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House Ag's Brown calls on Trump to intercede to assist farmers

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Donald Trump could and should intercede with a number of executive measures to assist farmers facing low commodity prices, trade barriers and increasing input prices due to the U.S.-Israel War on Iran, according to U.S. Rep. Shontel Brown (D-11th District) from Cleveland, Ohio.

Speaking during the Agri-Pulse Ag & Food Policy Summit on March 22, Brown – vice-ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee – laid out a number of solutions the president could adopt to help struggling farmers, many of whom cannot afford to purchase fall fertilizers due to the closure of the Strait of Hormuz adding to already-high prices.

Beginning by acknowledging that farming is the “backbone of the American economy, national security and community” but currently under “significant and growing strain,” Brown proceeded to lay out what she called a “practical, bipartisan path forward” to restoring financial security within the agriculture sector.

“We are seeing a generational decline in net farm income driven by a combination of elevated input costs and falling prices,” said Brown, who has served the 11th District since 2021. “Producers are being squeezed from both sides with higher costs to plant and produce.”

Policy choices, such as tariffs, have further increased instability for producers who depend on export markets, and delays on decisions such as year-round E-15 sales (it was announced on March 25 that summer sales of E-15 would be allowed in 2026), Brown said. In addition, changes to the farm bill’s safety net program have hurt families and family farms, while on the global stage armed conflict has had an undeniable impact

on global farm input costs, she added.

“If we don’t accurately diagnose where these pressures are coming from, we won’t design solutions that will actually work,” Brown said. “When I sit down with farmers, I hear the same thing over and over: they are not asking for hand-outs. They are asking for a fair shot and some level of stability for the ability to earn their keep. Ranchers and farmers want certainty (and) predictability.”

Immediate and commonsense steps include advancing near-term solutions such as the Farm and Family Relief Act (FFRA; HR 7206), Brown told the summit attendees and guests, which included Senate Ag Committee Chair John Boozman (R-Ark.) and ranking member Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.). The FFRA, introduced this year by House Ag Committee ranking member Amy Craig (D-Minn.), is a \$28 billion legislative package that provides \$17 billion in economic aid to farmers facing high costs and trade losses, while delaying cuts to the SNAP food assistance program. The FFRA serves as a countermeasure to tariffs imposed by the Trump administration while acting as a counterpart to Trump’s Farmer Bridge Assistance program.

“Getting year-round E-15 across the finish line is the baseline. This is long overdue (and) supports corn growers, expands domestic fuel supply and provides consumers with more affordable options right when they need it most,” Brown said, earning applause from many in attendance.

“Second, we need to reduce trade frictions starting with tariffs. We should be looking seriously at removing tariffs that are hurting our producers and rebuilding relationships with key trading partners. That includes being honest about the damage already done and taking steps to restore confidence in U.S. agriculture,” she continued. “It includes renewing and strengthening the USMCA (United States-Mexico-Canada) as we approach the joint review period.”

Third, the U.S. should be prepared to act on fertilizer and input prices “with urgency,” the Ohio Democrat suggested. “The president should use executive authority to temporarily suspend duties on fertilizer imports. This targeted intervention would help stabilize supply during a period of global disruption,” Brown said. (Trade duties on Moroccan phosphate have spiked DAP fertilizer prices by nearly 29 percent, according to recent research conducted by the Agricultural & Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University).

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Above: As temperatures warm Midwest farmers start to get the bug and begin pulling equipment out of the shed for routine maintenance and general cleanup. Photo by Leondia Walchle

Next Gen Conferences help FFA members define goals

By **Michele F. Mihaljevich**
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RALEIGH, N.C. – Attending the latest National FFA Next Gen Conference has led Avery Bivens, an FFA member from Kentucky, to re-think his plans after high school.

Bivens, a sophomore at LaRue County High School in Hodgenville, said before he went to the conference, he had expected to return to his family’s grain farm after graduation. Now, he wants to go to college and intern with agencies and businesses such as USDA, John Deere or Case IH.

“I wanted to attend the conference to learn to improve business opportunities, improve social skills and meet members from other states,” Bivens explained. “My brother had gone to one before and encouraged me to apply.”

“I gained knowledge about how some people improved their business skills, social skills and knowledge over time. It was great getting to tour the John Deere (Turf Care) facility and BASF. It was also neat to travel to North Carolina because I’d never been there before.”

FFA hosts Next Gen conferences three times a year. They focus on specific career pathways to in-demand industries, the organization said. The March 3-7 conference in Raleigh focused on power, structural and technical systems. Seventy two members participated.

Bivens said he had an interest in those topics because he lives on a grain farm. “I wanted to learn more about building grain bins,” he said. “I also wanted to learn more about this area because I know I will be using this in the future and will take some classes in high school dealing with agricultural power.”

Touring BASF was his favorite part of

the conference.

“Getting to see their greenhouses and how they grow crops and then test certain pesticides and insecticides was neat,” Bivens said. “As a grain farmer, this was especially interesting for me because I know they are doing research on things that I could potentially use. Getting to see some of the opportunities there that are options for me in the future, that they got to show off (was a favorite part).”

He said he likes the variety of topics included in the Next Gen conferences. He hopes to attend one next year on plant science. This year’s remaining Next Gen conferences will be in Chicago in June (agribusiness systems) and Kansas City, Mo., in September (animal systems).



For Bailey Anderson, a senior at Forest Park High School in Ferdinand, Ind., the conference helped confirm her post-graduation plans. She intends to attend Vincennes University, majoring in agribusiness with a concentration in photography.

“The conference reinforced my career interests and provided me with practical skills that will benefit me in college and future careers, including communication, leadership and adaptability,” Anderson noted.

She said she wanted to attend the conference because it provided a unique opportunity to expand her knowledge and gain hands-on experience. It also allowed her to meet new people and connect with industry professionals. Anderson said she saw it as chance to explore different career paths and better prepare herself for opportunities in agriculture and related fields.

“Early on in my high school career, I had a strong interest in engineering and

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robotics, which I still find fascinating," she said. "However, my focus has shifted toward agribusiness and agricultural education. I attended this conference with the mindset of gaining knowledge and skills that I can apply in a future classroom setting or in an agribusiness career.

"The conference helped me develop valuable skills such as teamwork, communication, leadership and professional networking. I also gained insight into working with different generations and improving my resume and career readiness skills."

Anderson said overall, the conference broadened her understanding of the wide range of opportunities available within the agriculture industry.

The tour of the John Deere facility stood out because it showcased the wide

variety of careers within one company, she said. The BASF tour provided insight into the company's operations and allowed members to explore a greenhouse while learning about research and production processes, Anderson said.

"In addition to the tours, we participated in hands-on activities, attended presentations from industry leaders and engaged in roundtable discussions with professionals from various companies," she said. "These experiences opened my eyes to career paths I had not previously considered."

Anderson said she would encourage FFA members to attend future Next Gen conferences. She said she initially felt intimidated because she didn't know anyone else attending and was unsure how her knowledge compared to others.

"However that quickly changed," Anderson recalled. "By the end of the conference, I felt a strong sense of belonging. One activity that stood out to me was creating an illustration wall based on a word that represented our experience. I chose the word 'belonging' as it reflected how stepping outside of my comfort zone allowed me to connect with others and feel welcomed in a new environment."



Bailey Anderson



Avery Bivens

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"We should also be prioritizing logistics by ensuring port capacity and transportation are not bottlenecked at the worst possible times. And, of course, we need to ensure that USDA's FSA, NRCS and rural development offices are fully staffed, well resourced and that program delivery is timely so that producers, especially family farmers, can actually access the tools that Congress authorized," Brown continued, adding that a renewed commitment to farmer outreach by the administration would be necessary for her suggestions to succeed.

Switching gears to the House farm bill, Brown said she objected to several tenets of the final House Ag Committee version sent to the floor on March 5.

"I had concerns with a number of provisions in the committee markup including the failure to restore lost export markets, addressing rising input costs in addition to slashing over \$1 billion in conservation that farmers rely on," she said, adding that she was also disappointed an amendment she offered that would delay for four years the planned SNAP cuts to states was rejected within the committee.

"I didn't come to the House Ag Committee just for nutrition (issues)," explained Brown, who represents a primarily urban Ohio constituency. "I came because this is one of the few committees that touches every American every day, from the farm gate to the table. And I'll be honest; I was drawn to it by its reputation for bipartisanship and getting things done. And I've seen flashes of that."

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Above: A Waste Management truck carrying thousands of dead ducks from farms infected with bird flu crashed in northeast Indiana March 20. (courtesy of Whitley County Emergency Management Agency)

Truck carrying dead ducks from farms infected with HPAI crashes

By Michele F. Mihajevich
Indiana Correspondent

CHURUBUSCO, Ind. – The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) said the public was never in danger after a truck carrying dead ducks from farms with confirmed cases of bird flu rolled into a ditch in northeast Indiana on March 20.

The Waste Management truck was carrying deceased ducks from various Maple Leaf Farms in northern Indiana when the incident occurred on U.S. 33 north of Churubusco, according to the

Whitley County Emergency Management Agency (EMA). All the farms had ducks that tested positive for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

The ducks were being taken to a composting site at the time of the incident, Denise Derrer Spears, BOAH communication director, told Farm World. The ducks were transported in bio bags and one of the bags was breached, she said. The accident didn't result in a spill of material, Spears added.

All the dead birds on the truck didn't necessarily have HPAI, BOAH said. Per agency policy, all birds on a farm with confirmed cases of HPAI are destroyed.

"The public was never at risk," Spears explained. "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to classify the threat of HPAI to the public as minimal. Most of the documented cases in humans have been occupation exposure to workers on an affected farm.

"After a bird dies, the avian influenza virus particles tend to die off because they need a living host to survive."

The dead ducks were being transported to an approved landfill for burial, she said.

"On-site composting is always our first choice for carcass disposal, whenever possible," Spears noted. "In some cases, such as this, the barns cannot accommodate indoor composting (ideal) nor does the farmer have sufficient property to do on-site outdoor composting (BOAH's second choice). In those cases, such as this, the birds were being moved off-site."

When moving material and carcasses off-site, using bio bags is standard practice, she said. The bags provide an extra layer of protection from any materials – such as feathers – flying off the trucks or from fluid leaks. The truck was carrying thousands of birds at the time of the crash, Spears said.

BOAH and the Whitley County EMA were notified of the crash, and cleanup was the responsibility of Waste Management, she said.

Transport routes are approved by BOAH, Spears said, "factoring in where other poultry and dairy farms are located to minimize opportunity for possible exposure and to minimize transport through populated areas."

Once HPAI is confirmed by testing at a farm in Indiana, the farm is quarantined and control and surveillance areas are established. Birds at the affected farms are destroyed.

"The method of depopulation varies, based on many factors such as type of birds (floor birds like ducks or turkeys versus hens in cages," Spears said previously. "Also, the size of the operation and what resources are available. Once the birds are dead, again, the disposal method varies depending on the size of the operation, type of carcasses, facilities available, etc."

After the birds are removed, the facilities need to be cleaned and disinfected, she said. Environmental samples are taken to ensure no virus is present before the barns can be restocked. The process takes several weeks, Spears said.

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Pioneer of food processing safety standards wins World Food Prize

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - A scientist who pioneered the modern food processing safety standards used around the world was awarded this year's World Food Prize, the organization announced March 25, crediting his work for averting millions of cases of foodborne illness and reducing food waste.

Huub Lelieveld, of the Netherlands, earned the award after six decades spent advancing ways to improve food safety and advocating for trade regulations that allow safe food to get around the world more easily.

"I just did what I thought was right," Lelieveld said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I want everybody to have enough food but ... it should also be safe."

Lelieveld began his career as a food researcher at Unilever at a time when mechanisms for manufacturing safe food products were, to him, "illogical," he said.

Food was often sterilized or chemically preserved after production, and equipment needed to be shut off once or twice each day to be cleaned, which was both difficult and time consuming. The processed food also required heavy use of preservatives, salt, sugar and acids to reduce the risk of contamination, which detracted from flavor and nutrition.

"I realized very soon that they did things in the wrong way, in my view," Lelieveld said. "From the beginning, I've been working on ... convincing people that you should do it in a different way."

Lelieveld worked with colleagues to develop hygienic production methods and equipment, making food manufacturing more efficient and less reliant on chemicals.

Having scaled the processes at Unilever and shown that they worked, Lelieveld said the company gave him permission to publish the research for dissemination and use globally.

"My philosophy was: You should not compete on food safety," Lelieveld said. "Spreading the technology, the hygienic technology, was very important."

Unsafe food causes 600 million foodborne illnesses and 420,000 deaths each year, according to the World Health Organization.

"Lelieveld was selected for translating food safety science into global regulations, legislation and practice, a movement spanning dozens of countries," Gebisa Ejeta, chair of the Laureate selection committee, said in a statement. "His initiatives are estimated to have benefited millions of consumers worldwide."

The Iowa-based World Food Prize was founded by Norman Borlaug, who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 for his work to dramatically increase crop yields and reduce the threat of starvation in many countries. The agricultural science honor includes a \$500,000 award.


"Lelieveld lives by his conviction that access to safe food is a universal right - a philosophy shared by the late Dr. Norman Borlaug," Mashal Husain, World Food Prize Foundation president, said in a statement.

After four decades at Unilever, Lelieveld founded the Global Harmonization Initiative (GHI) in 2004 to promote consensus in food and trade regulations around the world. Drawing on a network of a few thousand scientists around the world, the nonprofit organization also works to address critical food security challenges and to facilitate food safety education.

GHI "is extremely useful because it has this enormous pool of knowledge about food safety and food protection," Lelieveld said.

Lelieveld said challenges for broad access to safe food and water persist, and he hopes to see a system where people can produce safe food and water locally even if the movement of goods across borders is restricted.

"You can't stop the transport of water through the air, with the clouds," he said. "You can produce safe water everywhere, but we need to distribute this knowledge to the people that need it and that is the biggest challenge."



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NOAA releases three-month weather outlook for the US

More U.S. acreage estimates are starting to be released ahead of the March 31st USDA planting intentions report. The firm Allendale is projecting U.S. corn acres of 93.68 million versus 98.8 million last year. Soybean plantings are forecast at 85.66 million compared to last year's 81.2 million. The S and P Global group is estimating corn acres at 95.2 million, up 200,000 from its January estimate. The group's soybean acre estimate is 85 million, up 600,000 from January. S and P's wheat acreage estimate is 44.05 million, up 40,000 from before.



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

The uncertainty with these estimates is how much the war with Iran and rising input costs have impacted planting decisions. It is possible the full effect of this will not be known until the June revisions are released.

NOAA has released its 90-day outlooks for the United States which will cover the majority of the planting season. U.S. temperatures for the months of April, May and June are expected to be normal in an area from South Dakota, through the Great Lakes, and into New England. The remainder of the U.S. is expected to see above to much above normal temperatures. For precipitation, the eastern third of the U.S. is expected to see above average rainfall, average rainfall in the central U.S., and below normal in the western third. While these forecasts do not indicate conditions that would sig-

nificantly impact the U.S. planting season, they offer little relief for the drought in the Southern Plains.

We did see the updated Brazilian crop production numbers from CONAB recently. CONAB is now forecasting a soybean crop of 177 million metric tons, 130,000 mt less than the previous estimate. CONAB sees Brazil soybean exports at 114.39 mmt, a 2.2 mmt increase from February. Soybean ending stocks are forecast at 9.538 mmt, well below last month's 11.866 mmt.

CONAB's corn crop estimate is now at 138.27 mmt, down from last month's 138.45 mmt. Corn exports held steady this month at 46.5 mmt, but ending stocks were trimmed to 11.595 mmt from February's 11.761 mmt. The firm's wheat crop estimate was held at 6.9 mmt, but ending stocks were bumped up a slim 44,000 mt to a total of 2.153 mmt.

The USDA is currently predicting Brazil crops of 180 mmt on soybeans, 132 mmt for corn, and 8 mmt of wheat.

The Brazilian soybean crusher ABIOVE has revised its soybean balance sheets for the country. ABIOVE is predicting a soybean crop of 177.85 mmt, an increase of 730,000 mt from its prior estimate. The firm's soybean export forecast was held steady at 111.5 mmt and crush was raised by 500,000 mt to a total of 61.5 mmt. ABIOVE sees meal production of 47.7 mmt and oil production of 12.35 mmt. These are in-

creases of 400,000 mt and 100,000 mt, respectively.

The International Grains Council has released corn and wheat production estimates for the 2026/27 marketing year. The world corn crop for 2026/27 is estimated at 1.32 billion mt, up from the 1.3 bmt in 2025/26. The world wheat crop for 26/27 is estimated at 822 mmt, well below the 845 mmt from 25/26. Rising input costs will impact these numbers, especially for corn.

The IGC is also predicting moderate shifts in global ending stocks from this year to next. The IGC is predicting a global corn carryout of 306 mmt this year, and 294 mmt for 2026/27. The IGC is forecasting wheat carryover of 283 mmt this year and 276 mmt not year. Soybean ending stocks are expected to be little changed going from 78 mmt for 2025/26 to 79 mmt in 2026/27.

U.S. grain demand remains strong despite rising prices that have made the U.S. the highest priced source in the world. The global wheat supply is rising with several countries seeing larger crops than in recent years. One that has seen wheat production decline is Brazil, which is forecasting a 12 percent decline in its wheat crop. This would be the smallest crop in five years. Brazil is no longer using wheat for crop rotation, lessening its attraction. What is more important in the world market is how much wheat is usable, with countries such as China producing large crops, but ones that are low in quality.

Census export data for the month

of January was favorable for the market. U.S. corn exports in the month were a record 260.1 million bu. Dried distiller grains were a four-year high at 1.07 million tons and ethanol sales were a record 212.07 million gallons. Wheat exports in January were a three-year high at 59.2 mbu. January soybean exports were up on the year at 157.9 mbu while meal exports were a record at 1.687 million tons.

Census red meat export data for the month was well divided. Beef exports in January were at a 10-year low at 195.4 million pounds. Given a lack of U.S. beef supplies this was not that surprising, nor was it negative for the market. U.S. pork exports in January were a five year high at 590 million pounds.

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MARKETS

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Livestock Weighted Average Report for 3/23/2026 - Final AUCTION

	This Week	Last Reported 3/16/2026	Last Year
Total Receipts:	1,330	719	1,217
Feeder Cattle:	1,217(91.5%)	608(84.6%)	1,090(89.6%)
Slaughter Cattle:	112(8.4%)	106(14.7%)	121(9.9%)
Replacement Cattle:	1(0.1%)	5(0.7%)	6(0.5%)

Special Note: Beef Calves: 700.00 to 1200.00 per/head
Compared to last Monday both the feeder and slaughter markets were stronger with a good quality offering. Feeder steers 300 lbs and under

appeared steady with a light test, while the 400-600 lbs steers were sharply higher across all weight comparisons with a good supply and strong demand. Yearling steers appeared stronger as well but with limited head to head comparisons. Feeder heifers 600 lbs and under were 6.00 to 10.00 higher or greater in spots with a good supply and strong demand. Slaughter cows were 6.00 to 8.00 higher for the heavier conditioned cows while the leans were 1.00 to 3.00 higher with a good supply and slaughter bulls were steady to 3.00 higher with strong demand. Supply included: 92% Feeder Cattle (55% Steers, 36% Heifers, 9% Bulls); 8% Slaughter Cattle (2% Steers, 82% Cows, 15% Bulls); 0% Replacement Cattle (92% Stock Cows, 8% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 40%. Groups of 20 Head or More.

STEERS		HEIFERS	
25 Hd Black/BWF 530 lbs 521.00	30 Hd Black/BWF 601 lbs 416.00		
85 Hd Black/BWF 574 lbs 530.00	23 Hd Black/BWF 677 lbs 392.00		
25 Hd Black/BWF 620 lbs 469.50			
49 Hd Black/BWF 631 lbs 458.00			
22 Hd Black/BWF 675 lbs 449.00			
40 Hd Black/3CHRX 676 lbs 440.00			

FEEDER CATTLE					
STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	250-270	260	595.00-605.00	600.19	
1	285	285	700.00	700.00 Fancy	
2	305-310	308	580.00-600.00	590.08	
2	305-310	308	620.00-650.00	635.12 Fancy	
1	335	335	692.50	692.50 Thin Fleshed	
8	350-385	364	523.00-556.00	540.67	
9	350-385	366	590.00-617.50	606.50 Fancy	
5	410	410	515.00-540.00	520.00	
7	407-440	426	563.00-590.00	576.02 Fancy	
9	410-426	421	600.00-610.00	602.62 Thin Fleshed	
11	482-487	485	495.00-496.00	495.45	
19	462-494	485	532.50-538.00	536.13 Fancy	
1	455	455	582.50	582.50 Thin Fleshed	
13	515-545	534	460.00-490.00	482.50	
1	540	540	445.00	445.00 Fleshy	
18	500-536	523	529.00-545.00	538.52 Thin Fleshed	
49	502-540	531	497.50-521.00	514.19 Value Added	
39	565-581	578	440.00-463.00	453.50	
91	557-574	573	530.00-538.00	530.51 Thin Fleshed	
13	555-582	573	470.00-500.00	482.89 Value Added	
22	600-645	627	420.00-445.00	438.66	
77	620-631	627	458.00-469.50	461.73 Value Added	
11	675-691	688	405.00-417.50	414.14	
88	657-676	672	428.00-450.00	441.87 Value Added	
29	700-741	738	371.00-390.00	384.31	
18	760-798	783	348.00-370.00	359.00	
15	767-785	772	375.00-380.00	378.34 Value Added	
9	805-821	817	338.00-343.00	341.46	
1	860	860	303.00	303.00 Fleshy	
4	902	902	300.00	300.00	

STEERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	250	250	500.00	500.00	
1	335	335	517.00	517.00	
3	360-397	385	502.50-507.50	505.94	
3	425-445	433	440.00-465.00	453.13	
2	542	542	450.00	450.00	
1	570	570	397.50	397.50	

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1495	495	375.00	375.00		

STEERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3640	640	390.00	390.00		
3	745	745	360.00	360.00	

STEERS - Medium 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2402	402	387.50	387.50		

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	250-260	253	487.50-510.00	495.20	
3	262-295	273	530.00-560.00	540.81 Thin Fleshed	
3	332-345	336	490.00-512.50	504.81	
8	320-345	330	520.00-565.00	551.12 Fancy	
1	310	310	590.00	590.00 Thin Fleshed	
11	355-395	379	472.50-492.50	478.82	
11	355-390	368	500.00-525.00	515.84 Fancy	
5	350-362	355	540.00-560.00	551.84 Thin Fleshed	
29	400-447	423	450.00-480.00	468.06	
8	400-445	425	490.00-505.00	498.00 Fancy	
7	470-495	486	425.00-450.00	435.21	
20	450-485	468	460.00-475.00	467.27 Fancy	
1	460	460	385.00	385.00 Fleshy	
16	500-540	517	397.50-422.50	411.55	
39	500-533	519	440.00-465.00	449.45 Value Added	
19	550-590	564	390.00-410.00	403.54	
2	585	585	370.00	370.00 Fleshy	
38	552-590	569	415.00-437.00	426.77 Value Added	
3	600-615	605	362.50-385.00	374.17	
72	601-647	619	392.50-416.00	409.92 Value Added	
1	650	650	360.00	360.00	
27	665-677	675	380.00-397.50	392.17 Value Added	
5	725-732	731	315.00-349.00	342.25	
3	770-795	787	329.00-335.00	330.96	

6	760-796	790	363.00-364.00	363.16 Guaranteed Open
10	809-846	828	304.00-330.00	317.29
1	805	805	349.00	349.00 Guaranteed Open
1	980	980	222.50	222.50
1	1085	1085	225.00	225.00
1	1120	1120	245.00	245.00 Guaranteed Open

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	285	285	450.00	450.00	
5	310-335	320	467.50-475.00	470.45	
2	390	390	425.00-453.00	439.00	
8	415-435	432	427.50-435.00	433.45	
1	470	470	412.50	412.50	
4	527-547	537	380.00-385.00	382.55	
1	550	550	375.00	375.00	
3	630-645	640	307.50-331.00	323.29	
2	735	735	285.00	285.00	
1	840	840	285.00	285.00	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	235	235	395.00	395.00	
1	345	345	420.00	420.00	
1	445	445	400.00	400.00	
4	590-598	596	345.00-350.00	348.76	
1	645	645	270.00	270.00	
1	655	655	300.00	300.00	

HEIFERS - Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1565	565	355.00	355.00		

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	225	225	560.00	560.00	
2	275-290	283	610.00-617.50	613.65	
3	255-290	277	670.00-695.00	684.73 Fancy	
3	320-335	325	560.00-597.50	584.62	
3	310-340	330	675.00-692.50	680.48 Fancy	
2	365	365	550.00	550.00	
4	370-383	380	580.00-600.00	584.87 Fancy	
6	420-440	427	500.00-525.00	517.72	
3	415-445	433	547.50-560.00	554.13 Fancy	
6	400-435	420	577.50-602.50	585.12 Thin Fleshed	
3	470-477	475	495.00-507.50	499.13	
5	455-495	483	525.00-550.00	542.36 Fancy	
1	475	475	565.00	565.00 Thin Fleshed	
3	510-527	521	459.00-475.00	464.22	
6	505-525	515	500.00-515.00	507.45 Fancy	
1	505	505	545.00	545.00 Thin Fleshed	
7	563-597	574	427.50-445.00	435.10	
3	580	580	456.00-465.00	459.00 Fancy	
11	600-635	618	430.00-445.00	440.01 Thin Fleshed	
3	743	743	352.50	352.50	
2	700-720	710	372.50-377.50	375.04 Fancy	
1	775	775	337.50	337.50	
1	835	835	302.50	302.50	
2	1065-1090	1078	242.50-271.00	256.58	

BULLS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	285	285	500.00-510.00	505.00	
4	300-340	325	485.00-490.00	486.77	
3	400-425	408	447.50-467.50	459.74	
1	475	475	460.00	460.00	
1	1030	1030	187.50	187.50	
2	1080	1080	195.00	195.00	

BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	295	295	430.00	430.00	

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

STEERS - Select and Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
2	1595	1595	198.00	198.00	Average

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
7	1305-1640	1444	171.00-181.00	176.52	Average
18	1315-1845	1616	186.00-208.00	196.58	High

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
8	1070-1380	1209	169.00-183.00	177.70	Average
12	1090-1400	1208	187.00-203.00	193.33	High
1	1080	1080	161.00	161.00	Low

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
7	880-1125	992	144.00-157.00	150.79	Average
12	765-1240	1054	161.00-183.00	169.90	High
4	680-1060	945	130.00-136.00	134.12	Low

BULLS - 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
6	1610-2120	1923	228.00-236.00	232.21	High

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
6	1630-2000	1773	205.00-221.00	211.33	High
1	1355	1355	177.00	177.00	Low

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	4	935-1065	991	225.00-259.00	242.61
2-8	O	8	945-1415	1116	202.00-220.00	211.39

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

Weekly National Sheep Summary For Week Ending Friday, March 20, 2026

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs traded steady and slaughter ewes steady.
All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-3	Sioux Falls: 105.00-165.00.
San Angelo: 70-80 lbs 406.00; 80-90 lbs 385.00-396.00.	Buffalo, MO: No test.
New Holland: 40-50 lbs 445.00-555.00; 50-60 lbs 440.00-550.00; 60-70 lbs 385.00-545.00; 70-80 lbs 400.00-485.00; 80-90 lbs 390.00-495.00; 90-100 lbs 335.00-440.00; 100-110 lbs 335.00-425.00; 110-120 lbs 310.00-410.00; 120-130 lbs 275.00-390.00; 130-140 lbs 270.00-320.00.	Missouri: No test.
Billings: No test.	Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1:
Ft. Collins: 80-90 lbs 370.00-395.00; 90-100 lbs 355.00-380.00; 140-150 lbs 225.00-275.00.	San Angelo: No test.
Kalona: 30-40 lbs 465.00-490.00; 40-50 lbs 425.00-480.00; 50-60 lbs 410.00-465.00; 60-70 lbs 410.00-455.00; 70-80 lbs 400.00-455.00; 80-90 lbs 373.00-425.00; 90-100 lbs 355.00-395.00.	Billings: No test.
Equity Coop: 130-140 lbs 246.50.	Sioux Falls: 40-50 lbs 495.00; 50-60 lbs 450.00-490.00; 60-70 lbs 390.00-435.00.
Sioux Falls: 60-50 lbs 390.00-410.00; 70-80 lbs 400.00-415.00; 80-90 lbs 340.00-380.00; 90-100 lbs 375.00-380.00; 100-110 lbs 300.00-320.00; 110-120 lbs 280.00-290.00; 120-130 lbs 275.00-280.00; 130-140 lbs 245.00-285.00; 140-150 lbs 251.00.	Buffalo, MO: No test.
Buffalo, MO: No test.	Missouri: No test.
Missouri: No test.	Ft. Collins: No test.
Arkansas: No test.	Kalona: No test.
Equity Coop: No test.	Equity Coop: 90-100 lbs 301.00.
Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3:	Arkansas: No test.
San Angelo: 128.00-185.00.	Sioux Falls: 4-6 SPR 150-190 lbs 310.00-350.00 per unit.
New Holland: 125.00-195.00.	Buffalo, MO: No test.
Billings: No test.	
Ft. Collins: 120.00-165.00.	
Kalona: 115.00-165.00.	
Equity Coop: No test.	

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 38,000 compared to 39,000 last year and 41,881 last year.

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Weekly Combined Regional Shell Egg Report

Report for: 03/15/2026 - 03/21/2026

National Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported	
Extra Large	181.00 - 200.00	191.88	21.13	170.75	(3/13/2026)
Large	180.00 - 200.00	190.69	21.00	169.69	
Medium	92.00 - 113.00	103.50	6.25	97.25	

Midwest Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported	
Extra Large	181.00 - 190.00	185.50	24.00	161.50	(3/13/2026)
Large	180.00 - 189.00	184.50	24.00	160.50	
Medium	92.00 - 101.00	96.50	6.00	90.50	

Delivered Store Door, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported	
Extra Large	188.00 - 196.00	192.00	24.00	168.00	(3/13/2026)
Large	186.00 - 194.00	190.00	24.00	166.00	
Medium	98.00 - 106.00	102.00	6.00	96.00	


Paid to Producers - FOB, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported	
Large	162.00 - 172.00	167.00	24.00	143.00	(3/13/2026)
Medium	74.00 - 78.00	76.00	6.00	70.00	
Small	51.00 - 57.00	54.00	6.00	48.00	

Northeast Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported	
Extra Large	183.00 - 197.00	190.00	18.50	171.50	(3/13/2026)
Large	181.00 - 195.00	188.00	18.00	170.00	
Medium	95.00 - 108.00	101.50	6.00	95.50	

South Central Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported	
Extra Large	191.50 - 200.00	195.75	20.00	175.75	(3/13/2026)
Large	191.50 - 200.00	195.75	20.00	175.75	
Medium	104.50 - 113.00	108.75	6.00	102.75	

Southeast Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported	
Extra Large	192.50 - 200.00	196.25	22.00	174.25	(3/13/2026)
Large	191.00 - 198.00	194.50	22.00	172.50	
Medium	103.50 - 111.00	107.25	7.00	100.25	

Explanatory Notes: Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, white eggs in cartons.
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Market Report
March 25th 2025
This Report is the Actual High and Average Prices.

	Hd. Ct.	High	Avg.
Fat Hogs:	N/A		
Sows:	N/A		
Boars:	N/A		
Feeder Pigs:	N/A		
Beef & X Veal #1:	34	\$1825	\$1611.76
Beef & X Veal #2:	4	\$1375	\$1231.25
Dairy Veal #1:	54	\$1525.	\$1339.63
Dairy Veal #2:	16	\$1050	\$867.17
Jersey Cross:	1	\$600	\$600
Beef Fdrs 200#-550#	4	\$3.88	\$3.62
Beef Fdrs 551#-1000#	N/A		
Dairy Fdrs 200#-550#	4	\$2.225	\$1.92
Dairy Fdrs 551#-1000#	N/A		
Cull Cows #1:	2	\$1.47	\$1.46
Cull Cows #2:	9	\$1.36	\$0.99
Fat Cattle Colored:	N/A		
Fat Cattle Holstein:	N/A		
Bulls:	2	\$2.00	\$1.84
Cow/Calf Pair:	N/A		
Breed Cows Colored:	3	\$2050	\$1816.67
Milk Cows :	N/A		
Springers:	N/A		
Sheep Ram:	N/A		
Sheep Ewe:	N/A		
Lamb 0-60:	9	\$4.65	\$4.32
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Above: The Farm at Five Corners' crossbred sheep flock.

Knox County farm family is focused on premium lamb sales

By Mike Tanchevski
Ohio Correspondent

KNOX COUNTY, Ohio - Stephen and Judy Jagger are clear about their mission, which is premium lamb. Their retail operation, ranging from whole animals to individual cuts sold online and at local farmers markets, is a prime example of how modern farmers create added value and connect directly with their consumers.

The Farm at Five Corners, primarily a commercial sheep operation, has been in the same spot since 1971. "We are at an intersection in Knox County that is known as Five Corners," Judy said.

But for Stephen, the name is less about a map and more about a memory. "His mother had dementia, and when he was coming home from work, he would talk to her and constantly say, 'Mom, I'm at the farm at Five Corners.' That's how the name came to be," Judy said.

Sheep weren't the first residents on the Farm at Five Corners. "We actually had hogs before the sheep," Judy recalled. "We had hogs for about 10 years while all the kids were young and at home. Then we switched over to sheep, which has worked out much better for us."

The Jagers currently run about 150 ewes, producing lambs for nearly half the year. "Normally, we are lambing from January until the end of June," Judy said. This year was different because they pulled the buck out early, leaving several ewes unbred. It gave them a breather through March - a "reprieve," as Judy calls it - that they aren't used to seeing.

While The Farm at Five Corners is mainly a commercial lamb operation, they also sell some club lambs and attend farmers markets. "We sell a few club lambs, but that's not a big part of our business," Stephen explained. "Mostly, we're selling the lambs commercially. The farmers markets are just a way to get a little more value out of what we have."

The flock is mostly Hampshires, with a few Katahdins mixed in. "They aren't purebred; they are crossbred with Hampshire characteristics," Stephen noted.

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While sheep come with wool, don't expect it to pay the bills. Stephen was quick to dismiss it as a revenue stream. "Wool is useless," he said bluntly. "There's no money in it. We sell it just to get it out of our way. It's actually kind of funny - wool is about a nickel a pound, and you get maybe five pounds per ewe. It costs signifi-



Above: Processed cuts of lamb from The Farm at Five Corners.

cantly more to have them shorn than what the wool is worth."

The biggest headache for Stephen is one many farmers share: space. "You always need more barn," he said. The early January lambs must stay inside, and Stephen feeds them there once they are weaned, while the ewes head back out to the pasture.

It's a straightforward operation: strictly sheep and grass, with some hay harvested on neighboring land. They keep their rams on-site and use artificial insemination for about 10 ewes a year. "That's mainly so the grandkids can get some project lambs and so I can get a buck or two every year," Stephen said.

That family connection is the essence of the farm. Stephen and Judy raised six children, and almost all of them participated in 4-H with hogs and lambs. Now, out of 19 grandchildren, three are still active in 4-H, taking Jagers-bred lambs to the Knox County Fair, the Hartford Independent Fair and the Ohio State Fair.

The couple's commitment to young people doesn't stop with their own family. They've run the "Animals R Us" 4-H group for 37 years. "This year, we have just shy of 70 kids," Judy said. "They meet for safety talks and demonstrations, but they let the kids run the show."

The results speak for themselves. "We've won the carcass show over

at Hartford the last two years," Stephen said. Winning a carcass show is about more than the award; it's about proving superior muscling and ideal fat cover. In 2025, they took the Grand Champion spot at the Hartford Independent Fair, with 11 of the top 25 lambs coming directly from their farm.

While lamb lags in popularity compared to beef or pork, Stephen sees the tide turning. "The market is building a little more every year for us," he said. To help that along, the Jagers offer a product focused on a traditional use for lamb. "We have a very good recipe for gyro-seasoned ground lamb that is a great seller," Judy said. "It's easy to fix. You just brown it. Our recipe comes from a man we've known for a long time over at Delaware Meats. It's gluten-free with no fillers, which people really appreciate." The mix is simple: lamb, nonfat dried milk, and a blend of spices, salt, garlic and onion powder.

Farming wasn't always the primary focus for the Jagers. Stephen spent his career as a meat cutter before retiring eight years ago, and Judy dedicated 17 years to the Abercrombie & Fitch warehouse. Today, they've traded those roles for the personal touch of the farmers market. This year, the Jagers can be found at the Westerville and New Albany farmers markets.

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Above: Rich Gassman, director of Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH) at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, told Farm World, with the abundance of Southern rust (corn fungal disease) this past growing season, it will be important to stay diligent and keep grain storage facilities clean, and free of dust and debris. (courtesy of Purdue University)

U.S. grain dust explosions in 2025 caused 10 injuries, 4 fatalities

By **DOUG SCHMITZ**
Iowa Correspondent

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - According to a nationwide annual report by Purdue University, seven U.S. grain dust explosions in 2025 caused 10 injuries and four fatalities.

The report said the number of explosions is slightly below the 10-year national average of 8.5, and down from nine in 2024. However, injuries and fatalities increased significantly, compared to two injuries and no fatalities in 2024.

Supported by the National Grain and Feed Association in Arlington, Va., Purdue University's grain explo-

sions report's team has been involved in collecting data related to grain dust explosions in the U.S. since 2012.

The report said explosions occurred in two grain elevators, one farm-operated grain elevator, one seed-processing facility, one feed mill, one flour mill and one biofuel plant. T

Grain dust, which caused five explosions, was the most common fuel source, while wood dust and an unknown source fueled other explosions, said Kingsly Ambrose, Purdue University professor of agricultural and biological engineering, and the report's author.

"The incidents occurring across

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a variety of agricultural industries highlight persistent vulnerabilities in explosive dust management," he said. "The increase in fatalities and injuries underscores the urgent need for broader adoption of dust control practices, and stronger safety interventions to prevent future injuries and loss of life."

The report said Texas and Ohio had two explosions each, and Minnesota, North Dakota and Nebraska each had one explosion in 2025. Since 1958, Iowa has had the most recorded agricultural dust explosions with 100, followed by Illinois (88), Nebraska (84), Minnesota (71) and Kansas (60) in the top five.

Ambrose said work to prevent explosions in all states starts before harvest: "Keep your equipment in good working condition, and do preventative maintenance before the start of harvest or handling season. Check for repairs so you don't have any accidents. For example, belt misalignment in a bucket elevator can lead to friction, heat generation, and an increased risk of dust explosion."

Once grain is harvested, he urges people to pay close attention to the conditions in which the grain is kept. He said improper aeration leads to fungal growth, which causes grain and feed to smolder, increasing the risk of igniting dust in the grain bins.

"Dust is not good, both for dust ex-

plosions and for human health," he said. "Housekeeping is very important. Keep the place clean. Make sure there is no visible settled dust or suspended dust in the air."

Rich Gassman, director of Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH) at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, told Farm World that grain dust explosions continue to be a safety and health concern.

"The Purdue article highlights the importance of staying diligent in your housekeeping regimen," he said. "Eliminating any of the combustion sources will greatly diminish the chance of a grain dust explosion."

"With the abundance of Southern rust this past growing season, the crop currently under storage has the potential to be dirtier than usual, so it will be important to stay diligent and keep grain storage facilities clean, and free of dust and debris," he added. Southern rust is a highly aggressive, wind-dispersed fungal disease affecting corn, thriving in high humidity and warm temperatures (77 to 82 degrees Fahrenheit), according to Iowa State.

He said, "It can be easy to become complacent with safety practices during the spring rush, but take a minute to catch your breath, and look at your surroundings to make sure everything is safe. Just as it is important to maintain your facilities, it is also important to maintain yourselves. Take a minute throughout the day, and enjoy the beauty of your surroundings."



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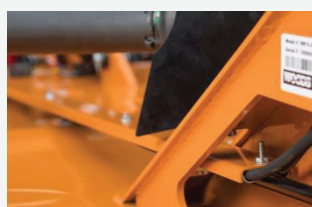
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ABBEVILLE, La. (AP) - Jacob Sagrera unrolls an alligator skin and lays it flat on a metal table, brushing off flecks of salt. He holds it up to the light, looking for blemishes, and gives it a score. That score will help a tannery an ocean away prepare it to be used by a luxury designer for items like boots, watch bands and handbags destined for fashion runways and posh shops.

Then he adds it to a pile of hides, each with a yellow tracking tag that allows authorities to enforce legal trade.

Advocates say commercial alligator farming has helped preserve a species often seen as scary, bothersome or good only for their skins. Not all conservationists think that's a good thing, but for the farmers and luxury brands seeking to market their products as sustainable, it's made sense to tie conservation to capitalism.

Some of the scientists who study them agree.

"These wetlands, these alligators ... it has to have some kind of monetary value," said George Melancon, alligator research biologist for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. "Otherwise, people just forget about them."

have grown, they've dropped the percentage of farmed gators returned each year, from almost 20 percent in the early 2000s to about 5 percent now.

American alligators were delisted as endangered in 1987 but are now a species of "Least Concern" on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, though their trade is still regulated because of how similar they look to other, more vulnerable crocodylian species. Alligators can be found across the Southern U.S., but Louisiana is by far the largest producer, with farms also in Georgia, Florida and Texas.

Farmers and state officials say the trackers help ensure every product came from a legal operation. One company that sells alligator leather goods, Col. Littleton in Lynnville, Tenn., keeps records of all its tracking tags, said Hayley Holt, their director of corporate and specialty sales. They mostly sell within the U.S., but many retailers log where they sourced their materials in case they want to ship products internationally, Holt said.

Alligator farming benefits from a large legal market and strong regulation, said Oliver Tallowin, senior program officer

How alligator farming works

Sagrera's grading work at his family's operation, Vermilion Gator Farm, is just one step in a decades-old system.

American alligators were once in peril of being hunted to extinction, and went on the Endangered Species List decades ago. Their numbers weren't too depleted to rebound in the wild if their habitat was maintained, say some experts, including Grahame Webb, director of Wildlife Management International and an adjunct professor at Charles Darwin University in Australia who has worked on reptile and crocodylian conservation since the 1960s.

But scientists with the state of Louisiana proposed a different way to boost their numbers: farmers would pay landowners for eggs, raise the gators to sell their meat locally and their skins on the luxury market and then release some back into the wild every year.

Now, Louisiana produces around 400,000 farmed alligators every year, according to the state's wildlife & fisheries department, which valued farmed skins in 2024 at over \$56 million. The state decides how many young alligators to release annually on data from nest surveys and hunting tags, and estimates around 3 million alligators now in the wild in Louisiana. As wild numbers

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on wildlife use and trade for the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

Some animal rights advocates question the ethics of raising alligators on farms. Beyond welfare concerns, some think the practice perpetuates demand for skins that can fuel poaching.

"That shadow trafficking industry is going to be there because you've rooted your system in profit," said Sarah Veatch, principal for wildlife policy for the nonprofit Humane World for Animals, formerly the Humane Society of the United States. "Trade not only meets the existing demand, but it normalizes it, it legitimizes it and it grows that demand for wild animal skins."

The alligator program and the future of luxury fashion

When brands market high-end items, sustainability is often part of the pitch.

Brands have taken a more active role in sourcing alligator leather by buying shares in or acquiring family-operated farms, tanneries and manufacturers, said Christy Gilmore, a consultant who communicates between Louisiana alligator officials and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), a

trade agreement among global governments.

"The brands started asking questions and digging deeper and quite honestly, just doing things that those of us who were small family businesses didn't think about," said Gilmore, whose family has been in the hide business for over a century and owns an alligator and crocodile tannery in Georgia. "We're not sitting around thinking about what our carbon footprint has been."

Meanwhile, the state wildlife and fisheries agency has increased its marketing budget over the years, from a cap of \$300,000 to \$500,000. That money comes from the industry, including sales of hunting tags each year, and goes into a fund dedicated to alligator programs.

The budget has gone up as they've had more money to spend and because of competition with hides from other crocodilian species entering the market, said Jeb Linscombe, alligator program manager for Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. But there's also been concern that animal rights groups could push the luxury market away from alligator hides, Linscombe said.

A related industry, fur, has seen significant declines in recent years. Last year, Poland passed a law to end fur farming by the end of 2033 and New York Fashion Week announced it would ban fur for its fall 2026 shows.

Some animal rights groups think hides like gator and python could be the next target. Some smaller venues like London Fashion Week have already banned exotic skins.

New research on alligators, including role in climate change

The alligator program also drives research on a species that has long been a mystery.

Melancon, the alligator biologist, wants to better understand their biology to help ranchers - for instance, developing a vaccine against West Nile virus, which can cause skin lesions that damage the valuable hides.

Other researchers want to investigate whether alligators are a climate benefit. A study in the journal Scientific Reports last year found a strong correlation between the abundance of alligators in a wetland and how much carbon that wetland stores. That's important because when released into the atmosphere, carbon dioxide is a main cause of global warming. That team is developing another study to see whether gators directly contribute to carbon storage, possibly by eating animals that nibble carbon-storing vegetation, said lead author Chris Murray, an adjunct professor of biology at Southeastern Louisiana University.

"Alligators can't stop climate change," Murray said, but "there's the chance they are participating in the global challenge of climate change for the good and not the bad."

Murray said he's not doing the research to help the industry, but for conservation in general. He sees value in gators beyond luxury bags and he wants others to see it, too.

"It's more than just this cool thing for kids to look at," Murray said. "It's, 'hey, they have an important role in the functionality of the earth that you live in.'"

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Adhesive tape wins soybean innovation competition

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — A 95 percent soybean-sourced adhesive tape, called SoySeal, earned the \$20,000 grand prize in the 32nd annual Student Soybean Innovation Competition during the awards ceremony March 25 at the Purdue Memorial Union in West Lafayette. In the food track competition, a soy-based bread product titled MiSoy Pan took top honors.

The Student Soybean Innovation Competition is a partnership between the Indiana Soybean Alliance (ISA), the state's soybean checkoff program, and Purdue University. ISA awarded more than \$35,000 to four teams that created new products in the industry track. In the soy-based food track, five teams earned a total of \$11,000. To win these competitions, Purdue students must develop innovative applications for soybeans. This year, 59 students and 20 teams completed the competition through the two tracks.

"ISA looks forward to working with Purdue students each year and seeing what unique products they create," said ISA Board Chair Denise Scarborough, a farmer from La Crosse, Ind. "The goal of this competition is to highlight the versatility of soybeans while seeking to solve a need in agriculture or the general public. The products developed by these students showcase new possibilities for how soybeans can be used and the value they can bring. We are excited about SoySeal and MiSoy Pan."

Twelve teams of 36 students competed in this year's industrial soy products competition.

SoySeal is a reliable, soy-based alternative to traditional petroleum-based packing adhesive tape. Designed with an adhesive layer on one side and a soy-plastic on the other, SoySeal provides strength, durability and versatility while remaining environmentally responsible. SoySeal was created by Purdue University

students Jocelyn Erickson, Elizabeth Heckaman and Kasey Wright.

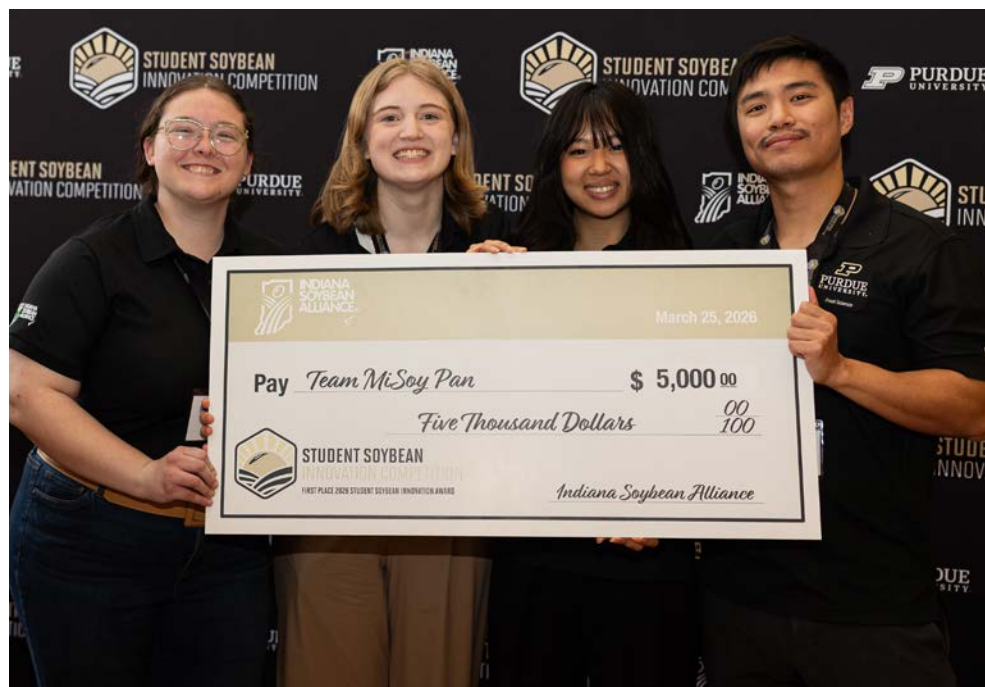
Erickson is a sophomore from Mechanicsville, Va., pursuing a degree in industrial engineering. Also a sophomore, Heckaman, from Claypool, Ind., studies biological engineering with a concentration in food and biological processes. Wright is a sophomore from Montgomery, Ohio, studying biological engineering with a cellular and molecular concentration.

In 2024, industry sources said the biodegradable tape market was valued at \$1.2 billion, and it is projected to reach \$2.8 billion by 2033. The adhesive tape market, at large, is an \$80.2 billion industry that is expected to exceed \$127.5 billion in 2032.

"By entering a high-growth, multi-billion-dollar space with a 95 percent soy-derived alternative, our product unlocks a scalable opportunity in a high-value market while promoting Indiana's soybean industry," Erickson said. "At the same time, it addresses one of today's most pressing environmental challenges, reducing the accumulation of microplastics in both our ecosystems and the human body."

The SoySeal team said many biodegradable tape options struggle to maintain strong adhesion under wet or humid conditions. SoySeal remains sticky even after exposure to water and repeated hand washing. The team said SoySeal combines the environmental benefits of plant-based materials with the practical reliability expected from industrial-grade tape.

This was the second year for the soy-based food innovation track of the competition. This year's competition required students to show how versatile soy can be as a baking ingredient. In total, eight teams of College of Agriculture students worked with the Purdue Food Science Department to create products.



Above: The top-prize winner of the food track of the Student Soybean Innovation Competition is Team MiSoy Pan, makers of an item that is similar to a Japanese salt bread. The team won \$5,000 for first place and includes Purdue students Bethany Champley, Brooke Erwin, Emma Wu and Jeff Chow.

MiSoy Pan is a variation of a Japanese salt bread similar to shio pan, and it won the \$5,000 top prize in the soy food track. Shio pan is a combination of buttery richness, a crispy exterior and an airy interior has helped it gain popularity as a hybrid between a croissant and soft milk bread. The MiSoy Pan team suggested that a soy-forward, vegan variation of shio pan could appeal to domestic and international customers. The MiSoy Pan team consists of Brooke Erwin, Jeff Chow, Bethany Champley and Emma Wu.

"MiSoy Pan is a vegan, soy-based, Asian-inspired, baked good that is best served within 3-6 hours after being baked to ensure peak texture and flavor," Erwin said. "Our market strategy for selling our rolled dough as a frozen product for contract baking is to ensure the product is consumed within or near this time range. Because of this, key buyers of our product will be retailers, chains and specialty markets that look for contract baking manufacturers that provide high convenience, niche and on-trend products, and a brand that aligns with values in sustainability."

In addition to the other prizes, the 400-plus attendees of the Student Soybean Innovation Competition Awards Ceremony each voted for their favorite product for the \$500 People's Choice award. This prize was officially renamed in honor Dr. Rodolfo Pinal, associate professor of industrial and molecular pharmaceuticals who passed away in December 2024.

This year's award went to Soyé, creators of a soy-based menstrual pad. Soyé features three soy-derived layers: A top layer for moisture-wicking comfortability, an absorbent core engineered from a tofu byproduct,

and an impermeable layer to prevent leakage. A commercial-grade adhesive to ensure the same functionality as conventional menstrual pads is also added. The makers of Soyé include Purdue students Marcia Kusunah, of Jakarta, Indonesia; Eleanor Malinowski, of Downers Grove, Ill.; and Chanyoung "Ivy" Moon, of Seoul, Korea.

Earning second place this year in the industrial track, and a \$10,000 prize, were the creators of SoySlipSafe, a soy-based anti-icer that can be used on roads prior to snowfall or freezing precipitation. Traditional anti-icing products rely heavily on chloride salts as the primary freezing point depressant. While effective, chlorides are a major contributor to infrastructure corrosion, vehicle deterioration and environmental degradation. SoySlipSafe uses soybean-derived components to achieve the two primary functions of an effective anti-icer — freezing point depression and ice-bond reduction.

Garden Galette earned the \$3,000 second prize in the food track. Galette, a French term, refers to high-end patisserie that is also popular in modern artisan baking. The team that produced these vegan galettes used soy properties to create all four elements of their product: A puff pastry dough, ricotta cheese, beef crumble and a pesto sauce. The Garden Galette team members include Claudia Guillen, Nicolas Rosy and Natcha Ngaosuphanvongs.

Go online to bit.ly/soycompetition for more details on ISA's investment in soybean innovation. To watch the awards ceremony, go online to Purdue's YouTube page at bit.ly/SSI-Clivestream.



Above: Team SoySeal, creators of a soybean-based adhesive tape, was the grand prize winner of the Student Soybean Innovation Competition. Pictured, from left, are ISA Board member Andrew McDaniel, a farmer from Waldron, Ind., Team SoySeal members Elizabeth Heckaman, Jocelyn Erickson and Kasey Wright, and ISA Chair Denise Scarborough, a farmer from La Crosse, Ind.

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Garver Farm Market wins zoning appeal to keep ag designation

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

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Alayna Garver-Taylor operates the



Above: Dave Dirksen, a twice-a-day customer, with Gracie Slanker, Jen Schumacher and Grace Barnett, working in the deli and bakery.

market with her father, Michael Garver, her mother, Suzanne Garver, and her husband, Daylon Taylor.

Michael and Suzanne started the roadside farm market in 1991. Before that, they had a conventional row crop farm with some livestock. The market sits on 180 acres of farmland, but in total, the family farms about 2,000 acres across Butler, Warren, and Preble counties.

They broke ground for the new facility in 2023 and had a grand opening in May 2024, Garver-Taylor said. Their farm market had done very well before, but it was small and open only from May through October.

The area is in the midst of incredible urban sprawl. Their customers wanted more products, which were impossible to deliver in their current market. They could not get a permit from the health department so, technically, they could not shuck an ear of corn or slice a watermelon.

“So, we made the leap to do what we did,” she explained. “This is a farm market like no other. We offer our seasonal produce, annual flowers, pumpkins, and all the fruits and veggies, of course. We also have our farm bakery and deli, where we take the things that are grown on the farm, and we serve them right on your plate.

“We also have expanded to offer a winery; we grow our own grapes now and make our own wine,” Garver-Taylor explained. “That is growing rapidly. The market also has a coffee shop, a little country store, and a little bit of



Above: Garver Farm Market offers seasonal produce, annual flowers, pumpkins, fruits and vegetables. It also has a bakery, deli and a country store. Loyal customers of the market showed up to the standing-room-only Board of Appeals meeting.

everything. But it is still a farm.”

In June 2025, over a year after the grand opening, attended by county employees and representatives, they received a notice in the mail (from Butler County) that they had violated a zoning issue. The notice said they were operating a commercial business on an agriculturally zoned property, and that they had not obtained the proper building permits and zoning permits to do so.

“When we began construction, the plans were approved for agriculture,” Garver-Taylor said. We went through the right avenues to get this building approved. We were not trying to fly under the radar; everyone knew what we

were doing. We got this notice after we had opened, that we had to cease operations and had to file for a commercial zoning permit.”

This led to an eight-month headache. At first, the family tried to work with the county. They didn’t try to push back but needed the county to understand that they were a farm, an agricultural and viticultural operation. They were given more hoops to jump through.

The Garver family finally decided they needed to fight and hired an attorney. They submitted an appeal to

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Michigan home to top maker of transplanters for seedlings

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

HOLLAND, Mich. — A Michigan company bills itself as the nation's top producer of machines transplanting sweet potatoes, tomatoes and other vegetables that get their start in greenhouses.

Mechanical Transplanter Company has been making the machines at the same location in Holland since 1953.

Max Timmer in charge of parts and assembly at the plant said a vast majority of their transplanters are sold to customers in other states like California.

Timmer, whose father, Dan, owns the company, said most of their customers are small growers but some buyers have raised vegetables under

contract for large food companies like Red Gold, a leading provider of canned tomatoes and other things like ketchup.

The machines are capable of transplanting as many as 60 or more seedlings every minute. Riders on the machine place the seedlings on a conveyor belt that delivers them into the soil.

Max said the transplanters pulled behind tractors can also put the seedlings into the ground at various depths depending on the needs of each plant.

"When you can do multiple acres in a day versus a few hundred feet by hand, it definitely helps the commercial growing," he said.

The company was founded by Raymond Kolk, whose sons, Bob and Howard, took control of the business

in 1983.

They sold the company in 2008 Dan Timmer and Steve Vanloo, who had both spent the majority of their careers working at the plant.

Dan Timmer became the sole owner in 2024 when Vanloo retired.

Dan Timmer said the company used to make anywhere from 800 to 1,000 transplanters a year when a majority of their customers a few decades ago were tobacco growers using the machines to plant seedlings in states like Kentucky and Tennessee.

He said anywhere from 500 to 700 transplanters are made now since there aren't as many tobacco farmers and the farms still growing it are larger.

The company has made up for some of that lost business by gaining customers growing other things like trees, developing new models and through periodic technology upgrades to the machines for improved performance.

Dan said about one-third of the company's sales are made in Arizona and California where farmers often use multiple transplanters at a time

to cover as many as eight rows.

"We own that market out there because our machines are so fast and efficient," he said.

He said sales are about equal in the southeast with the remainder spread throughout the rest of the country.

Almost all of the machines are purchased through dealers but the company works directly with farmers without much knowledge about transplanters to help bring them up to speed on their use and repair.

"They're pretty simple machines so, normally, they can figure it out on their own," said Max.

Dan said his biggest competition is from transplanters made overseas in Italy and a smaller company manufacturing the machines also in Michigan.

Max's daughter, Natalie, also works at the plant.

The company also makes other products like diddlers, which put holes in plastic mulch used for weed control for seeds to be dropped into the ground.

Garver Market

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the county that their land was zoned for agriculture, and the building was for agriculture. It was denied. Michael Garver argued that the farm market met agricultural standards because more than 50 percent of the gross sales were from agricultural products.

David Fehr, Butler County director of development, told the Hamilton Journal News that the building "went beyond" a roadside farm stand. That the zoning violation had nothing to do with the farming of the property or the crops, but strictly with the building.

Next, the family went to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The meeting was March 17, and was standing room only. If they were turned down, if the property had to be zoned commercial, the family knew they would not have the resources to keep operating and would have to close.

"It was amazing to see all of the people come out to support us," Garver-Taylor said. "We had a lot of people speaking in our favor. We were there until midnight. These people stayed until midnight speaking on our behalf and supporting us."

The Board of Appeals is a five-member board, and Garver Farm Market needed three votes to be approved.

"When it was time for the board to start voting, there was a long lull of silence," Garver-Taylor said. "They were thinking hard, flipping through the pages of evidence. It felt like hours of silence, but it was probably only a couple of minutes. Then we heard the first person motion to approve, and another long pause before a second motion to approve. Then three and four. There was one 'no.'"

Their many supporters, including twice-a-day customer Dave Dirksen,



Above: Alayna Garver-Taylor and Carly Driscoll. Driscoll is in her third season of working at the farm and says that after high school, she might come back to agriculture because of her job there.

were pleased.

"I come for breakfast usually and then for lunch," Dirksen said. "It is the most awesome place on earth. I love it here. They have the nicest people; people are coming here from all over the country. Everybody has a good time. They have a little bit of everything, they have wine, food, music, the fire, shopping, fresh farm produce, and also unhomogenized milk from the Amish, which I love."

Carly Driscoll is in her third season working at the farm and she appreciates it.

"It has opened up a lot of new interest for me in agriculture, viniculture, that sort of thing," Driscoll said. "When I move on after high school, I might come back to agriculture because of this job."



Above: Dan Timmer (right) along with his children, Natalie and Max, stand behind one of the transplanters made by their company in Michigan.

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There are three phases of giving your cowdog a bath

Tips on giving a cowdog a bath. There are two things in this world that were never meant to have a bath: pickup trucks and cowdogs.

We are talking real cowdogs here and not those fancy purse dogs that look like they were trimmed to look like a garden topiary. First a warning: although cowdogs can often be seen jumping into a water trough or windmill tank to cool off after a hard day's work, we are talking here about something altogether different.

There are three phases to giving your dog a bath: the pre-bath phase, the actual bath and post-bath. Things you should do in the pre-bath phase include making sure you are all up to date on your tetanus shots and you should purchase the appropriate shampoo. Do not use any shampoo that smells like lavender, hyacinth, forest green, or citrus. Dogs hate this because when a fragrantly enhanced dog is around other dogs at a branding or a roping, a French perfume or cologne scent could call into question its sexual orientation. Also, it's very important to use the right enclosure to wash your cowdog in. The only thing that works is a bathtub/shower combination with sliding glass doors. Now you are ready for the actual wash cycle.

Catch your dog and carry it into the bathroom. The dog will immediately become suspicious because you've never allowed the cowdog in the house



It's THE PITTS
By Lee Pitts

before. Pet and soothe the dog as you place it in the bathtub/shower enclosure and quickly close the sliding doors so it cannot escape. Turn on the shower to get your dog wet and pay no attention to the deep scratches the dog is making in the glass doors in an attempt to escape. Next remove all your clothes in preparation to enter the tub as things are about to get real messy. The dog will go crazy never having seen a naked human body before, especially one as ugly as yours.

Enter the shower being very careful not to let the dog out. Next try to sneak out of the shower to get the shampoo that you failed to take with you the first time. Make sure you use an all-in-one shampoo/conditioner because you are only going to get one shot at this and you don't want to have to apply a second coat.

Grab your dog as it bounces off the walls and apply the shampoo/conditioner being careful not to get the soap in your eyes. Don't worry, the dog will self-agitate and make lots of muddy suds. Use a comb to get the snarls out of the dog's coat as the dog snarls at you and exposes its teeth. Turn on the shower for a final rinse and yell at the wife to assume her position to be ready to catch the wet dog as you open the shower enclosure. Be advised the DOG WILL BE COMING OUT HOT as it ejects itself from its watery prison cell.

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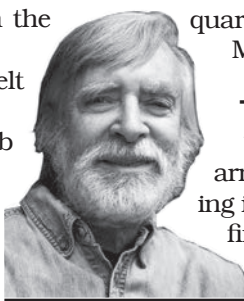


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And the Spring arose on the garden fair,
Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere;
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Rose from the dreams of its wintry rest.
The snowdrop and then the violet,
Arose from the ground with warm rain wet; - Percy Bysshe Shelley



POOR WILL'S ALMANACK
By Bill Felker

quarter.
May 1: The Moon is full.
The Weather of the Week Ahead
Two major weather systems, one arriving on the 2nd and another coming in on the 6th, usually dominate the first quarter of April in the Lower Midwest, increasing the chance of precipitation. Snow is most likely to fall on the 3rd, 4th and 5th. There is a 20 percent chance of a high in the 80s this week, and there is more than a 50 percent chance of an afternoon in the 60s or 70s. Still, the first quarter of the fourth month is its coldest quarter, and daily chances of frost remain steady at an average of 40 percent throughout the period.

Natural Calendar

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March 30: Small-flowered Bittercress
March 31: Virginia Bluebell, Cut-Leaved Toothwort
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April 2: Forsythia, Box Elder, Yellow Violet, Rue Anemone
April 3: Small-flowered Buttercup, Creeping Phlox
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- Lawrimore 20' Bumper Pull Trailer
- International Roillback 2.0
- 2009 Ford F250 Single Cab Pickup
- Old Dodge Power Wagon (parts only)
- Chevy W4500 Flatbed Truck
- Volvo EC330BLC Excavator, 7938 hrs.
- Komatsu D75S Dozer/Loader
- Komatsu WA380 Wheel Loader

GRAIN HANDLING

- 2012 Killbros 1885 Grain Cart
- Mayrath 8x52 Sing Away Auger

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INSPECTION: THURSDAY APRIL 9, 3-5 PM

TRACTORS/SKID STEER: '77 IH 1586 tractor, hrs: 6322, CHA, (12) IH suitcase weights, duals, rebuilt AC; JD 820 utility tractor; Farmall Super C tractor; Gehl 4610 skid steer, hrs: 2660, (2) buckets

NH COMBINE/NI UNI-SYSTEM: New Holland TR98 4x4 combine, hrs: 4869, chopper, used Fall 2025; Ag Leader InCommand 800 monitor; NH 96C 6R30 corn head with EZ-Trail 680 cart (both excellent); NH 973 30' header with Unverferth HT36 cart; New Idea 708 Uni-System with 767 chopper & 763 3R30 corn head

PLANTERS/DRILLS/SEED TENDERS: Kinze 3500 8/16 planter, total acres: 1643, one-owner, several options, barn kept, used 2025 season; White 6100 6R30 corn planter, no-till, liquid, barn kept, used 2025 season; JD 8300 16-hole drill; IH 510 21-hole drill; Patriot 100 2-box tender; Friesen 240 2-compartment bulk tender

FARM/TILLAGE EQUIPMENT: Great Plains TT1800 18' Turbo-Till; JD 235 19' bi-fold disk; Glencoe 9-shank Soil Saver; Parker 500 grain cart; Kinze 400 grain cart; Westfield 1070 auger; NH 28 silage blower; (3) Papec silage wagon on gears; round hay bale trailer, 8-bale; Allied/FK 3-pt 9' blade; Ponderosa 16' GN livestock trailer; Knoedler feed wagon; Danuser F8 3-pt PHD; Badger BN316 1200 gal liquid manure tank; 450/1100 gal poly fertilizer tanks; (2) gravity beds on gears

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Poor Will

FROM PAGE 6B

In the Field and Garden

Remove mulch from around rose bushes. Spread manure or other fertilizer before the major growing season gets underway. Complete all field planting preparations. Seven weeks remain until the most tender vegetables and flowers can be set out in the garden.

Commercial potato planting is typically underway, and farmers are band seeding alfalfa. Be sure your boars are getting enough vitamin E and selenium so they will be ready for breeding.

Plan to serve the graduation cookout market - high school and college graduations can start as early as the first week in April and extend into the middle of June.

Countdown to Summer

- Within a few days goldfinches will be all gold and the fat toads sing
- Two weeks until lilacs bloom in your dooryards
- Three weeks until all the honeysuckles flower
- Four weeks to morel and May apple blooming seasons
- Five weeks to the first rhubarb pie
- Six weeks to the great warbler migration through the Lower Midwest
- Seven weeks to the first peas from the garden
- Eight weeks until the first orange daylilies blossom
- Nine weeks until the high canopy begins shades the garden
- 10 weeks until the first mulberries are sweet for picking and cottonwood

cotton drifts in the wind

Almanack Literature

The Most Amazing Fish Story (And It Is True)

By Donald Michael, Xenia, Ohio

When I was discharged from the Army after World War II, we were sitting around the supper table on our farm south of Bellbrook, Ohio. We were talking about all the things that are missed when you're gone.

Dad said to me, "Let's go fishing." It was starting to get dark, so we went out behind the barn and dug some worms.

Taking a lantern, we went to the Little Miami River between Spring Valley and Waynesville. We both baited the hooks and I cast out.

There were tree limbs hanging out over the water, so dad decided to pull some line out and spin the bait around like a lasso, and it went out over the water and got caught on a tree limb.

He yanked on the line, and it broke.

He put on a new hook, baited up and tossed it out again the same way. It got caught again.

After several yanks, it let loose. When he pulled it in, both the hooks and bait came in. The barb of the second hook went into the eye of the first hook and both came back.

Dad belonged to the Lion's Club in Bellbrook. They have what is called a Liars' Club. Whoever could tell the biggest whopper would win a small prize. Nobody would believe that catching one fishhook into the eye of another hook could happen. If I hadn't been with him and seen it happen, I would not believe it either. That is only one of the many things I remember about my dad.

Online Only April Auctions

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 THE WENDT GROUP

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 Begins to Close: Wed, April 8th at 12 Noon
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- Bobcat T300 Skid Loader w/8811 Backhoe Attachment
- Rhino SE15 Rotary Mower
- Bradford 12-Ton Running Gear
- John Deere 630F Grain Head
- Cat 242D Skid Steer
- Kubota M8200 Tractor
- John Deere 7000 6-Row Corn Planter
- 2008 Ford F450 4x4 Diesel Pickup Truck
- NH3 Tank
- New Holland 256 Hay Rake
- John Deere 1209 Mower/Conditioner
- Stirex 2GL-302 Hay Tedder
- John Deere 24T Square Baler - Will come w/ a parts baler as well
- 16' Hay Wagon w/ JD Gear
- 36' Gerlach Elevator
- (4) Gravity Wagons
- John Deere 1790 24R20" Planter
- John Deere 12R30" 7200 Conservation Planter
- 40' Great Plains HT1100 Terra-Max
- Kuhn 9-Shank 4830 Ripper
- 42' Horst 4-Wheel Steer Header Cart
- 24' John Deere 330 disk
- 30' Landoll 876 Tilloll
- Kinze 2500 8/16 Planter
- Ford 1320 Tractor
- Kiotti CS2210 Tractor w/ SL2410 Loader/ Bucket & SB2410L Backhoe
- 6" x 27' Hutchinson Hyd Drive Seed Auger
- Massey Ferguson 10 Square Baler
- Massey Ferguson 560 Round Baler
- Massey Ferguson 205 Manure Spreader
- Massey Ferguson 880 5-Btm Plow
- Massey Ferguson 129 Chisel Plow
- Massey Ferguson 88 5-Btm Plow
- New Holland Super S717 1-Row Chopper
- John Deere 8R36" P1290 Planter
- John Deere 4R36" 494A Planter
- 24' Donahue Planter Trailer
- Killbros 300 Gravity Bed Wagon
- Unverferth McCurdy Gravity Bed Wagon
- 22' International 496 Disc
- 30' John Deere Rotary Hoe
- Wilmar 10-Ton Fertilizer Tender Bed
- Wilmar 10-Ton Seed Tender Bed
- Killbros 350 Gravity Bed Wagon
- 2018 579 Peterbilt Semi Truck
- 80' Willmar 7200 Self Propelled Sprayer
- New Holland 315 Square Baler
- Norden AE18 18-Bale Accumulator
- 2023 34' Demco Steel Hopper Bottom Trailer
- Vermeer R2800 V-Rake
- Kuhn 618 18-Bale Grapple
- Accumulator Hitch
- New Holland BR7090 Silage Special Round Baler
- John Deere 926 Disk
- 35' Lowboy Trailer
- Westfield 1031 Auger
- John Deere MoCo Haybine
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- Miller Dialarc 250 AC/DC Welder
- Dust Receiver
- KO Lee S618 Surface Grinder w/ Hydraulic Pump
- KO Lee Industrial Machine Tool
- Honda Rancher ES ATV
- Tractor Tires
- Western Ultramount Snow Plow
- 20' Werner Step Ladder
- (32) Copper Head AG Furrow Cruiser Closing Wheels
- Poly Auger Hopper
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- Complete 12-Row 2x2 Fertilizer Setup
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- 25-Gal Spray Tank w/ 10' Booms
- 61" Zero Turn Mower
- (2) Vintage Steel Wheels
- 6' Grader Blade
- 500-Gal Poly Tank
- 84" Tractor Mount Broom Sweep
- Small Animal Enclosure
- (64) Schaffert Zipper Closing Wheels
- John Deere 4630 Tractor
- JCB 3185 Fastrac Tractor
- Chem Farm Pull Type Sprayer
- 8' Rotary Mower
- Snorkelift 42 Lift
- 10' Front Mount Blade
- Bonnell 10' Blade
- 7' Pull Type Packer
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- 10' Ford Disc
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- Ag Systems 1000 Gallon Nursery Trailer/Pump
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- Thompson 6" Pump w/Perkins Diesel Motor
- Blastcrete Concrete Pump
- Ford Service Truck w/Crane
- Interstate Low Boy Semi Trailer
- Livestock Pipe Gates
- Livestock Wood Gates
- T Posts
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- Tires

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Jun.	6/10	5/20	Jun.	6/11	5/20
Jul.	7/8	6/17	Jul.	7/9	6/17
Aug.	8/12	7/22	Aug.	8/13	7/22
Sept.	9/9	8/19	Sept.	9/10	8/19
Oct.	10/14	9/23	Oct.	10/15	9/23
Nov.	11/11	10/21	Nov.	11/12	10/21
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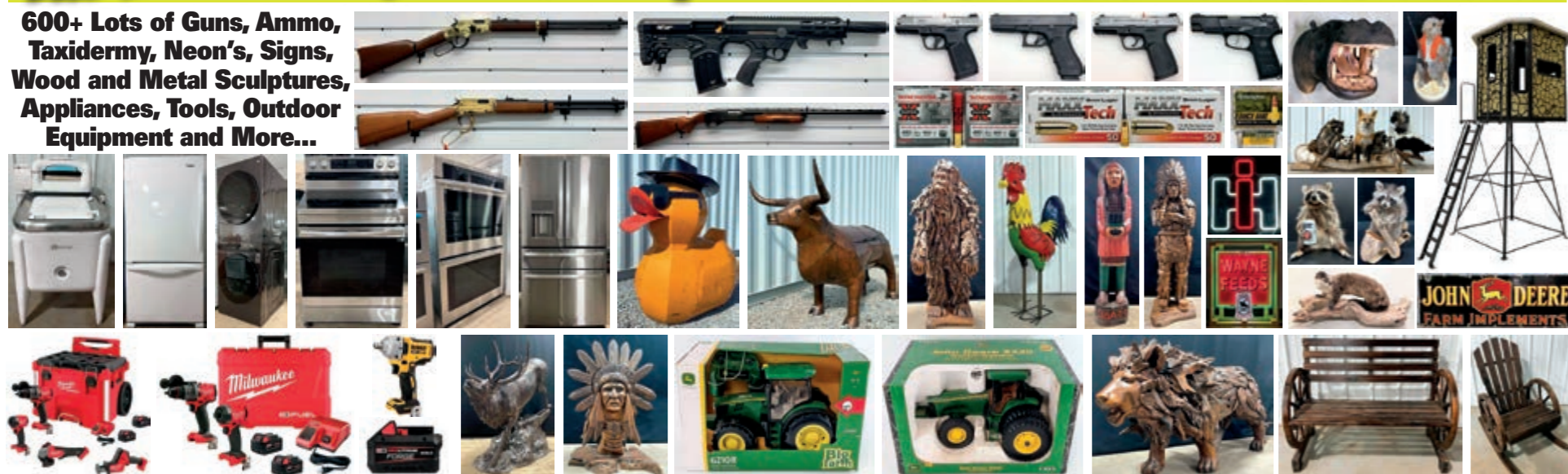
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DAY 2 TUESDAY, APRIL 7 @ 4pm CDT LIVE AUCTION WITH ONLINE BIDDING

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DAY 4 THURSDAY, APRIL 9 @ 9:30am CDT LIVE AUCTION WITH ONLINE BIDDING

700+ Lots of Tractors, New Trailers, UTVs and Golf Carts, Cars and Pickups, New Skid Steer Attachments, Excavator Attachments, Livestock Equipment, and More!



DAY 4 THURSDAY, APRIL 9 Begins Closing @ 5pm CDT ONLINE ONLY

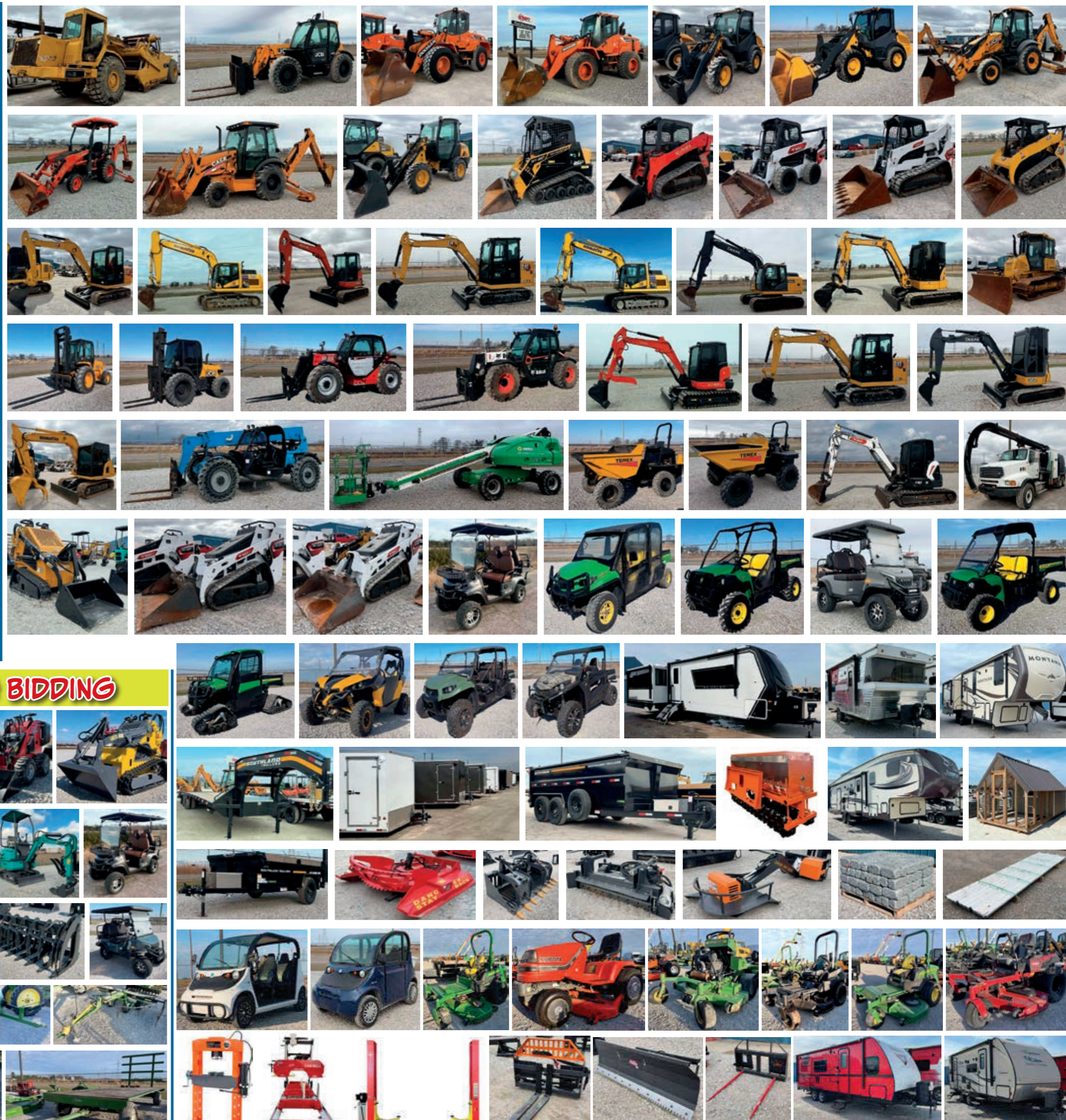
900+ Lots of Farm Equipment, Shop Equipment, Tools and much more!



DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 @ 9:30am CDT LIVE AUCTION WITH ONLINE BIDDING

700+ Lots of Construction Equipment Including Excavators, Skid Steers, Wheel Loaders, Telehandlers, Forklifts, New Trailers, Campers, Lawn Tractors, UTVs, Trucks, Livestock Equipment, New Attachments, and More!

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2026 TWO DAY Spring Consignment ONLINE ONLY AUCTION

DAY ONE - Bidding ENDS Saturday April 11, 2026 @ 9:00 AM Eastern
DAY TWO - Bidding ENDS Sunday April 12, 2026 @ 7:00 PM Eastern

Items located @ 12544 Carpenter Rd. Milan, MI & Other Locations

See www.bradneuhart.com for all info

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Due to the overwhelming success of our previous ONLINE ONLY Consignment Auctions we are again making our 2026 Spring Consignment Auction—ONLINE ONLY and TWO DAYS! Bidding opens Saturday April 4th and runs until Saturday April 11, 2026 (Day ONE) with items starting to end at 9am eastern and SUNDAY April 12, 2026 (Day Two) with items starting to end at 7pm eastern. Item payment/pickup is SUNDAY April 12th (Day One items ONLY) through Tuesday April 14th from 9am-5pm.

Open consignment drop off (no appointment needed) will be accepted at 12544 Carpenter Rd. Milan, MI on Friday 3/13/26 through Monday 3/16/26 from 9am—5pm each day for Equipment, Trailers, Vehicles, Tractors & ATV's



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Farmall 340 gas NF 2pt w/ Ldr; Case 530 gas pwr steering 3pt pto; MH 44 gas WF 3pt pto; JD B original w/fenders; Farmall Cub; MF 65 gas WF 3pt pto; Farmall 300 original Row crop NF 2pt pto; IH WR 4 gas w/ pulley; 2- Oliver 1250 gas WF 3pt pto; Kubota B7100 HST Dsl 2WD 3pt pto; IH 1066 Dsl Fenders WF 3pt 2pto 2 hyd; '66 JD 4020 Dsl Wf Cab; Leyland 154 gas 3pt pto; Oliver 550 gas 3pt pto; Oliver 770; 2 - Ford 5000 Dsl & gas 3pt pto; Case 730 w/ Ldr; JD 10A Mtd Back Hoe Unit; JD 5400 Dsl MFWD w/Ldr; Oliver 1600 dsl Wheatland; Ford 861 Powe Master - Nice; JD 4020, dsl, wf, 3pt, 2x pto; Ford Jubilee; AC B; Farmall 756 Dsl 2pt fenders; IH 886 Dsl open Rops, 3pt pto, 4145 hrs (O.H. 900 hrs ago); JD 4620 dsl Cab new tires; Cockshutt 550 Row Crop WF; JD 620 gas 3pt, pwr steering; JD 4020 Dsl w/ JD 148 Ldr; Farmall M; MM U302 WF gas 3pt pto; JD 148 Ldr;

Combine

1976 JD 3300 Dsl Combine rotary Screen 2815 hrs - Nice!; JD 343 Corn Head; JD 213 Grain Head;

Antique Farm Machinery

Mill Creek Mini Manure spdr; IH Tractor Roll Bar w/ roof; IH tractor wide front/ IH 3x pull plow w/ cyl; Cunningham #8 pull Hay Crimper 3pt Boom Pole; IH 46 Sq Baler; pull type drags; various sizes of 3pt blades; 2x 3pt plows; p.h. diggers 3pt; Williamson Cast Iron Stove; 3pt dirt scoops; small pony wood wheel wagon; Tiffin Wood Wheel Wagon w/ box & seat - Sold New by Robt Armatage Attica OH very nice; Miniature Tiffin Wood Wheel Wagon - nice; many running gears; Wagon gravity boxes 200 - 400 bu; 5" x 8" Wood Fence Posts; 1x & 2x Potato Planter on steel 5' & 4' 3pt Dt Field Cultv; 10' Chain harrow Pasture drag; Heavy Steel 1 1/4" Thick 6' x 9' work table; 3pt pto furrow maker; Wheel wts; suitcase wts; 2x 3pt plow; NI Ground Drive Manure Spdrs; JD 12' Packer; JD 494A Planter - nice; Oliver 4x semi mid plow; Brillion 5 1/2' Packer Pups; Brillion 8' Packer; Ford 3x Mtd Plow's 3pt; 16' hay Wagon; JD 290 Planter 2x; Dunham 8' Packer; Year Round Tractor Cab; 2- IH 9' Wheel Disk; JD 216 Potato Planter 2x; NI 310 Picker 1 Row; JD 1209 Haybine; NH 315 sq Baler; MM 4 row Planter; KB 350 Wagon Box w/ tarp; KB 375 Wagon w/ JD 1075 gear; KB 350 Wagon w/ JD 1065 Gear; Steel Wheels; Children's Pull Wagons; Pull Type Disks; Tractor Seats; Brillion 8' Mulcher; Case IH 475 Wheel Disk; Generators; Metal Lathe; Pet Cage's; 1x pull plow on steel; IH 2x Pull Planter; DR 3pt Wood Chipper; IH 120 Sickle Mower 9' Mtd; JD 1250 Dry Fert 6x Planter; Oliver 77 Fenders & Side Shields; Iron Corn Binder; NI Cut/ Conditioner; MM LS 300 Ground Drive Manure Spdr; IH 1300 Sickle Mower 3pt 9' Cut; 4' Disk Plow - pull; Oliver 12' Wheel Disk; IH 400 Planter Dry Fert 4x; JD 350 Sickle Mower 3pt 9'; IH 550 Plow 5x Plow; Dunham 13' Mulcher; NI 2x 3pt Planter; AC 2x Planter 3pt; NI hay Crimper; IH 710 AR Plow 5x; JD 37 Pull Sickle Mower; New tires;

Farmer Closeout IH Tractors, & EO

Sellers: Glen Hardy & Charles Hardy Estate Tractors & Combines

Ih W6 Standard; Farmall H; Farmall 400 gas, NF; IH 504 Utility gas 2pt, pto; Farmall 300 gas NF 2pt; IH 300 Utility gas 2pt, pto; Farmall 504 gas, NF 3pt pto; IH 656 gas NF 3pt pto 1 hyd; AC WD; IH 1066 dsl fenders, 3pt 2 pto 2 hyd; IH 1466 dsl Cab, duals 3pt 1000 pto; IH 1486 dsl C&A 3pt, Duals 3hyd 1000 pto; IH 1086 dsl C&A duals, 3pt 3pto 2 hyd; IH 4386 4WD 3pt 30.5 x 32 Tires good; IH 3588 2+2 Rear duals 3pt 1000 pto 3hyd; IH 1466 Dsl fenders 3pt ND pto 2hyd Case IH 2188 combine, 2WD Rock Trap chopper 30.5 x 32 Tires AG Leader, monitor 4220/3500 hrs; Case IH 1020-20' Grain Head 3" Knife; Unverferth HT25 header cart; IH 863 Corn Head; IH 844 Corn Head

Equipment

Woods 20' Bat Wing Rotary Cutter; Case IH 5400 Drill 20' w/ Yetter Coulter Cart 2 cyl lift & rear Rolling harrow; JD 12' Cutting disk; Brillion 25' Mulcher Solid Packers w/ Scrapers; Case IH 496 Disk 24' 7 1/2" Spacing; IH 6000 soil Saver 11sk; IH 490 Disk 22' 7 1/2" Spacing; JD 940 DT Field cultv 24'; Brillion X fold Packer - for parts; 16' 2 Axle Trailer; Case IH 900 Planter Dry Fert; IH 5100 Drill 21x w/ seeder & pw; 25 Gravity Wagons of Various Sizes; IH 440 sq Baler; Century Pull Sprayer 500 Gal Tandem Axle; Buzz Saw; Hog Scales; 3pt log splitter; Long 119A 3pt B-Hoe; NI Pull Sickle Mower; NI 9 Manure Spdr; 3pt Boom pole; 3- IH 5x Semi Mtd plows; IH 4x Semi mtd plow; IH 3x pull plow; Baltic 300 Seeder spdr 3pt; Brillion 15' packer; 2 Brillion 5' Packer pups; Cardinal 6' x 30' Loadout Auger; IH 6x cultv 3pt; NI 311 Picker 2 Row; Westfield 8" x 60' Auger;

Annual Lawn & Garden Auction Monday 5:00 p.m.

Featured Lawn Mowers

JD Z335 Zero Turn Mower, 42" deck; JD X500 w/ 54" deck; JD X534 4 wheel Steer; JD X500 w/ 48" deck; EX Mark LHP5223k Zero Turn; Toro Z4200 time cutter Zero Turn; Ex Mark Laxer Z Zero Turn; JD Z925M Zero Turn; JD E100 42"; Ariens 12 hp, 42"; Kubota ZD1021 Zero Turn 60", dsl; EX Mark Vertex VTS; JD Z997R Zero Turn w/ 72" deck; JD 345 w/ 48" cut; Grasshopper 721D Zero Turn Dsl; club Car Electric Golf Cart; Economy Power King 1614; Ex Mark Lazer Zero Turn 518 hrs;

NOTE: This is only a partial list of items being sold Monday April 13th. Much more will be added to the auction. Internet bidding available. Trucking Available!

Selling Tuesday April 14th 9a.m.

Reg Consignment Auction, Absolute Rows and REGULAR TRACTORS

Regular Tractors

Case IH Maximum 115 MWFd dsl; Cat Challenger MT525D MFWD dsl; JD 7810 MFWD 9088 hrs; 2019 Cat 303.5 Excavator; NH TV145 4x4 Unidirectional; JD 4850 dsl MFWD w/ duals & wts; Ford NH 8670 MFWD w/ New Ream Eng; Case IH Cx80 MFWD Rops w/ ldr; NH T5.95, MFWD; Cat 272D Skid Steer dsl; Case IH 5250 MFWD w/ dr; JD 4440 dsl C&A 2wd 7784 hrs; Bobcat E26 Mini Excavator Cab, AC/Heat, 1135 hrs; JD 4430 Dsl C&A 2wd Quad Range; bobcat S150 Skid Steer 820 hrs; White AGCO 6145 Cab AC Duals 2wd; Case IH JX80 dsl MFWD w/ LX 730 ldr, 1104 hrs; Case IH JX95 w/ Ldr dsl, MFWD; JD 5055E w/ JD 553 Ldr MFWD 2532 hrs; JD 4640 dsl 2wd 8130 hrs; JD 2955 dsl; Case IH 4230 w/ Case 2250 ldr; JD 5055E dsl MFWD 1424 hrs; JD 4240 dsl cab; John 5055E dsl Fenders 2140hrs; IH 5288 dsl 2 Wd Cab, Ac duals; JD 2550 dsl Cab w/ JD 245 ldr; NH 575E TLB 4WD; White 2 - 135 Cab 6136 hrs; JD 1650 dsl MFWD w/ ldr; White 2-105 Field Boss MFWD; John Deere 5400, dsl, w/ldr; '95 Gehl 4625 dsl Skid LDR 3688 hrs ; JD 5045E Dsl 2068hrs; MF 60H TLB dsl; JD 510D Dsl TLB 2wd; '83 International 784, dsl, cab; JCB 1550 TLB; JD 2320 MFWD dsl, hydro w/ ldr & mower deck; AC 175 dsl 3pt pto; MF 231 dsl; '94 AGCO AC 9455 MFWD 5200 hrs; 3pt, 540 & 1000 pto, No Right Brake;

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Dogs may have been our best friends for longer than previously thought

NEW YORK (AP) - Using the oldest dog genes studied so far, scientists are finding more evidence that our furry friends have been our companions for thousands of years.

Scientists think dogs descended from an ancient population of gray wolves somewhere in Europe or Asia. Tens of thousands of years ago, those wolves got used to living with people and became less aggressive. As they became domesticated, their genes shifted along with their behavior, giving rise to the pups we know today.

But exactly when and where this happened remains a mystery. Scientists are studying bits of DNA found in ancient dog and wolf remains to figure out what the earliest dogs may have looked like and where they came from.

In two separate studies published March 25 in the journal Nature, researchers pushed the timeline back. They established a new way to study ancient canine DNA - which is often contaminated and tough to extract - by isolating just the doggy bits.

They examined ancient genes from the remains of over 200 dogs and wolves. The oldest dated back to about 15,800 years ago, moving the origin of dogs back by at least 5,000 years.

"This unique relationship between people and dogs has existed for such a long time and is continuing on today," said University of Michigan dog genomics expert Jeffrey Kidd, who was not involved with the new research.

The genes showed that dogs were already spread out across Western

Europe and Asia 14,200 years ago, at a time before agriculture and farming. These dogs lived with hunter-gatherer humans who were constantly on the move.

The dawn of agriculture - a major shift in human history - brought new people to Europe from southwest Asia. They mixed and mingled with Europeans, leaving a lasting and varied imprint on their genes.

But the dog genes studied by the scientists, stretching from the United Kingdom to Turkey, stayed more consistent. They were less impacted by the arrival of new humans during the development of agriculture, and more by interactions between different hunter-gatherer groups and their dogs thousands of years before.

That's different from dogs in Asia and the Americas, whose genes more closely reflect the movement patterns of their owners.

Scientists don't know exactly what the first dogs looked like, but they have some ideas.

"We're suspecting they would have resembled smaller wolves," said study co-author Lachie Scarsbrook with the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich.

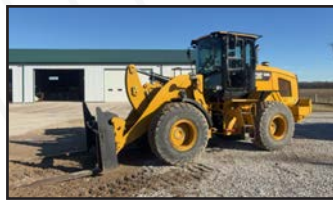
It's also not clear how these ancient dogs lived alongside their humans. They could have stood guard or helped them hunt, but probably also played with young children.

There's still more work to go to pinpoint exactly when dogs emerged - the first few pages of a storied relationship that's still going strong.

"They are humanity's best friend, alongside our societies for the last 16,000 years and will continue to in the future," Scarsbrook said.

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Great Lakes shipping season underway now

The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center's 8-to-14-day outlook through April 7 is calling for an outlook of likely above normal temperatures and precipitation. The official 30-day forecast for April is calling for normal to slightly above normal temperatures and likely above normal precipitation. Eric Snodgrass said the last 45 years have seen a prolonged shift in spring severe weather in the eastern U.S. He sees a "wetter signal" for the next month through April 26.

Just for fun, the Climate Prediction Center's official three-month outlook for July through September is calling for cooler temperatures in the Great Lakes and a normal seasonal precipitation outlook.

The MSU Enviroweather station at Deerfield had the soil temperature at the 2-inch level at 35.1°F for March 24, with a slight warmup of soils into the low 40s March 21 and 22. The updated MSU 30-year average (1980-2010) spring freeze date (28°F) is April 13, and the frost date (32°F) is April 25. The growing season has lengthened by two weeks since the previous 30-year average spring and fall frost dates of 1950-1980.

The Shipping Season for the Great Lakes got underway on March 24, 2026, with the traditional "Top Hat" ceremony for the first downbound freighter going through the Welland Canal. This tradition goes back to 1932 with the presentation of the beaver felt fur hat to the captain of the first downbound vessel (freighter) going through the Welland Canal. On the U.S. side, the 1,200-foot Poe Lock of the Soo Locks in St. Saint Marie, Mich., opened by federal law at 12:01am on March 25. The Poe Lock handles about 88 percent of the cargo

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passing through the Soo Locks, roughly 80-plus million tons annually. There are 13 freighters over 1,000 feet long, with the largest being the Paul R.

Tregurtha, referred to as the "Queen of the Lakes" and measuring 1,013.5 feet long. The most famous freighter is the SS Arthur M. Anderson for being the last ship to be in contact with the SS Edmund Fitzgerald before she sank on Nov. 10, 1975. The Arthur Anderson is currently laid up in Toledo, Ohio, due to the market for mid-sized vessels (767 feet) and required maintenance.

Sprayer calibration is a job required at least once a year for farmers with a restricted use pesticide certification. However, all farmers need to calibrate so they can be confident to apply the correct rate of pesticide necessary to do the job without wasting money or harming the crop or environment. Calibrating a field sprayer can take about an hour or less if it is in good working order and the tank is about half full of water. Of the three steps required for calibration, normally nozzle spacing does not change, leaving checking ground speed and the nozzle flow rate being the other two steps. When buying new sprayer nozzles, it is recommended to buy one extra nozzle and get the nozzle catalog. The catalog should give nozzle spray rate and calibration information, and the extra new nozzle can give a flow rate comparison to the nozzles on the boom if necessary.

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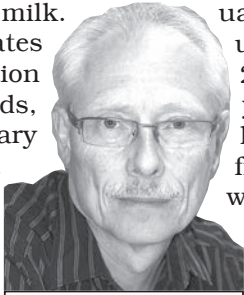
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Increased cow numbers help to boost February milk production

More cows produce more milk. USDA's latest data illustrates that as February production totaled 18.255 billion pounds, up 2.9 percent from February 2025. The 24-state total, at 17.559 billion, was up 3.1 percent. Most of the increase is attributed to increased cow numbers but the rising tide may be slowing some as this was the smallest year-over-year increase since May 2025.



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY
By Lee Mielke

StoneX broker Dave Kurzawski says, "Protein content was higher at 3.45 percent but fat content is not growing as much year-over-year at just .5 percent growth. Component-adjusted production still appears to be expanding, but changes are being made on farm as a result of farm-gate price declines through the second half of 2025.

"Farmers have likely been adjusting feed rations somewhat to cut costs, which is the likely driver behind slowing fat content growth," he said. "That hasn't stopped expansion of the herd, however. Beef prices are still strong and with milk prices recovering, there's not a strong incentive to cull cows yet."

January milk output was revised up 40 million pounds to 19.850 billion, 3.4 percent above a year ago, instead of the 3.2 originally reported. The 24-state total was upped 37 million pounds, to 19.095 billion, up 3.6 percent instead of 3.4 percent.

February cows totaled 9.615 million head, up 15,000 from the Jan-

uary count, which was revised up 20,000 head, and was up 211,000 or 2.2 percent from a year ago. The 24-state count hit 9.183 million, up 13,000 from the January total, which was revised up 16,000 head, and is 217,000 head or 2.4 percent above a year ago.

February output per cow averaged 1,899 pounds in the 50 states, up 12 pounds or 0.6 percent from a year ago. The 24-state average, at 1,912 pounds, was up 13 pounds or 0.7 percent from 2025. January averages were not revised.

U.S. butter stocks jumped again in February but were below those a year ago for the 11th consecutive month. The Agriculture Department's latest Cold Storage report showed the February inventory at 253.8 million pounds, up 27 million pounds or 11.9 percent from January, following a 27.8-million-pound jump in January from December, but were 52.1 million or 17.0 percent below those in February 2025. The January total was revised up 11.3 million pounds from last month's report.

American type cheese stocks fell to 784.9 million pounds, down 8.2 million or 1.0 percent from the January level, which was revised up 739,000 pounds, and were down 20.6 million pounds or 2.6 percent from a year ago.

The "other" cheese holdings crept to 578.0 million pounds, up 12.2 million or 2.2 percent from January, and

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Mielke

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up 6.3 million pounds or 1.1 percent above a year ago. The January total was revised up 1 million pounds.

The total cheese inventory hit 1.387 billion pounds, up 5 million or 0.4 percent from January, but 13.7 million pounds or 1.0 percent below a year ago. January's total was revised up 2.2 million pounds from last month's data. The report is seen as bullish for both butter and cheese as U.S. exports continued to keep product out of the freezer.

CME block Cheddar cheese headed lower this week and was trading Thursday morning at \$1.62 per pound, following a Friday close at \$1.6625, highest since Nov. 11, 2025, but is 1.50 cents below a year ago. The barrels were at \$1.5725 Thursday, after closing Friday at \$1.57, 6.25 cents below a year ago.

Central region contacts told Dairy

Market News that milk output is steady to higher. Upper Midwest cheesemakers report spot milk is plentiful, due to downtime at nearby processing plants. Spot prices ranged \$6-under to flat Class at mid-week. Cheese production was stronger this week. Plants with downtime due to last week's snowstorm were running full schedules this week. Demand for cheese barrels is steady. Retail sales are strong, but food service demand is light. Export interest is declining due to increasing transportation costs.

Seasonally strong milk production in the West is more than sufficient for cheese manufacturers and cheese production is steady, says DMN. Some noted increasing delivery and packaging material costs. Some contacts indicated that production is heavily geared to fulfilling contractual sales well into second quarter. Domestic cheese demand is steady to strong. Demand from international buyers is mixed and export demand for mozzarella is keeping domestic availability somewhat tight, accord-

ing to DMN.

Cash butter started the week slipping 2.50 cents to \$1.7750 per pound, but reversed from there and was trading Thursday at \$1.8450, still 50.50 cents below a year ago. It closed Friday at \$1.80. A lot of product, 103 loads, had made its way to Chicago already this week, with 45 lots on Wednesday alone.

Cream production is strong in the Midwest and contacts say Class II and III processors are pulling in ample volumes, keeping inventories snug. Last week's snowstorm caused some downtime in the Midwest, but butter makers are running full schedules this week. Contacts report strong retail butter sales ahead of the spring holidays but food service demand is tepid. Export interest has softened in recent weeks, as transportation costs have increased, according to DMN.

Spot cream is tighter in the West, with stronger demand from Class II and III manufacturers. Demand from butter makers is moderate. Churns remain heavily active. Traders indicate some old crop loads, in terms of CME timing cut offs, are available. Domestic demand is steady but mixed from international buyers.

Grade A nonfat dry milk is continuing its trek higher for the third week in a row and was trading Thursday at \$1.9375 per pound, 77.50 cents above a year ago and the highest CME price in 12 years, April 8, 2014, when it was at \$1.9975.

The Daily Dairy Report's Monica Ganley Quarterra wrote in the March 20 Milk Producer Council newslet-

ter, "The dramatic increase in NDM prices continues to be a supply driven phenomenon. Even though milk is long, powder is short as skim solids are consistently being routed to alternate uses. Increased demand for ultra-filtered milk as well as spoonable Class II products continues to limit the condensed skim available for dryers and is expected to keep milk powder production constrained over the coming months.

"Demand has been stable, but market participants report that even though contracted volumes are being delivered, there are no spot volumes of milk powder to be had. Export demand for U.S. product was upbeat late in 2025 and into 2026 but the price rally has rendered U.S. product largely uncompetitive with other global suppliers and export prospects are likely to suffer," warns Quarterra.

Dry whey was at 69 cents per pound Thursday, 19 cents above a year ago, after closing Friday at 66 cents per pound.

USDA issued January and February Chinese import data last week and HighGround Dairy says it showed the weakest start since 2018.

Whole milk powder took the biggest hit and sank to a 16-year low, says HGD, as "China's procurement strategy will likely shift as they adjust to full free trade with New Zealand. The need to rush product in is gone. Second, domestic farmers are in a lot of pain and the government continues to promise aid to those producers."


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Pitts

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Of course, your wife will miss the handoff of the slippery dog, so it will then run through the house violently shaking itself in every room and coating the walls with muddy drips. At this point you can expect your clean dog to run through the screen door and proceed to roll in the nearest pile of horse manure or a cow pie. Now your dog will be dirtier than it was before its bath.

The last phase of washing your dog includes you staying in the shower to remove the scum from your body. Dry off daintily to avoid getting the dirt in the deep dog bites and apply tincture

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