Gehl R190 Skid Steer, 862hrs, ROPS, 71HP, 6ft QA Bucket

Gehl 6625SX Skid Steer, 2,883hrs, ROPS, 70HP, 6ft Bucket, Extra Attachments  
2017 JCB 260T Skid Steer, 1,806hrs, Cab, 2-Spd, High Flow, 78in QA Bucket  
2021 Kubota SVL65-2 Skid Steer, 1,432hrs, ROPS, 68HP, 2-Spd, 6.5ft QA Bucket  
2020 Kubota SSV65 Skid Steer, 1,412hrs, ROPS, 2-Spd, 64 HP, 80in Bucket  
Kubota SVL75-2 Skid Steer, 4,481hrs, 2-Spd, 74HP, 6ft Bucket  
Kubota SVL95 Skid Steer (Burnt)  
New Holland L785 Skid Steer, 7,006hrs, ROPS, 57HP, 69in Bucket  
Gehl RS8-44 Telehandler, 6,742hrs, ROPS, 115HP  
2012 Genie GTH5519 Telehandler, 1,691hrs, ROPS, 74HP  
2017 Sky Trak 10042 Telehandler, 5,047hrs, ROPS, 110HP  
2016 Sky Trak 8042 Telehandler, 3,811hrs, ROPS, 74HP  
Laymor SM300 Broom Sweeper, 222hrs, Cab  
2014 Genie S85 Boom Lift, 6,463hrs, 4x4  
1998 JLG 600A Lift, 4,743hrs, 4X4  
1996 JLG 45E Lift, 138hrs, 2WD  
Wacker Neuson RD12 Drum Roller, 35.5in Wide Roller  
2020 Generac G4 ECO Light Tower  
2018 Wacker Neuson LTV6 Light Tower  
Kalmar P50 Forklift, 6,015hrs, ROPS, 4 Cyl Propane  
Caterpillar V80F Forklift, 17,248hrs, ROPS  
CONSTRUCTION ATTACHMENTS  
Orthman Soilmoover 17RO Scraper Pan, 6' Wide  
Rowse 300 Dirt Pan, 6ft Wide  
Worksaver Cement Mixer, 3pt, 540 PTO  
CareTree Tree Spade  
Mower King SSAB72 Boom, 72in  
Gehl Backhoe Attachment, 2ft Bucket  
Arps 730 Backhoe Attachment, 2ft Bucket  
International 3082 Series A Backhoe Attachment, 2ft Bucket w/ Extra 1ft Tooth Bucket  
COMBINES  
John Deere 6620 Titan II Combine  
John Deere 6620 Titan II Combine  
HEADS (CORN/BEAN)  
John Deere 643 Corn Head, Qty 3  
New Holland 996 Corn Head, 4 Row, 30in, Sin-

gle Shaft  
John Deere 640FD Bean Head, Hydraulflex, 40ft, Single Shaft  
Case IH 2162 Draper Head w/Unverferth HT30 Head Cart, 30ft, QA System  
J&M 4WS17-48 Head Cart, 48ft  
PLANTING / DRILLS / SEEDERS  
John Deere 7200 Planter -Qty 3  
John Deere 7000 Planters in: 1R, 2R, 3R, 4R & 6R  
Kinze 3500 Planter, 8-15, No Till, Corn Meters -Monitor  
Kinze 3000 Planter, 6R, No Till, Markers, Bean/ Corn Meters -KPM II Monitor  
Kinze 2500 Planter, 8-16, No Till, Markers -KMP II Monitor  
Kinze DF Planter, 6-11, No Till, Markers, Liquid Fert.Tank -Monitor  
Great Plains 750 Grain Drill, 15ft - Qty 4,  
Great Plains 1006NT Drill, Native Grass, Grass Seed, 10ft, No Till  
Great Plains 605NT Grain Drill, 6ft, No Till, Grass Seed  
Brillion SS-10 Seeder, Double Box, 10ft  
DISK/ FINISH TOOLS  
Case IH 3950 Disk, Pull Type, 32ft, Rear Hitch & Hydraulic  
Case IH 3950 Disk, Pull Type, 25.5ft, Rear Hitch & Hydraulic  
Industrias America R2424 Disk, NEW, Pull Type, 8ft  
International 475 Disk, Pull Type, 20ft, Hyd.Fold  
Kent Series VII Finish Tool, Pull Type, 15ft  
Krause 3127 Finish Tool, Pull Type, 25ft, Rear Hitch & Hydraulic  
Sunflower 6331-25 Finish Tool, Pull Type, 19ft  
Landoll 875-15 Mulch Finisher, Pull Type, Offset, 15ft  
McFarlane HDL 24 8 Harrow, Pull Type, 24ft  
New Ground Disks - Qty 2  
PLOWS/ RIPPERS/ ROLLING HARROW/ ROTARY HOE  
2 & 3 Bottom Plows  
John Deere 200 Rotary Hoe, 3pt, 20ft  
Great Plains SS1300 Ripper, 3pt, 3 Shank, 5ft Width, In Line  
Unverferth Zonebuilder Ripper, 3pt, 4 Shank, 8ft Width  
Unverferth Rolling Harrow I, Pull Type, 20ft

GRAIN CARTS / WAGONS  
Parker J2000 Gravity Wagon  
Brent 440 Gravity Wagon  
J&M 525-14 Grain Cart  
APPLICATORS / SPREADERS / SPRAYERS  
Agco 3722 Manure Spreader, 540 PTO, Single Beater  
Terrakat T15 Manure Spreader, Small 1000 PTO, Vertical Beaters, Tandem Axle, 15-Ton  
Salford BBI INC Liberty Fertilize Spreader, Tandem Axle, 8-Ton, Web Chain  
Apache 560 Self Prop. Sprayer, 560-Gallons, Cummins Diesel  
2007 Case IH SPX3185 Self Prop. Sprayer, 750-Gallons, 90ft Booms, 185HP  
Hardi TXH2400 Sprayer, Pull Type, 45ft Booms, 540 PTO -Controls  
Hardi TR500G Sprayer, Pull Type, 500-Gallons, 40ft Booms, -Controls  
Hardi BNL50 Sprayer, 3PT, 50-Gallons, 10ft Booms  
HAY BALERS  
Case IH 8460 Round Baler, Net/Twine, 1000 PTO -Monitor  
Krone Comprima V150 Round Baler, Net, 540 PTO -Monitor  
New Holland Roll Belt 450 Round Baler, Net/Twine, 540 PTO, -Monitor  
Massey Ferguson 1745 Round Baler, Twine, 540 PTO -Monitor  
John Deere 348 Square Baler, Twine, 540 PTO  
New Holland 273 Square Baler, Twine, 540 PTO  
New Holland 310 Square Baler, Twine, 540 PTO  
New Holland 570 Square Baler, Twine, 540 PTO  
HAYBINES, RAKES, TEDDERS, MOCO/DISCINES  
H&S HT7 Hay Rake, Pull Type, 7ft  
John Deere 702 Hay Rake, Pull Type, 10-Wheel/Kicker  
Kuhn SR110 Hay Rake, Pull Type, 8-Wheel  
New Holland HT7330 Discbine, 9ft Cut, 540 PTO -Qty 2  
John Deere 926 Mower Conditioner, 9ft Cut, 540 PTO  
Farmhand Bale Grapple, Skid Steer Q/A, 70in x 87in  
Hoelscher 100 Bale Grapple, 7ft Intake

ROTARY / FINISH MOWERS  
Bush Hog HDT6 Finish Mower, 3pt, 540 PTO, 6ft  
Woods RD6000 Finish Mower, 3pt, 540 PTO, 5ft  
Land Pride AFM4016 Batwing Finish Mower, 540 PTO, 15ft  
Schulte FX520 Batwing Rotary Mower, 1000 PTO, 20ft  
Titan 1912 Batwing Rotary Mower, 540 PTO, 12ft  
UTVS / LAWN MOWERS  
John Deere XUV 825i UTV, 1,854hrs, Power Steering, Gas  
Kubota ZG23 Zero Turn Mower, 1,069hrs, 54in Deck, Gas  
Kubota Z411 Zero Turn, 374hrs, 48in Deck, Gas  
Gravely ZT XL48 Zero Turn, 181hrs, 48in Deck  
John Deere Z665 Zero Turn, 559hrs, 60in Deck, Gas  
MISC  
2000 Corn Pro Gooseneck Trailer, 8ft x 33ft, Tandem Axles  
Pequea 610 Trailer, 6ft x 10ft  
John Deere 8Y Planter Trailer, 8ft x 28ft, Tandem Axle  
Generator, Livestock Equipment, Post Hole Digger & Drivers, Hitches, Grain Auger & Cleaner, Grinder Mixer & More  
Tillers -3pt - Multiple New & Used Tillers in Various Sizes  
Culti-Gang - Multiple CultiPACKERS & Culti-mulchers in Various Sizes  
Buckets / Grapples - Multiple Grapples in Various Sizes & Slip Scoop  
Box Blade / Scraper - Multiple Box Blades & Scrapers in Various Sizes  
Pallet Fork / Bale Spear - Multiple NEW & Used Skid Steer & John Deere Hook-up Pallet Forks & Bale Spears  
Weights - 20+ Lots of Various Sized Weights

\*Items must be picked up by Saturday, March 7th, 2026 | Loading hours are M-F 8am to 4pm & Sat 8am-11am  
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TRACTORS

- 2013 JOHN DEERE 7230R, 5333 HRS.
- 2001 JOHN DEERE 9200, 5289 HRS.
- 2023 VERSATILE 365, 580 HRS.
- 1950 JOHN DEERE 730
- 2024 JOHN DEERE 1023E, 162 HRS.
- 2013 CASE IH 315, 1802 HRS.
- 1999 JOHN DEERE 7210, 5593 HRS.
- 1993 JOHN DEERE 7800, 2145 HRS.
- 2021 CIH AFS 470, 485 HRS.
- 2001 JOHN DEERE 9100, 1488 HRS.
- 2022 JOHN DEERE 9RX 640, 1399 HRS.
- 2024 JOHN DEERE 8R280, 383 HRS.
- 2012 CASE IH 290, 3499 HRS., 1 OWNER
- 1981 INTERNATIONAL 3688, 3116 HRS.
- 1981 INTERNATIONAL 786, 1101 HRS., 1 OWNER
- 2012 VERSATILE 305, 2576 HRS.
- 2021 CIH MAGNUM 310, 1025 HRS.
- 2013 CIH MAGNUM 315, 5017 HRS.
- 2010 JOHN DEERE 8270R, 5595 HRS.
- 2004 JOHN DEERE 7720, 13503 HRS.
- 2014 JOHN DEERE 8335R, 3828 HRS.
- 2015 JOHN DEERE 8370R, 2961 HRS.
- 2008 JOHN DEERE 8430, 6910 HRS.
- 2024 JOHN DEERE 6R 130, 333 HRS.

HEADERS

- 2012 CLAAS 380 PRO HAY HEAD
- 2011 CLAAS 380 HAY HEAD
- 2014 CLAAS ORBIAS 900 ROTARY HEAD
- 2006 JOHN DEERE 645B
- 2021 CLAAS 1380, 45' DRAPER
- 2014 CLAAS 8---30 CORN HEAD
- 2008 CLAAS ORBIS 600 ROTARY HEAD
- 2022 JOHN DEERE C18, 18R20"
- 2022 JOHN DEERE HD40F, 40' HINGE DRAPER
- 2013 JOHN DEERE 635FD DRAPER
- 2016 MACDON FD75 DRAPER
- 2021 JOHN DEERE C12F FOLDING CORN HEAD
- 2014 JOHN DEERE 640FD DRAPER
- 2023 JOHN DEERE RD40F DRAPER
- JOHN DEERE 718C, 18R20'
- JOHN DEERE 618C, 18R20'
- JOHN DEERE 618C, 18R20'
- 2005 JOHN DEERE 1290

COMBINES

- 2021 JOHN DEERE X9-1000 2425eng/1347sep HRS.
- 2020 JOHN DEERE S780 1715eng/1121sep HRS.
- 2009 JOHN DEERE 9770 4267eng/2686sep HRS.
- 2019 JOHN DEERE S780 2248eng/1669sep HRS.
- 2013 JOHN DEERE S680 3080eng/2097sep HRS.
- 2022 JOHN DEERE S780 1550eng/1120sep HRS.

HARVEST EQUIPMENT

- 2019 SMYTH SC70, 4 AXLE DUMP TRAILER
- J&M HT8 HEADER CART
- 2017 BRANDT 1122DXR GRAIN CART W/ FLOATERS
- 2024 KINZE 1051, NEW UNUSED W/36' TRACKS
- 2007 UNVERFERTH 375 GRAIN WAGON
- 2022 BRANDT 820XT GRAIN CART, DEMO USE
- 2018 WALKABOUT MOTHER BIN 4000+ GRAIN CART
- 2022 UNVERFERTH 2020 ON TRACKS
- 2025 INDUSTRIAS AMERICA 842R, 42' HEADER CART
- J&M TB-6000H
- J&M HT-974

PLANTING

- 2014 KINZE 3500, 8R15 PLANTER
- 2021 KINZE 3505, 8R15 PLANTER
- 2002 JOHN DEERE 1560 DRILL
- 2011 JOHN DEERE 1770NT, 24R30 PLANTER
- 2013 JOHN DEERE 1770NT, 24R30 PLANTER
- 2011 JOHN DEERE 1770NT, 16R30 PLANTER
- 2006 JOHN DEERE 1790, 16/32
- JOHN DEERE N530C AIR SEEDER
- GREAT PLAINS 2S-2600HD-4275 1552ac.
- 2016 PAR-KAN SEED TENDER

SPREADER / SPRAYERS

- 2017 KUHN PS270, VERTICAL BEATER MANURE SPREADER
- 2024 MOBILITY 800, LIME-FERT. SPREADER
- 2010 ROGATOR 1254, 3958 HRS.

TILLAGE

- 2008 CASE IH SPX4420, 5080 HRS.
- 2022 JOHN DEERE 408R, 1853 HRS.
- 2022 JOHN DEERE 600R, 1728 HRS.

VEHICLES/TRAILERS

- 2021 XL70 DETACH, 53' RGN
- 2010 PETERBILT 386, DAY CAB
- 2005 WINEBEGO JOURNEY 45517mi
- 2009 HONDA CRV
- ELECTRIC CARRIAGE
- 2001 CLUB CAR PRECEDENT
- 2021 HITCHDOC HFC 990
- 2018 INTERNATIONAL LT625 277042mi
- 2018 INTERNATIONAL LT625 400335mi
- 2016 FREIGHTLINER DD13 400335mi
- 2016 FREIGHTLINER DD13
- 2023 THUNDER CREEK EV750
- 2023 JOHN DEERE XUV835R 308 HRS.

MISCELLANEOUS

- (2) 25,000 GAL FUEL TANK
- FAST QUICK COUPLER FOR CASE
- HEADSIGHT KIT
- AGCO FRONT WEIGHTS x 17
- CHALLENGER MT800
- 60" X 76" MOBILE STORAGE BOX
- 60" X 76" MOBILE STORAGE BOX
- BRECHBUHLER DRIVE ON SCALE
- 2020 SCARAB 165 BOAT
- GRIPTRAC COMBINE TRACKS
- GRIPTRAC COMBINE TRACKS
- DGI FIELD DRONE
- 2023 FLOATER TIRES 710-42
- JOHN DEERE 8R280 PTO KIT

HAY EQUIPMENT

- 2018 MARLOO VLM/MO48
- 2022 KRONE TS680
- 2014 ANDERSON NWX660
- CUSTOM BUILT SQUARE BALE SELF LOADING TRUCK

CONSTRUCTION

- 2024 DEERE 335P, 425 HRS.
- 2024 RAYTREE REDM50
- 2014 SKYJACK SJ12
- 2022 AGT SKID LOADER FINISH MOWER
- 2016 CAT 966/980, MULTI-TOOL ATTCHMT
- 2000 TADANO TR-280XL, 7264 HRS.
- 2014 SKY JACK SJ66T, 4551 HRS.
- 2015 VOLVO A40G, 10668 HRS.
- 2000 NEW HOLLAND 655E, 9652 HRS.
- TRAFFIC LED MESSAGE BOARD
- TRAFFIC LED MESSAGE BOARD
- YALE STAND ON

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Tractors

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Sprayers

Hay Equipment

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Loadout can take place Monday - Friday, 8am to 4pm. Saturday loadout is by appointment only. All items must be removed by Friday, March 20th. After March 20th, please call Nathan to make arrangements.

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# Tennessee couple shares ups, downs of farming on YouTube

I first watched Matt and Kelly Griggs on a History Channel program several years ago featuring five separate farms and ranches. I remember

being impressed with the humility of Matt, and with this quiet humility and an optimistic outlook facing the challenges their operation absorbed.

Some years later, I noticed that they had begun to post videos on YouTube. I paid attention because a YouTube video came out where a man went through the windshield of his combine when the corn head came off as he was heading home after completing corn harvest that season. What interested me most was his decision to repair the seriously damaged machine rather than scrap-ping it out.

I've mentioned before that I have five FarmTube channels that I watch regularly. Griggs Farms LLC is one of these. Three-four years ago, they entered my list of five because I knew nothing about cotton, but it was interesting... to me at least. Another thing that was interesting to me was Matt's wife Kelly takes an active interest in the day-to-day operations. Kelly is often operating equipment, even when facing health challenges of her own. I also believe she is employed in town.

I contacted Matt a couple of months ago and asked if he would be amenable to a telephone interview, which he graciously agreed to.

Matt and Kelly have been doing no-

**55 YEARS AND  
COUNTING FROM THE  
TRACTOR SEAT**  
BY BILL WHITMAN

till farming for two decades or more. In their videos, Matt frequently talks about the ups and downs of learning to farm differently than he was raised. Over

the last year I watched him introduce deep tillage to specific fields that were not meeting his expectations. In our phone visit, he noted that even no-till is subject to compaction as some of the equipment is heavy. Matt said his cotton picker is like 80,000 pounds along with his combine etc.

Matt's videos are chocked full of sub-stories. One of the observations I've made watching their videos is how positive his attitude is, day in and day out. And they've faced some weird ones. A year or two ago they had wheat rejected because deer feces were found in their wheat. In 60 years of participating in agriculture, I had never heard of this and though I understood there was lodged, down wheat, due to weather, I still tried to figure out in my own head how it could move through the combine without being disposed of let alone get into the combine period. I personally attributed it to grain buyers finding a reason to discount or reject wheat in a down and glutted market. It wasn't only their wheat being rejected but seemed like the entire area. I hope I was wrong.

One sub story is about his decision-making processes between yield versus profit. In a video last fall, Matt suggested that we are too eager

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## Land & Country Home Auction

Eastern Indiana • MODOC, IN (Randolph Co.)

**157.8± Acres** THURSDAY, March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 P.M.

PROPERTY LOCATION: 9348 West 600 South, MODOC, IN 47358.  
REAL ESTATE AUCTION SITE:  
Randolph County Fairgrounds,  
1885 US 27, Winchester, IN 47394.

Real Estate Inspection Dates:  
Friday(s) February 13<sup>th</sup> • 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
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**AUCTIONEER'S NOTE:** This is a very large auction. Area farmers & Contractors. Abbreviated information due to space. Visit website for complete listing, details, photos. Running multiple auction rings, bring friend & trailer, loading available. No items accepted after 5pm February 16, 2026.

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and soybeans plus the Stoneheart forecast for alfalfa hay) are expected to be \$10.14 per cwt., says Brooks, a loss of \$2.30 per cwt. versus 2025. Income over feed costs would also be above the level needed to maintain or grow milk production, and up 50 cents per cwt. versus the previous estimate.

The latest Margin Watch (MW) from Chicago-based Commodity and Ingredient Hedging LLC., says “Dairy margins strengthened over the second half of January as higher milk prices more than offset a slight rise

in feed costs.”

The MW reported highlights from the December Milk Production and Cold Storage reports. It also stated that the January Cattle Inventory report “Revealed a continued decline in heifer numbers with 3.905 million in the national herd on January 1, down 11,000 from last year, which was revised slightly upward from the previous estimate, and the lowest since 1978, as the ongoing beef on dairy breeding trend to capitalize on historically high beef and calf prices exacerbates the shortage. The number of replacement heifers expected to calve also declined to 2.498 million, down 3,000 from last year, and

total heifers as a percentage of the total milking herd at 40.8% is historically very low,” the MW concluded.

The cash markets were buoyed by a strong Global Dairy Trade this week. Block Cheddar, after falling to \$1.3625 per pound last Friday, climbed to \$1.4675 Thursday, highest since Nov. 26, 2025, but still 39.25 cents below a year ago. 48 loads have traded so far this week. The barrels were at \$1.44 Thursday.

Milk output is steady in the Central region, according to Dairy Market News. Spot volumes were available following downtime at production facilities throughout the region last week, due to a winter storm. Production resumed this week and spot market demand for Class I and Class III milk was strengthening, with spot milk prices ranging \$3-under to flat at mid-week. Cheesemakers were running busy schedules. Domestic cheese demand is steady, and export demand is strong.

Cream production is strong in the

Central region. Downtime at plants last week, due to winter weather, pushed more cream to the spot market this week.

Class II processors were ordering fewer loads this week while interest from butter makers was steady to higher. Butter makers were running busy schedules. Domestic demand is strong while interest from retail and food service end users was unchanged from last week. Export demand was strong. Inventories are tight.

All commodities saw gains, led by skim milk powder which jumped 10.6%, after a 2.2% rise on Jan. 20. Whole milk powder was up 5.3%, following a 1.0% gain. Buttermilk powder was up 6.4%. Butter jumped 8.8%, following a 2.1% rise last time, and anhydrous milkfat was up 5.0%, after rising 3.0%. Cheddar was up 3.8%, following a 1.4% loss, while GDT Mozzarella was up 10.6%, after leading the declines last time, dipping 2.3%. Lactose was up 1.5%, following a 1.8% dip.

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AUCTION PREVIEW MONDAY FEBRUARY 23 FROM 12-3:00 PM.

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**TRUCKS / SKID LOADER:** 2000 7.3 Dsl Ford F 250 Super duty extended cab 8' bed 4x4 404,000 miles, 1994 Ford F 250 7.3 turbo Dsl single cab 8' bed 4x4 184,700 miles, 2 TransForce truck tires, Aluminum box hitch carrier, NH L455 Skid loader 28 HP Kubota diesel sells w/bucket 3457 hrs., big square bale forks, round bale spear, manure fork, 7 manure fork teeth, round bale squeeze fits NH & Bobcat skid loaders, 5'6" manure fork, manure tire scraper, older skid loader trailer.

**HAY EQUIPMENT:** JD MoCo 926 disk mower 9'9" w/BD rollers #R300085 (5 yrs ago cutter bar overhauled), Claas liner 650 twin rake #NR9247920, Claas Volto 870T 8 basket tedder #62903434, Miller pro 1100 rotary rake, Krone 130S Silage specialty w/wide 6' pickup round baler net and twine #371414, 2 flatbed bale wagon w/Korry running gears 10 ton approx. 21'.

**SPRAYER / SOIL TILLAGE EQUIPMENT / CORN PLANTER:** Fast 6420 Sprayer & Raven controlled w/ACE pump 60' boom 1000 gal tank w/50 gal rinse tank 13.6R38 on 12" rims #6420-1762-85, Int. 6000 9 shank Chisel plow, 16' Kent soil finisher disk series V w/harrow not attached, 2022 Unverferth rolling harrow 1245 18' #A68060106, MF disk 520 w/harrow 14', Case IH 415 cultimulcher 12', JD 1350-1450 416 plow, Great Plains 12' no till drill 19 hole 7.5" spacing, Case IH 950 corn planter liquid cyclo air 6 row (2) 100 gal liquid 28 tank w/ corn and bean drum w/540 pto pump, liquid 28 1,000 gal nursery tank transport pump w/Honda motor, Brillion 3 point hitch 10' #90273 Approx. 661 acres, Case IH 183 6 row corn cultivator.

**GRAVITY WAGONS / FARM EQUIPMENT MISC.:** (6) Gravity wagons, 385 Kill Bro's w/Kill Bro's 15 ton running gear, 375 Kill Bro's w/Unverferth 15 ton running gear, 375 Kill Bro's w/Kill Bro's 15 ton running gear, (2) 350 Kill Bro's w/Korry 10 ton running gear, 350 Kill Bro's w/JD 10 ton running gear, 8"x53' Hutchinson grain auger, Lincoln 225 amp welder, 4"x19' Grain auger, Snowco grain cleaner, (5) 250-275 gal. liquid tanks, 300' 6" black tubing single wall, 9 gates (4) Steinway 6'4" to 15'8" (5) random sizes, Jamesway feeder parts, 10-15 random tires, 500 gal fuel tank w/electric pump, 200 gal. fuel tank hand pump, garden tools, hand tools.

**TROY SHAM CONSIGNMENTS:** Unverferth 4900 grain cart w/tarp (lower auger was redone 2 yrs ago), NH 276 Square baler, Kuhns AF 10 Bale accumulator, Kuhns 510F bale grabber.

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st at 10:00 AM**  
**4976 W. PROSPECT RD., HANOVER, IN 47243**

**TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT:** John Deere 2640 with 148 loader, bucket & pallet forks; John Deere H; John Deere 430, 3-point; John Deere 60, wide front, 12-volt, power steering, good rubber; John Deere 801 3-pt hitch; Ford 641 Workmaster, one owner, good rubber; John Deere 2-bottom plow; John Deere 709 rotary cutter; 3-point posthole digger; two wagons; John Deere lawn sweep; John Deere Z540R zero-turn mower, 24HP; new 26x12x12 lawn tractor tires.

**TRAILERS:** 2009 Cornpro 16' dump trailer, 8-lug, 14K GVW; 2007 Compro flatbed car hauler trailer; homemade trailer; 2006, 20' Ponderosa gooseneck stock trailer, new floor, new wiring, new tail lights and brakes work, nice trailer.

**VEHICLES:** 2014 EZGO gas golf cart, lifted and road-ready with lights, turn signals, windshield and rearview mirror; 2007 Yamaha Rhino 660; 1972 Chevy truck, restorable; 1970 Chevy 4x4 parts truck, no bed; 67-72 Chevy short bed frame and sheet metal parts;

1979 CJ7 Jeep, good metal, restorable; two 1992 Chevy S10 parts trucks; 2002 Camry, runs and drives.

**WHEELS & TIRES:** Lots of wheels and tires, including 8 on 6.5" 10" Chevy Rally wheels; 8 on 6.5" stock wheels; 8 on 180 stock wheels.

**SHOP CONTENTS:** Battery charger; metal fuel cans; metal shop cart; ATV tank sprayer; ATV aluminum ramps; tow strap; tool boxes; jacks; log chains & boomers; ratchet straps; DeWalt chop saw; bench vises; shop vacs; hand tools; aluminum ladder; scaffolding.

**HOUSEHOLD & COLLECTIBLES:** Toy tractors, some cast iron; John Deere toy 7720 combine; toy trucks; Tonka toys; antique pedal fire truck; collectible mini toy fuel pumps; two Harley-Davidson train sets, new in box; Dale Earnhardt Jr. jackets, one leather; Dale Earnhardt Sr. clocks in box; beer signs; Cincinnati Reds collector glass sets; natural gas range; Whirlpool dryer; set of four oak kitchen table chairs.

See full listing at [auctionzip.com](http://auctionzip.com), auctioneer ID 48878

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# Land AUCTION

**THURSDAY, February 19<sup>th</sup> @ 11 AM****30<sup>±</sup> Acres**

Offered in 2 Tracts

**AUCTION SITE:** Golay Community Center,  
1007 E Main St, Cambridge City, IN 47327  
**PROPERTY LOCATION:** 14661 Goose Heaven Rd.,  
Cambridge City, IN 47327

**INSPECTION DATES:** 10AM-11AM  
Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> | Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

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## Illinois Extension, Farm Bureau schedule seminars on sustaining farm legacy

URBANA, Ill. – Every farm has an individual story to tell, and it is up to the generations of farmers living it to tell the tale. In 2026, University of Illinois Extension and Illinois Farm Bureau are partnering for a series to help farmers and landowners build, sustain and share their farm's legacy.

Focus on the Future: Sustaining Farm Legacy events will feature critical and practical updates for farmers on the current agricultural environment, including succession planning, asset stewardship, farm bill and market conditions.

"Meeting Illinois farmers where they are with today's farming decisions will help guide, strengthen, support and most importantly, hear their stories through their life experiences," said Travis Burke, assistant dean and program leader for agriculture and agribusiness at Illinois Extension.

Each location will also include specific programming focused on building strong landowner-tenant relationships, understanding today's farm economics, conservation and sustainability updates, succession planning, and networking and discussion.

These new, informative meetings are designed specifically for Illinois farmland owners and agricultural stakeholders to network and gain support networks by connecting with Illinois Farm Bureau and Extension leaders. With three in-person locations and a simultaneous hybrid on-line option for each event, more Illinois landowners can be reached.

• March 2, Champaign, I Hotel and Illinois Conference Center

• June 30, Sycamore, DeKalb County Farm Bureau

• Aug. 25, Mt. Vernon, DoubleTree Hotel

The cost is \$20 per location with lunch included. For those who cannot attend in person, a hybrid online option will be available. Each event will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is required at go.illinois.edu/FarmLegacy.

"It is essential for both Extension and farm bureau's legacies to be a trusted source for Illinois farmers, landowners and stakeholders to turn to when making decisions about their farms, for both today and the future," Burke said.

For questions or if you will need a reasonable accommodation to participate, contact Reagen Tibbs at rg-tibbs@illinois.edu or 217-732-8289. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet access needs.

## MIDWEST LANDOWNERS AND FAMILY FARM OWNERS

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- 11:45 Introductions and Meet Fellow Landowners
- 12:15 Luncheon (RSVP)
- 1:00 Program
- 2:30 Questions

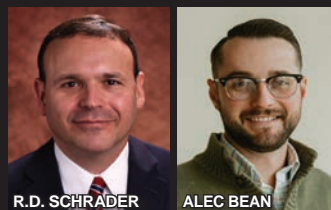
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## Larry & Susan Hamilton FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION

WAYNE COUNTY, IN • 6387 Merkamp Road, CENTERVILLE, IN 47330

**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> • 10:30am**

### TRACTORS

• **2010 CASE/IH 275 Magnum**, MFWD, PS, (5) SCV remotes, PRE-DEF, QH, Hammer strap, 1000 pto, rear fender hyd. & pto control, Firestone 420/85R34 front duals, front fenders, Firestone 480/80R50 rear duals, Only 2,317 hrs, (2nd Owner / purchased with 365 hrs in 2011), \*Z9RZ07061 • **2000 CASE/IH MX 110**, 18.4-38 tires, 540pto, 3 SCV remotes, exterior rear fender hyd. controls, 3,302 hrs, ONE OWNER, \*JJA0101123 • **1992 JD 3055 w/ JD 265 Loader**, 16 speed, 540 pto, (2) SCV Remotes, Only 3,308 hrs, 18.4-38 rears, (2nd Owner / purchased with 200 hrs in 1992, \*XL030557755068X) • **JD Suitcase Weights** • **Quick Attach Pallet Forks w/JD Hook-up**

### ANTIQUE TRACTORS & CLASSIC FARM TOOLS

• **1949 Farmall "Super" H Tractor**, rear wheel weights, Bought new by the Hamilton Family in '49, \*23214 • **1950 Farmall H**, not running • **McCormick Little Genius 2 bottom plow** • **LETZ Burr Mill, belt drive**

### PETERBILT SEMI TRACTOR & HOPPER BOTTOM

• **2012 PETERBILT Day Cab**, Cummins ISX-15 engine, 435HP, Eaton Full-er 10 speed manual, Air Ride, 535K miles, Red, Nice Truck, VIN: 1XPHD49X-1CD158387 • **2017 WILSON "Pacesetter" DWH-600 Grain Trailer**, 41'x 96'x 66', Surlok 4500HD Electric Tarp, AG Hoppers, (8) Aluminum Rims, \*4WW4412AXH7712812

### PLANTERS, SEED TENDER, 28% APPLICATOR

• **2011 KINZE 3600 ASD 12/24 Row Bean Planter**, Heavy spring down pressure, scale package, markers, KPM-3 monitor shows 5,803 total acres, ONE OWNER, Excellent, \*625342 • **2012 KINZE 3600 ASD Corn Planter**, 12 x 30", Precision seed meters, scale package, HD row starter units, Row Cleaners, (1) solid & (1) Spiked closing wheel, KPM-3 monitor shows 5,063 total acres, ONE OWNER, Excellent, \*626774 • **(12) Finger Pick-up Corn Meters** • **2023 J & M 251ST Speedtender**, 2-BOX, tandem axle, Kohler 14HP engine w/electric start, 2 remotes, poly auger, ONE OWNER, Like New, \*2364072 • **CASE/IH 2800 Nutri-placer, 28% Applicator**, 11 Coulters, John Blue double piston pump, 1,000 ga. Tank, 320/85R38 Tires, ONE OWNER, \*JFH0050899



### TILLAGE EQUIPMENT

• **DMI TigerMate II Field Cultivator**, 32 1/2', Remlinger 3-bar Harrow and Rolling basket, walking tandems on main-frame and wings, ONE OWNER • **KRAUSE 1969 Disc**, 32'x 8", Rock-Flex, tandem main-frame and wing walking axles, single bar Remlinger harrow • **IH 720 5-bottom plow**, auto-reset

### LATE MODEL HARVEST HEADERS & CARTS

• **2022 MacDon FD235 Draper Head**, 35', ONE OWNER, LIKE NEW, red \*428171-22 • **2022 J&M Model 4WS15 Header Cart**, for 35' head, extendible tongue, light kit, ST235/85R16 Tires, \*1803978 • **2020 DRAGO GT Corn head**, 6-30, 6-row, tall corn package, stalk stompers, C/IH hook-up, Insight height controller, \*001901742 • **Unverferth Model HT25 Header Cart**, ext. tongue, lights, 20.5x80-10 tires, rear hitch • **2023 HAWKEN Corn Reel**, Hydraulic Force/Aft & Raise/lower, ONLY USED on 100 Acres, currently set up for 6 row head but have parts to convert to 8 row • **Kelderman Down Corn Reel**, 6 row

### AUGER CART, AUGERS, GRAVITY WAGONS, MISC.

• **J & M 620-14 Grain Cart**, 14" auger, Lights, 24.5-32 Tires, \*6385 • **2023 AGI HX2 10-73, 73' x 10" Auger**, Power Hydraulic Swing away auger, excellent • **DMC Auger**, pto, straight, 53' x 8' • **(2) J & M Hopper Wagons**



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## ASHLAND COUNTY 70-ACRE FARM & CHICKEN BARN ABSOLUTE AUCTION

**Tillable Land – Move-In Ready Home – 4 Pullet Breeder Houses – Great Location – Instant Income Opportunities**

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> @ 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.**

**INSPECTION NOTICE:** The home, property, and poultry barns will be available to view by appointment only due to Livestock Biosecurity. Private showings are available through Andy White, 419-651-2152.

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# Tips to prepare your garden soil for spring planting

The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center's outlook through Feb. 17 is calling for a good chance for likely above normal temperature and leaning above normal precipitation. Now that two months of meteorological winter are over, the days are getting longer, the sun is getting stronger, even though Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow (he is only about 30 percent accurate). One good news of a cold winter is that the bacterial disease Stewart's wilt may not be a problem in sweet corn as the overwintering corn flea beetle, that vectors this disease, cannot survive if the average winter temperature is below 30°F.

One of the first scouting jobs each spring is assessing alfalfa fields (and wheat fields) for winterkill. Stand loss can be influenced by stand age, cutting management, soil pH and fertility, soil moisture and snow cover. These guidelines can help you evaluate stand health and determine the next steps if re-establishment is needed. To determine a stem count, mark a 2-foot-square area in the field. Count alfalfa plants before green-up, or actively growing stems over 2 inches tall after green-up. Divide your total count by two to determine the number of plants or stems present per square foot. Using a larger observation area such as

a 2-foot square improves accuracy because alfalfa stand density varies widely. Repeat this process in at least three representative locations for a field average. Compare results to the thresholds listed in the chart.

In addition to plant and stem counts dig up several plants from each evaluation area and split the roots lengthwise. Healthy plants have symmetrical crowns and firm, white roots. Watch for discoloration or rot, which greatly increases the chance of plant death. If over 30 percent of sampled plants show damage and stand density is below the threshold, the stand should be terminated.

Corn and Herman Warsaw are a testament to sustainable agriculture (before IT was fashionable) and now the new buzz word, "regenerative." He took a run-down farm, with an established yield of 38 bushels per acre in 1941 and built it up to where he held the world record corn yield of 338 bushels per acre in 1975 and again in 1985 at 370 bushels. He focused on soil improvement, with improved organic matter, beef manure and crop residue. His soil had more water holding capacity, which he used to demonstrate by pushing his hand 2 or more inches down into the soil profile to show how loose the soil was to absorb

## WEEKLY AG UPDATE

BY NED BIRKEY  
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water and allow good root growth. He also did this with a high yielding corn variety that he continued to use even after the company pulled the variety from its lineup. in narrower rows, at a higher population. He paid attention to details and made changes to adapt to his weather, management, equipment and situation.

Preparing garden soil for planting is critical for success, whether in a container or ground. Soil is the heart of most gardens: healthy soil promotes growing healthy plants, and healthy plants stand a better chance against pests and the weather. Here is an easy 3-step guide to prepare your soil, plus a few bonus tips if you're ready to dig a little deeper.

Fall is the best time to prep your soil – whether taking a soil test, using a cover crop such as clover or adding compost or other organic materials to break down, feed the soil, and mellow into a rich, workable organic matter, or till, by spring. Compost (or aged

manure) adds nutrients, improves drainage, and loosens compacted soil, so roots get the oxygen they need. Now that Spring is approaching, work up, loosen (till) the soil to a depth of at least 6 to 8 inches so that plant roots can grow deep and strong. For new gardens, mix 2 to 3 inches of compost into the top 6 to 8 inches of soil. For established gardens, just top-dress with 1 to 2 inches of compost each year and let earthworms and microbes work it in naturally. This preserves soil structure, can improve soil texture and helps suppress weeds. Soil doesn't need to be perfect overnight. Improving your garden soil is a season-by-season process – but each year gets better. Once the garden has built up a rich, dark, fertile soil foundation, gardening gets easier with each passing season.

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## ONLINE AUCTION

Tues, February 24



**Hull Brothers**  
INVENTORY REDUCTION

3657 Britton Rd, Bancroft, MI



## ONLINE PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

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**BIDDING ENDS:**  
**WEDS., FEB. 18th @ 4 PM**

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The Estate of Harold R. Stelzer  
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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 @ 10:30 AM**

Located At 2550 W County Road 500 S,  
**GREENSBURG, IN 47240**

**COMBINE/HEADS:** JD 9500 w/ 2814/1529 hrs., 10 series update; JD 920F 20' full finger, poly skids; JD 693 6R30"; 2-Unverferth HT 25 head carts, one cut down; **TRACTOR/PLANTERS:** JD 8235R MFWD, 16F/4R Powershift, 1620 hrs., 3pt. w/ quick hitch, 4-svc outlets; Kinze 3500 8R NT, liquid, single disc, red ball system; Kinze 3500 8/16 NT; **EQUIPMENT:** JD 2620 20' 9" disk, 3 bar coil harrow; Case IH Tiger-Mate II 24' field cultivator w/ 5-bar harrow; Case IH 2500 Ecolo-Til 5-shank in-line ripper; Brillion X-108 25' optimizer; Rhino 890 9-shank disc chisel; J&M 540 SD, roll tarp; J&M 385 SD; Killbros 350 seed wagon on JD 720 gear, roll tarp, Killbros 114 fill auger, Honda eng.; AGI Westfield MKX 10-63 w/ hyd. swing away; Westfield MK 100-61 w/ hyd. swing away; Hutchinson 10' x 61' w/ hyd. swing away; Hutchinson 8' x 33' pto auger; Ag Systems Inc 1000 gal. tandem axle nurse trailer; Blue Jet 9 knife NH3 applicator, Raven super cooler w/ Raven SCS440 monitor; Farm King BFS270H 9' cycle bar mower; Sidewinder RD16 3pt. ditcher; JD 175 front loader; **GLOBES/MONITORS/MISC:** JD StarFire 7000 & 3000; 2-JD 2630 monitors; JD Autotrac Universal Steering Kit 200; 2- Motorola CDM750 CB radios; Motorola PM400 CB radio; Shore Model 920 w/ scale, Case IH, & New Holland moisture testers; quick hitch; 7- NH3 knives; 6- 1/2" x 3" x 21" right hand & 6- left hand twisted v chisel plow points; 30-7 & 1/2" knock on & 4- 9 & 1/2" bolt on sweeps; 34- 5" disc. blade scrapers; 2- Blitzer 8574 ele. fence chargers; 28- Lutco hex shaft bearings for Kinze planter & misc. planter parts; 17-JD composite auger fingers, 15- drive guards; 11- auger finger holders; JD cycle guards & cycle sections w/ hardware; JD 9500 filters; grease; platform grain divider points; Greenstar yield monitor & yield mapping system w/o moisture sensor; OVA 55 gal. poly tank w/ pump; CIH cultivator bracket w/ shank, 8" ripper point, & auto reset shank mount; Lincoln Lincwelder; 5 gal. portable air tank; 3/4" drive socket set; Blackstone; other items; **TRUCK/TRAILER:** Mack CH600, Rockwell 9 sp., shows 42k (tach replaced between 800-900k), tandem axle, 350 Mack eng.; 2002 Wilson 34' hopper bottom w/ power tarp, spring ride; 2005 United Express Inc. 14' enclosed trailer w/ drop ramp.

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Tues, February 24



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TRACT 1

TRACT 2

TRACT 3

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AUCTION

202.7 ACRES

FAYETTE COUNTY GRAIN FARM

W/IMPROVEMENTS - 187.2 ACRES TILLABLE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 @ 6 P.M.

AUCTION LOCATION: Mahan Building, Fayette County Fairgrounds, 213 Fairview Avenue, Washington Court House, Ohio.

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81.78+/- ACRES

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>

4 PM - 6 PM CT

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E 250 N

N 1100 E

Two Large Estates & Others Auction

SAT., FEBRUARY 21 - 10:00 A.M

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10:00 AM and Real Estate Begins: Approx. 12:00 PM (noon)

LOCATIONS:

• 415 N. Cherry St. (Commercial Building)

• 130 & 132 E. High St. (Building Lot)

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415 N. Cherry St. (Former Renner's Feed Store)

Owned by James Kennedy Estate.

now used as a warehouse, 6,250 sq. ft. with overhead doors on both east and west sides

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130 & 132 E. High St. is a vacant corner lot at High & Cherry St., next to 415 N. Cherry St.

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Estate of James D. Kennedy

ADMINISTRATOR: Diane L. Crosby

• ATTORNEY: Dirk Earley

• Preble Co. Probate Case #20251146

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Above: Matt and Kelly Griggs, Humbolt, Tenn.

## 55 Years

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to chase yields without considering the profit potential relevant to cost. Much like most of us, our mindset has always been more yield means more profit. Matt discovered that as he began looking at their farm as a business, it means breaking down the numbers and looking at cost-risk-reward. He's gone so far as suggesting that the farmer needs to apply tests for products he believes may be worth using, by testing on his own ground before going all in. As a businessman he says that we must be looking for "a more profitable way" that puts more time and effort into what we all hate... the office. I listened to a recent video when his accountant showed him that he had spent half of the money he budgeted for equipment repairs by doing his due diligence on locating options for OEM parts. In the video it appeared to me that this surprised him.

When I asked Matt about his thoughts of agriculture's future and specifically their future in agriculture, he admitted that it's challenging. With urban encroachment,

static grain prices, higher inputs, equipment costs, he has developed the mantra, "Every problem has a solution." He describes a situation several years ago when a key man in their farming operation left because his family needed the benefits that the farm simply couldn't afford. He was forced to look at options. Griggs Farms was fortunate that they found a young man that has filled the gap. Delighted with the addition of Andy, Matt told me that he learned that he needed to formulate plan B, plan C and more, always adjusting to the inevitable changes and challenges. I would be remiss if I didn't mention that Matt and Kelly believe that every day as well as the future is guided by their absolute belief in the Hand of God guiding them.

I encourage each of you to look up GriggsFarmsLLC on YouTube. I think you'll be intrigued as I have been. I found out that the thread that binds American Agriculture truly does extend into southwestern Tennessee. We are survivors, always looking forward, and always believing.

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TUESDAY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>


4 PM - 6 PM ET

OPEN HOUSES: FEB. 11<sup>TH</sup> | 4pm - 5pm AND FEB. 21<sup>ST</sup> | 12pm - 1pm

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PROPERTY LOCATION: 9697 W 600 S, Francesville, IN 47946

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**ONLINE NAME BRAND CLOTHING AUCTION!**  
February 16, 2026  
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Charming 2-Story Home in Columbia City  
Wednesday, February 25 • 6:30 PM  
407 N. Walnut Street | Columbia City, IN

OPEN HOUSE: Wednesday, February 18 • 5:30 - 6:00 PM  
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Seed Genetics Direct 2025 Corn Yield Contest Winners

FIRST--James Jacobs--Bloomington, 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



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