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Despite heavy rain and snow in April drought conditions expanding

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

DES MOINES, Iowa – According to the USDA's April 7 crop and weather report, back-to-back storms delivered heavy rain from the Southeastern Plains into the Lower Great Lakes region, while early-April snow blanketed an area from the Dakotas into the Upper Great Lakes region.

The report said some of the rain was accompanied by severe weather – high winds, large hail and isolated tornadoes – with high-wind events affecting the Lower Great Lakes region (on March 31) and the Central Corn Belt (on April 2).

Additional heavy rain fell from the Southern Plains into the Midwest. Record-setting rainfall for April 3 included 2.85 inches in Lawton, Okla., following a March total of 0.16 inch, and 1.32 inches in Waterloo, Iowa, the report added.

Justin Glisan, State of Iowa climatologist with the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship in Des Moines, told Farm World, as a result, "Late March and early April have been particularly wet across much of the Central and Eastern Corn Belt, which also coincides with expanding drought conditions following a dry winter.

"Overall, soil moisture profiles have experienced substantial recharge; however, they remain drier at the start of the growing season in many locations, particularly in pockets of western and southern Iowa, and from central and southern Illinois through northern Indiana and Ohio," he said.

In Indiana, sporadic storms provided above-average precipitation levels in many parts of the state, the report said. Storm damage, including torna-

dos, was reported to have damaged some agricultural operations, temporarily halting fieldwork. Winter wheat was reported to be green and in good condition as many farmers applied fertilizers to the crop.

In Illinois, topsoil moisture was 6 percent very short, 29 percent short, 63 percent adequate and 2 percent surplus, the USDA said. Subsoil moisture was 22 percent very short, 38 percent short, 39 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Winter wheat condition was 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 59 percent good and 8 percent excellent.

In Michigan, in mid-March, the Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Peninsula experienced a major snowstorm, making field work nearly impossible, the USDA said. Most crops in the mid-Lower Peninsula were still dormant, while wheat in the Southern Peninsula began coming out of dormancy, and top dressing of fertilizer began. Maple syrup production continued in the state, and light fieldwork in the Southern Peninsula began where the ground was unfrozen.

In Ohio, rainstorms throughout the month of March have slowed fieldwork, with some areas experiencing flooding and barn damage due to high winds, the USDA said. Overwinter crops were greening up, and top dressing of fertilizer continued between rain events.

In Kentucky, with the exception of a few late freezes, March was relatively mild and dry, the USDA said. The freezes have impacted some fruit trees and winter wheat. The predominantly mild weather has promoted pasture growth, and eased the strain on hay stock, which remains mostly adequate. Farmers are in the process of field preparation for the planting season.

In Tennessee, higher-than normal temperatures created optimal conditions for early planting of crops in parts of the state, the USDA said. Wheat crops were hurt in some counties due to Winter Storm Fern, but most winter wheat is in fair to good condition. Farmers continue to keep up with field preparations for the 2026 crops, including spraying fields, applying fertilizer, and a few have started planting crops already.

In Iowa, a mid-month blizzard affected much of the state, and high winds were an issue periodically throughout the month, with areas still reporting dry conditions. Spring tillage was be-

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Above Sunrise through an old barn window can make for a beautiful start to a morning. Photo by Connie Swaim.

Indiana company uses AI to supply farmers with their own corn genetics

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

ROCKVILLE, Ind. – A west-central Indiana company has come up with a way to supply farmers with their own corn genetics adapted for their particular farming conditions, according to Steve Gerrish, managing partner of Maize Makers.

The genetics can be adapted for farmers using regenerative, sustainable and organic growing conditions, he told Farm World.

Farmers will own the rights to their corn genetics and seed grown on their property, eliminating the need to buy seed from a dealer, Gerrish noted.

He said he created the mass customization platform because "the consolidation of the seed and farming infrastructure is for the commodity grain market. Other markets like human and animal food and beverage consumption are requiring pesticide free and soil health farming methods. These require unique and personalized genetics. Nutritional and flavor compounds are drivers in these markets as well with regional differences."

The platform leverages artificial intelligence (AI) to match corn genetics to individual farm environments, empowering growers to reclaim ownership of seed selection and production, a company press release said. The platform focuses exclusively on corn varieties that are off patent or were never patented, the release said.

In addition to regenerative and sustainable growing conditions, other tar-

get markets include traditional and low-input farming environments and specialty food-grade corn markets.

The corn varieties in the Maize Makers program will have multiple disease and drought-tolerant genes, Gerrish said.

"Seed dealers usually are selling products their company has developed and produced," he pointed out. "They try to select genetics for the farms they sell to. The Maize Makers process basically has the farm growing conditions driving the genetic selection of the germplasm (the genetics within the corn seed) for each individual farm."

Each participating farm will undergo a comprehensive biome analysis using MaizeMakers.com and QMIRA.com, the release said. The system evaluates such things as soil biology and structure, disease prevalence and pathogen pressure, climate and micro-environmental factors, and management practices.

QMIRA's goal is to provide low-cost diagnostic solutions to infectious and parasitic disease through AI, according to the company's website.

Using this data, AI selects optimal hybrid combinations or open-pollinated varieties specifically adapted to that farm's ecological conditions, the release said. This precision deployment enhances resilience, yield stability, nutrient density and system sustainability, the release said.

"If (a farmer) is planting into regenerative, sustainable, organic or cover

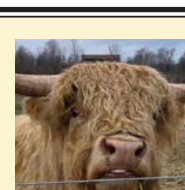
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Above: An Iowa farmer prepares for spring planting. Justin Glisan, State of Iowa climatologist, told Farm World a wet start to April and warmer temperatures, including a warming trend in 4-inch soil temperatures, may offer an early window for planters to start rolling. (photo courtesy of Joclyn Bushman, the Iowa Soybean Association)

Crop Conditions

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ginning where conditions allowed, with scattered reports of small grains being planted.

Glisan said the recently released USDA Planting Intentions Report suggested there will be more corn planted acres than soybeans in 2026, "though I don't think weather will impact these numbers. What I will say is that a wet start to April and warmer temperatures, including a warming trend in 4-inch soil temperatures, may offer an early window for planters to start rolling."

He said short-term outlooks into the second half of April have shown better chances of unseasonably warm temperatures from the Midwest to the Appalachians: "The three-to-four-week outlook valid through the last week

of April shows a lean toward warmer temperatures through the Eastern Corn Belt, and parts of Appalachia. There is no clear signal on the precipitation side."

Maize Makers

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crop programs and wants to control costs, this program should be considered," Gerrish said.

As for the cost of the platform, he said there is an upfront consulting and seed cost with farmers taking over their own production. Their own production could be as low as \$15 per bushel, Gerrish said. The range for costs per acre in 2025-26 for seed bought from a dealer is \$115-\$175, with an average around \$126, he added.

For more information, visit Maize-Makers.com and [QMIRA.com](https://www.QMIRA.com).

Fairlife expands milk plant

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

COOPERSVILLE, Mich. - A brand of lactose-free milk will expand production at a plant in Michigan. Fairlife, which also makes protein shakes, will see an up to \$650 million investment at its plant in Coopersville just west of Grand Rapids.

Significant growth in consumer demand was cited for plans to add two high-speed production lines for the brand owned by the Coca-Cola Co. One hundred and fifty jobs are expected to be created at the plant, which now employs over 400 people.

According to Coca-Cola officials, construction is expected to start later this year. Close to 250,000 square feet will be added to the plant, which has become one of the state's largest dairy-related food processors since opening in 2012.

The state is providing Coca-Cola with nearly \$4 million in property tax relief on the investment over a 15-year period. The company will also share a \$17 million state grant with the city for infrastructure upgrades at the plant and throughout the community.

Tim Boring, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, said the incentive package represents the ongoing mission by the state to improve quality of life for residents.

"We're committed to attracting projects that improve infrastructure and value-added processing in a way that benefits our industry, our communities and regional economies," he said.

Coca-Cola also operates a Fairlife plant in Arizona and is constructing a \$650,000 plant near Rochester, N.Y.

According to data from Circana, a consumer information company, Fairlife

sales increased by 28 percent last year to \$728 million just in the refrigerated white milk category. In comparison, the broader milk category saw just a 2 percent growth in sales over the same time.

According to Coca-Cola CEO James Quincey, the retail value of Fairlife rose from \$10 million in 2014 to nearly \$4 billion last year.

Fairlife uses an ultra-filtration process that concentrates protein and reduces sugar and lactose below levels of conventional milk.

Industry experts credit a shift in consumer preference toward higher protein, functional food and beverage products for the increase in Fairlife sales.

The early beginnings of Fairlife are rooted at Fair Oaks Farms in northwest Indiana, where owners Mike and Sue McCloskey came up with the idea of ultra-filtered milk.

The process separates the water, butterfat, protein, vitamins, minerals and lactose from the milk.

That allows for the removal of lactose to make the milk easier to digest for lactose-intolerant consumers. About half the sugar is also taken out while the amount of protein and calcium in the milk increases 50 percent and 30 percent, respectively.

Fair Oaks Farms, a popular agricultural theme park with about 30,000 dairy cows, also became a major Fairlife supplier through a partnership with Coca-Cola.

Boring said the expansion of the Fairlife plant - with help from financial incentives from the state instead of going elsewhere - is a positive sign.

"Long term partnerships like these are evidence that companies see the strength of Michigan's food, agriculture and forestry industry and want to leverage its success," he said.

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Above: A venue for weddings and gardens was once a dairy farm and largest employer in the community.

Dairy that failed during Depression rises again as wedding destination

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

CHARLEVOIX, Mich. — It's been nearly a century since an old dairy farm in Michigan was one of the largest employers in the community.

Castle Farms in Charlevoix draws close to 100,000 visitors a year primarily for weddings, while acres of

gardens containing a wide variety of flowers such as roses, tulips, petunias, daisies and hydrangeas are also a draw.

General Manager Kristin Frazho said as many as five weddings a day can be held inside the three original buildings with walls made of stone on the property. Concerts and other

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events are also held with Tram rides available to help navigate the over 60 acre.

Tasting wine from century old cellars and various activities for children are among the other attractions.

"We have all kinds of stuff going on," she said.

The property was purchased in a tax sale in 2001 for \$300,000 by Linda Mueller. Frazho said one reason Mueller fell in love with the property were the buildings resembled the castles she saw on her previous trips to Europe.

At the time, she said Mueller didn't know what dream to pursue until she happened to get an unexpected call from a couple wanting to get married on the property. "That's what led her in the direction to have weddings and events," she said.

Mueller, who spends her winters now in Mississippi, is still involved with the operation especially when she's here from late May to October. "She's out in the garden. She talks to the tourists that come through. She's very active in the community doing different things," she said.

Over a roughly 10 year period, Frazho said close to \$30 million was invested in restoring and developing the property with much of the funding spent getting ready for the first wedding held there in 2005. As many as 50 to 300 guests, depending the building chosen for a wedding, can be accommodated.

Frazho said anything original that could be saved from the structures, including some of the glass windows, were used in the restoration with help from descendants of the original farm owner, Albert Loeb. The farm originally held about 200 head of prize-winning Holstein-Friesian dairy cows after it was built in 1918 by Loeb, the acting President of Sears, Roebuck and Co.



Above: A dairy farm that delivered milk is now a well-established destination for weddings and gardens.

He modeled the farm after the stone barns and castles he saw in France while on his honeymoon.

"They brought that back here and they talked to their architect about designing it to look like a French Normandy architecture. So, that's what they did," said Jessica Anderson, Director of Guest Experiences at Castle Farms.

Loeb used the farm to showcase the latest farm equipment available through the Sears, Roebuck and Co. shopping catalog in hopes of obtaining more sales. At its peak, the farm with more than 90 workers on its payroll was the largest employer in Charlevoix County.

Frazho said a schoolhouse exclusive to children of the farm workers was built near the operation due to lack of space at the existing school building.

About a decade later, the farm began struggling financially from the Great Depression and was closed.

Frazho said there was no further activity on the property until 1962 when the new owner opened a café and art gallery with a working artist studio.

Seven years later, there were different owners who hosted many concerts on the property by famous artists like Aerosmith, Tina Turner and The Doobie Brothers for about 20 years.

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Domestic demand remains high

U.S. soybean crush for the month of February totaled 214 million bu which was in line with trade estimates. This compared to the 228 mbu in January and 190 mbu in February 2025. Three fewer days and slowed operations during cold snaps were the primary cause of the reduced crush. February soy oil production totaled 2.48 billion pounds, 6 percent less than in January but 10 percent more than in February 2025. End of February soy oil reserves were 2.6 billion pounds, matching trade guesses but well above the 1.9 billion pounds a year ago. Meal stocks were 418,594 tons, up from last year's 404,769 tons.

Corn grind for ethanol was also down in February for the same reasons soybean crush was. Corn grind totaled 425 mbu in the month, 8 percent less than January but a 1 percent increase from February 2025. Dried distiller grain production in the month was 1.63 million tons, down 8 percent from January but a 4 percent increase from last February.

High input costs have been a topic in the market for the past few weeks, and this is not just a U.S. issue. Australia has joined the list of grain producing countries to state farmers would be opting for crops that require less fertilizer demand. Sources in Australia claim farmers will seed more small grain crops such as barley rather than canola or wheat. Not only is price a deterrent on fertilizer demand, but so is availability with shortages reported of both fertilizer and some seed varieties, specifically for corn. Some Australian farmers have indicated they will leave fields unplanted this year if costs continue to rise, although this is unlikely to be widespread.

Not only are rising input costs going



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

to be a factor in this year's global grain production, but so are rising fuel costs. Retail diesel fuel rallied \$1.73 a gallon in March following the start of the U.S./Iran war. This added cost will likely limit farmer tillage to only necessary needs and may impact crop protection applications. Rising diesel costs are also starting to impact commodity movement, with importers now shopping markets with not just cheap commodities, but those with lower shipping costs as well.

The attaché in China has revised its 2026/27 import estimates. The attaché is looking for soybean imports of 108 million metric tons, an increase of 2 mmt from the 2025/26 year. China's 26/27 corn imports are expected to hold steady from last year at 8 mmt. Sorghum imports are expected to see a slight increase to 8 mmt. What is more important is where these imports originate from, and if the U.S. can regain some of its lost market share, especially on soybeans.

While much of the attention in the U.S. livestock complex has been on tight cattle lot and live hog numbers, supplies of beef and pork are more concerning. The current U.S. beef supply is at a 12-year-low as years of herd reductions due to drought and a lack of imports have cut stocks. The pork supply is even tighter, falling to its lowest level since 1997 when massive culling followed the \$5 hog debacle. Given current U.S. hog and cattle inventories it may take years for red meat supplies to be rebuilt.

The livestock complex has become just as headline driven as all other markets and this is causing unexpected

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Feeder Cattle:	489(88.3%)	902(80.2%)	291(78.0%)
Slaughter Cattle:	62(11.2%)	182(16.2%)	78(20.9%)
Replacement Cattle:	3(0.5%)	41(3.6%)	4(1.1%)

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Compared to last Monday the feeder market was mostly stronger with a good quality offering. Feeder steers 400 lbs and under were sharply higher with strong demand, while the 500-650 lbs steers were steady and yearling steers were 3.00-5.00 higher with a limited supply and good demand. Feeder heifers 400 lbs and under were sharply higher with strong demand, while the 450-650 lbs heifers were steady to 6.00 higher or greater in spots with a good supply and good demand. Slaughter cows and bulls were mostly steady with a good supply and good demand. Supply included: 88% Feeder Cattle (22% Steers, 1% Dairy Steers, 65% Heifers, 12% Bulls); 11% Slaughter Cattle (86% Cows, 14% Bulls); 1% Replacement Cattle (67% Stock Cows, 17% Bred Cows, 17% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 45%.

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4	353	353	672.50	672.50 Fancy
3	420-445	433	537.50-557.00	545.31
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13	493-495	493	503.00-520.00	506.94
3	460-490	475	529.00-552.50	539.25 Fancy
2	500	500	529.00	529.00 Value Added
4	587-590	589	440.00-461.00	450.47
12	577	577	490.00	490.00 Value Added
1	625	625	413.00	413.00
1	630	630	405.00	405.00 Fleshy
3	605	605	461.00	461.00 Value Added
2	672	672	404.00	404.00
2	650	650	429.00	429.00 Value Added
1	705	705	392.50	392.50
16	766-778	770	365.00-387.00	380.13
6	815-820	816	340.00-356.00	353.32
4	893	893	344.00	344.00
2	930	930	329.00	329.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2470	470	465.00	465.00	465.00
1	710	710	350.00	350.00

DAIRY STEERS - Large 3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	445	445	362.50	362.50
3	565	565	392.50	392.50
3	728	728	301.00	301.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	230	230	620.00	620.00
2	245	245	790.00	790.00 Fancy
1	285	285	610.00	610.00
4	310-345	325	542.50-570.00	556.50
3	335	335	630.00	630.00 Fancy
3	323	323	680.00	680.00 Value Added
5	360-393	384	525.00-535.00	532.13
7	353-355	354	555.00-595.00	583.53 Fancy
10	415-443	437	487.50-510.00	491.66
7	405	405	535.00-570.00	565.00 Fancy
1	440	440	430.00	430.00 Fleshy
6	465-497	476	430.00-457.50	447.67
25	455-482	476	470.00-490.00	474.71 Fancy
1	540	540	407.00	407.00
18	500-547	529	436.00-457.00	452.62 Value Added
1	565	565	420.00	420.00
34	550-551	551	432.50-450.25	449.73 Value Added
6	625-637	632	365.00-387.50	377.06
75	603	603	430.00	430.00 Value Added
11	655-687	677	372.50-392.50	387.57
40	669	669	411.00	411.00 Value Added
27	735-748	744	361.00-384.00	379.54 Value Added
2	785	785	323.00	323.00

4	791	791	360.00	360.00 Guaranteed Open
1	800	800	329.00	329.00
1	930	930	280.00	280.00
1	1040	1040	230.00	230.00
1	1140	1140	252.50	252.50 Guaranteed Open
1	1205	1205	210.00	210.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	205	205	550.00	550.00
1	315	315	442.50	442.50
3	495	495	397.50	397.50
3	555-585	572	376.00-381.00	378.70
1	820	820	287.50	287.50
1	855	855	295.00	295.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200	200	630.00	630.00
1	335	335	610.00	610.00
1	325	325	650.00	650.00 Fancy
3	396	396	560.00	560.00
5	355-395	368	615.00-635.00	623.33 Fancy
3	440	440	550.00	550.00
4	405-440	431	600.00-610.00	602.35 Fancy
7	455-490	477	495.00-500.00	498.62
5	454	454	545.00	545.00 Fancy
3	506	506	497.50	497.50
3	510-545	533	511.00-512.50	511.48 Fancy
9	555-577	562	455.00-477.50	466.48 Fancy
1	605	605	455.00	455.00 Fancy
2	750-755	753	347.50-357.50	352.52
1	890	890	300.00	300.00
1	1075	1075	235.00	235.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	405	405	480.00	480.00
1	540	540	452.50	452.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	481	481	390.00	390.00
1	525	525	395.00	395.00

BULLS - Medium 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	532	532	400.00	400.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
7	1410-1670	1589	160.00-176.00	170.44	Average
8	1440-1660	1533	182.00-195.00	185.09	High

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
3	1155-1400	1280	176.00-184.00	179.58	Average
2	1110-1410	1260	187.00-201.00	194.83	High

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
4	1095-1230	1165	143.00-150.00	146.36	Average
5	875-1370	1138	157.00-170.00	162.28	High
1	940	940	111.00	111.00	Low
2	730-1035	883	80.00-100.00	91.73	Very Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
3	1340-1855	1630	192.00-204.00	200.33	Average
2	1680-1855	1768	210.00-226.00	218.40	High

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5	O	2	1015-1080	1048	183.00-192.00	187.64

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	O	2	820-890	855	200.00-201.00	200.52

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>8	T2	1	1595	1595	2850.00	2850.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	O	1	720	720	1550.00	1550.00

Please Note:

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

Explanatory Notes:

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

Age - Numerical representation of age in years.

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News

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Grain Report for Thursday, April 9, 2026 - Final

FUTURE SETTLEMENTS

Exchange	Commodity	Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 4/9/26							
CBOT	Corn	444.00 (May 26)	455.00 (Jul 26)	459.25 (Sep 26)	474.25 (Dec 26)	486.50 (Mar 27)	493.50 (May 27)	496.75 (Jul 27)	
CBOT	Soybeans	1165.25 (May 26)	1181.00 (Jul 26)	1175.75 (Aug 26)	1152.75 (Sep 26)	1152.50 (Nov 26)	1163.25 (Jan 27)	1160.75 (Mar 27)	
CBOT	Wheat	574.50 (May 26)	585.00 (Jul 26)	597.50 (Sep 26)	615.75 (Dec 26)	631.00 (Mar 27)	638.75 (May 27)	637.00 (Jul 27)	
CBOT	White Oats	332.50 (May 26)	338.00 (Jul 26)	342.00 (Sep 26)	342.75 (Dec 26)	346.25 (Mar 27)	352.25 (May 27)	342.75 (Jul 27)	
KCBT	Wheat	590.50 (May 26)	605.75 (Jul 26)	620.25 (Sep 26)	639.50 (Dec 26)	653.75 (Mar 27)	660.50 (May 27)	658.25 (Jul 27)	
MGE	Wheat	618.25 (May 26)	633.75 (Jul 26)	650.25 (Sep 26)	665.75 (Dec 26)	678.50 (Mar 27)	681.00 (May 27)	685.25 (Jul 27)	

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MARKETS

Weekly National Sheep Summary For Week Ending Friday, April 3, 2026

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs 40-70 lbs. 40.00-60.00 lower, 70-100 lbs. 15.00-30.00 lower, 100-140 lbs 20.00-30.00 higher and ewes firm. All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-3	San Angelo: 70-80 lbs 330.00.	New Holland: No test.	Billings: No test.	Ft. Collins: 50-60 lbs 332.50-355.00; 70-80 lbs 337.50-357.50; 90-100 lbs 355.00-365.00; 120-130 lbs 315.00-330.00.	Kalona: 30-40 lbs 340.00-405.00; 40-50 lbs 345.00-400.00; 50-60 lbs 335.00-400.00; 60-70 lbs 345.00-375.00; 70-80 lbs 345.00-375.00; 80-90 lbs 350.00-365.00; 90-100 lbs 355.00-365.00.	Equity Coop: No test.	Sioux Falls: 50-60 lbs 355.00; 60-50 lbs 355.00-415.00; 70-80 lbs 340.00-385.00; 80-90 lbs 335.00-355.00; 90-100 lbs 322.50-345.00; 100-110 lbs 300.00-335.00; 120-130 lbs 285.00; 130-140 lbs 257.50-290.00; 140-150 lbs 262.50; 150-160 lbs 250.00-267.00.	Buffalo, MO: No test.	Missouri: 110-120 lbs 250.00.	Arkansas: No test.	Equity Coop: No test.	Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3: San Angelo: 105.00-155.00.	New Holland: No test.	Billings: No test.	Ft. Collins: 125.00-185.00.	Kalona: 100.00-175.00.	Equity Coop: No test.	Sioux Falls: 110.00-155.00.	Buffalo, MO: No test.	Missouri: 150.00-185.00.	Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1: San Angelo: No test.
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Billings: No test.	Sioux Falls: 30-40 lbs 445.00-540.00; 40-50 lbs 400.00-500.00; 50-60 lbs 375.00-425.00; 60-70 lbs 350.00-365.00; 70-80 lbs 355.00.	Buffalo, MO: No test.	Missouri: 30-40 lbs 390.00; 40-50 lbs 400.00-420.00.	Ft. Collins: No test.	Kalona: No test.	Equity Coop: 90-100 lbs 330.50.	Arkansas: No test.	Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: No test.	Billings: No test.	Ft. Collins: No test.	South Dakota: No test.	Kalona: No test.	Missouri: No test.	Arkansas: No test.	Sioux Falls: No test.	Buffalo, MO: No test.
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Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 30,000 compared to 40,000 last week and 40,547 last year.

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Weekly Combined Regional Shell Egg Report

Report for: 03/29/2026 - 04/04/2026

National Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Price	Last Reported (3/27/2026)
Extra Large	76.00 - 103.00	92.38	-66.00	158.38	158.38
Large	75.00 - 95.00	85.69	-66.00	151.69	151.69
Medium	44.00 - 65.00	55.25	-25.00	80.25	80.25

Midwest Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Price	Last Reported (3/27/2026)
Extra Large	76.00 - 85.00	80.50	-66.00	146.50	146.50
Large	75.00 - 84.00	79.50	-66.00	145.50	145.50
Medium	44.00 - 53.00	48.50	-25.00	73.50	73.50

Delivered Store Door, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Price	Last Reported (3/27/2026)
Extra Large	83.00 - 91.00	87.00	-66.00	153.00	153.00
Large	81.00 - 89.00	85.00	-66.00	151.00	151.00
Medium	50.00 - 58.00	54.00	-25.00	79.00	79.00

Paid to Producers - FOB, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Price	Last Reported (3/27/2026)
Large	57.00 - 67.00	62.00	-66.00	128.00	128.00
Medium	26.00 - 30.00	28.00	-25.00	53.00	53.00
Small	18.00 - 24.00	21.00	-25.00	46.00	46.00

Northeast Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Price	Last Reported (3/27/2026)
Extra Large	82.00 - 100.00	91.00	-66.00	157.00	157.00
Large	76.00 - 90.00	83.00	-66.00	149.00	149.00
Medium	47.00 - 60.00	53.50	-25.00	78.50	78.50

South Central Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Price	Last Reported (3/27/2026)
Extra Large	94.50 - 103.00	98.75	-66.00	164.75	164.75
Large	86.50 - 95.00	90.75	-66.00	156.75	156.75
Medium	56.50 - 65.00	60.75	-25.00	85.75	85.75

Southeast Shell Eggs - Caged					
Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen					
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Price	Last Reported (3/27/2026)
Extra Large	95.50 - 103.00	99.25	-66.00	165.25	165.25
Large	86.00 - 93.00	89.50	-66.00	155.50	155.50
Medium	54.50 - 62.00	58.25	-25.00	83.25	83.25

Explanatory Notes: Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, white eggs in cartons.
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Illinois hunters provided 122,136 venison servings to food pantries

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

URBANA, Ill. — Participants in the Hunters Feeding Illinois program delivered 40,712 pounds of ground venison to local food pantries, providing an estimated 122,136 servings to families in need across 48 counties in Illinois during the 2025-2026 hunting season. A total of 1,066 deer were donated, according to the Hunters Feeding Illinois 2025-2026 Impact Report, which reflects significant growth in the University of Illinois Extension program that began with a trial run of 11 Illinois counties during the 2022-2023 hunting season.

"Food access remains a critical issue for many families," said Rebecca Crumrine, state Extension SNAP-Ed educator. "Venison is an excellent source of lean protein, and thanks to the generosity of hunters and our strong community partnerships, we can provide a healthy, sustainable option for families struggling with food costs."

Hunters Feeding Illinois connects hunters, meat processors and food pantries to address food insecurity by turning deer into lean protein for local residents' consumption. Hunters donate tagged and legally harvested deer to be converted by participating partner processors into frozen ground venison for

distribution to food pantries. The program is supported by donors who cover processing costs.

However, "(the) program has been limited to counties that have not had a positive test for chronic wasting disease (CWD)," according to Kaitlyn Streitmatter, senior manager, Illinois Nutrition Education Programs for the U of I Extension. "If a county with a positive test for CWD would like to participate they would need to prove that the deer does not have CWD prior to (its donation). This is mostly why northern counties have not been included; the testing can take a while and the logistics are complicated."

CWD is more prevalent in northern Illinois than in downstate counties. The Department of Natural Resources has confirmed positive tests in Cook, Lake, Kendall, Will, McHenry and several other Chicago collar counties in northern Illinois. In all, 25 counties with confirmed infections are listed.

The fledgling program calls on Illinois Extension SNAP-Education staff to train food pantries on safe handling, distribution, and marketing of venison, as well as provide venison recipes

and nutrition education for pantry guests. In 2024 Extension partnered with Feeding Illinois and Access Illinois Outdoors, as well the Southern Illinois Food Pantry Network. Every dollar donated to the program is matched by Feeding Illinois, helping Hunters Feeding Illinois to expand and reach more families.

In Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash and Wayne counties, Hunters Feeding Illinois delivered 2,698 pounds of venison to local food pantries, providing an estimated 10,792 servings to families in need. Five food pantries in Lawrence, Richland, and Wabash counties benefited from 83 donated deer

processed by local businesses Charlie's Deer Processing of Bridgeport and Legacy Meats of Sumner.

According to the pantry manager of Catholic Charities in Effingham, "this program has been a blessing to Effingham Catholic Charities food pantry. The negative impact of the rising cost of groceries has not only affected our community, but also the local food pantries. The meat has been a huge hit with many of the people that visit our pantry; some even ask for it specifically, when they come in! The program has helped the pantry provide well balanced options to food insecure families and we appreciate all of the hard work that goes into the program... from the hunters, processors, and office."

The program's 2025 expansion into Tazewell and Woodford counties through a partnership with Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Food System Partners resulted in the donation of 2,408 pounds of ground venison from 35 harvested deer. The venison was processed and packaged by Bittner's Meat Company in Eureka.

Statewide, the program increased in size and scope from the 2024-2025 hunting season, when 25,794 pounds, or 96,856 servings of venison were donated through 54 food pantries. This represented a retail value of \$167,810 (calculated at \$6.93 per lb. based on USDA values) from 584 harvested deer.

The 2025-2026 Impact Report shows that during the '25-'26 season, licensed hunters provided 1,066 deer to the Hunters Feeding Illinois program, for a retail value of \$282,134 (also calculated at \$6.93 lb.).

To find more information about the program or make a monetary donation visit www.feedingillinois.org/hunters-feeding-illinois.

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moves, mainly in cattle. Economic news has been the greatest source of this influence, as rising retail beef and gasoline costs are starting to shift consumer demand patterns. Retail data for the month of February was positive, but this support comes with questions, as does the outlook for beef demand for this coming grilling season. Transportation costs are rising and these will elevate retail beef costs even more.

The United States may be closer to reopening the Mexican border for live animal imports. There is little doubt that once this happens, we will see much cheaper replacements enter the U.S. It is not out of the question we could see heavier cattle come over as well as Mexico has been feeding these replacements domestically. The market has heard this before though and wants confirmation before exiting long feeder cattle positions.

There is a building concern in the U.S. Plains that is impacting the entire U.S. cattle market. Drought has impacted pastures in the U.S. Plains to a point where there is not enough forage to graze. This includes winter wheat fields that are reportedly heading out with just three inches of growth. This has caused

feeders to pull cattle off pasture sooner than normal and is part of the reason for February U.S. cattle placements to be 4 percent higher than a year ago.

These placements are elevating feed grain demand and straining margins as grain costs have rallied in recent weeks. Corn values have softened but remain 30 cents a bushel above winter lows. At the same time, feeder cattle have showed renewed strength. The combination of high-priced replacements, elevated feed costs, and questionable live cattle outlooks has more livestock producers willing to wait before filling pens at this time.

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Certain plants and chemicals are highly toxic to horses

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Plants and other items dangerous for horses to eat could be lurking in barns and pastures, according to a University of Kentucky associate professor.

Cythia Gaskill, DMV, also a veterinary clinical toxicologist at UK's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, has come up with the top plants, substances, organisms and chemicals most dangerous to horses.

"There are a number of substances that are toxic to horses," Gaskill said, "with adverse effects ranging from mild to fatal, depending on what is consumed, how much, the horse's size and health, and other case circumstances. Because horses don't always know what's harmful for them, owners and caretakers must be keenly aware of these threats when managing their horses.

"People often assume that horses know what to eat and what not to eat, but that's just not true in a lot of cases. There are many things horses should never eat. From a curious nibble of a tree branch to accidental consumption of a contaminated grain meal, there are a number of ways horses can ingest toxic substances that put their health, and lives, at risk."

Gaskill's top 10 list has yew, oleander, ionophores, blister beetles, rodent-

icides/pesticides, herbicides, decaying organic matter, moldy corn, red maple leaves and tansy ragwort.

The American, English, Japanese and Western yew can be devastating to a hungry horse. As little as a mouthful or two of yew, Gaskill said, can be lethal.

"The plant's alkaloid toxin taxine causes cardiac and respiratory failure, often within minutes," she said. "It's not uncommon for horses to be found dead with the plant still in their mouth."

Oleander is a common decorative perennial evergreen shrub. It is common in the southern United States. Relatively small quantities of the plant are considered lethal. Ingestion might also cause colic. Horses are often exposed to oleander when people toss clippings into pastures and horses ridden on trails might also take a quick bite out of curiosity.

Ionophores are antibiotic feed additives used as growth promoters in cattle and poultry diets. Farmers also use these as antiprotozoal agents to control Coccidia infections. Ionophores are cardiotoxic to horses as they damage the heart muscle. Clinical signs of consumption include a loss of appetite, rapid heart rate, sweating or colic.

"Exposure to cattle feed with the approved amount of ionophore is rarely a cause of intoxication in horses," Gaskill said. "It's when horses get into a con-

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Above: Is the tree in your pasture producing substances that could hurt your horse? Not all do, but some do post a high risk. (courtesy University of Kentucky)

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Toxic Plants

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centrated pre-mix or an improperly formulated cattle feed with a higher dosage that we typically see the problem."

Abundant in the Midwest, blister beetles swarm alfalfa fields and can be baled into alfalfa hay during harvest. The beetles feed on the tops of alfalfa plants. They contain cantharidin, a toxic chemical and blistering agent.

Alfalfa hay can become contaminated with beetles that are crushed during the crimping process. Even dried and crushed, the beetles remain toxic for a long time.

"When the horse eats it, (he) can get blisters in the mouth and esophagus and ulcerations in the stomach and intestines," Gaskill said, "and on the way out it can damage the kidneys and cause ulceration in the urinary bladder."

Rodenticides and pesticides are products formulated to kill rats and mice, gophers, birds, snails, slugs, ants and other offending pests. They often consist of pelleted, granular or powdered bait. In sufficient doses, the toxic agents used in rodenticides and pesticides can be lethal to horses.

These bait-type products often contain sweet flavorings or grain bases designed to attract pests.

"Unfortunately, these qualities of-

ten make them attractive to horses as well," Gaskill said. "Exposure typically occurs due to inappropriate storage."

For herbicides, the most common means of exposure is when an owner has used them in a horse's field and forgotten about it. Horses can have diarrhea or colic post-exposure. Gaskill said when herbicides are used, they can bring certain chemical changes in the plant, which for some reason can make it more attractive to the horse.

Gaskill said "rotting hay, haylage or other organic matter has the potential to harbor C. botulinum toxins.

"Toxin ingestion is one of the most common routes of exposure in horses, though it can also be acquired through exposed wounds," she said. "Some parts of the country, such as Kentucky, have high levels of the toxin producing bacterial spores in the soil. Rotting, decomposing hay or improperly put up haylage or silage are common sources of contaminated material. Animal carcasses can also harbor the toxin."

Fumonisin (or moldy corn) is a fungal toxin that can infect corn prior to harvest or during storage. Hot, dry conditions followed by high humidity are associated with increased fumonisin concentrations in growing corn, usually in the Midwest and South.

Most commercial feed mills test for fumonisin contamination. But feeding untested corn, such as that which has come directly from the field, can put



Above: This yellow flowering plant is harmful to horses and grows through the country. If consumed by horses on a regular basis, it can cause irreversible chronic liver disease. (courtesy University of Kentucky)

horses at risk particularly in regions where fumonisin is more prevalent.

Researchers have known that wilted red maple leaves can be toxic to horses, but they now suggest that other species, such as sugar and silver maple,

might be problematic as well.

The leaves in combination with certain bacteria produce a strong oxidant that damages horses' red blood cells, hindering their ability to carry oxygen or destroying them completely. To be affected, an average-sized horse would need to consume an estimated 1.5 to 3.3 pounds of wilted leaves.

Tansy ragwort is a non-distinct yellow flowering plant that grows throughout most of North America.

"If a horse eats enough of the plant over a short period of time, or smaller amounts over a longer period of time, they can develop an irreversible chronic liver disease, though they may not show signs for six months to a year," Gaskill said.

Horses might consume the plant if it gets baled into hay.

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Registration open for Ohio Farm Bureau's ExploreAg day camps

By **DOUG GRAVES**
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Ohio Farm Bureau (OFB) is offering free day-long immersion camps for high school students with its ExploreAg agriculture literacy and workforce development program.

Started in 2018, ExploreAg students learn about agriculture and

related STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) fields through hands-on experiences with industry experts, scientists and educators. Students are hosted at the various universities and businesses where they are introduced to aspects of agriculture through diverse learning experiences.

ExploreAg brings high school students into labs, fields and factories

to learn about career opportunities in food and agriculture.

"ExploreAg introduces students to various careers in science, engineering and technology in the food and fiber industry and engages them in actively pursuing career paths that can help them become a part of the sustainable future of agriculture," said Ryan Matthews, OFB director of communications and media relations.

Subject areas include food science, precision agriculture, animal science, natural resources, management skills, technology and agricultural business.

Participants in this year's ExploreAg will find plenty of career field camps offered, such as COLT Lineman Training (Mount Gilead, May 29 and Oct. 23), Meat Processing (Jackson Center, June 11, and Yorkshire, June 19), Agricultural Communications (Bowling Green, June 12), Harness Horse Racing (Ashville, June 18), Ag Technology (Columbus, July 20), Retail Agronomy (Findlay, July 15), and Veterinary Medicine (Upper Sandusky, June 29; Columbus, June 30; Celina, July 21).

For example, students interested in the Harness Horse Racing ExploreAg Day Camp on June 18 will visit the Winners Circle Training Center in South Bloomfield to learn all aspects

involved in the harness racing world. After lunch, participants will head to Midland Acres to learn more about the business from race professionals, then head to Eldorado Gaming Scioto Downs to check out events behind the scenes.

Those who wish to participate in the Veterinary Medicine ExploreAg Day Camp on June 29 will meet at the Lincoln Way Animal Hospital in Upper Sandusky. There participants will take an in-depth tour of the facility, view a medical procedure, discover what work veterinarians perform, learn what education and training is required to become a veterinarian and how to set yourself up for success when applying to a vet school. After

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Above: The high school students shown are participating in one of Ohio Farm Bureau's ExploreAg camps. The students participated last year in a Veterinary Medicine Camp. (courtesy OFB)



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Ohio Farm Bureau's Camp

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lunch, participants will visit the University of Findlay Animal Science Lab.

For those interested in the Ag Technology ExploreAg Day Camp on July 20, participants will meet at the College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at 8 a.m. on the campus of Ohio State University. After an Ag Engineering/Ag Technology overview, students will receive hands-on experience with drone and ATV data gathering. After lunch, students will continue with hands-on activities that include processing data from the drones and ATV, learn about AI weed identification and witness the application of weed-only removal.

In addition to the many day camps, OFB will hold a week-long camp at Ohio State's Agriculture Technical Institute in Wooster May 31-June 5. After team building activities and games, students will engage in activities such as learning about sports turfgrass management, entomology, visiting a greenhouse, several tours, and visiting multiple farms.

"ExploreAg is open to students from varied backgrounds, with diverse skills and interests, and provides them with an opportunity to explore and understand available career paths in the agriculture and food industries," Matthews added. "Our goal is that the student's time with ExploreAg will lead them to discover a passion they may not have considered yet."

Any Ohio student who will be entering grades 9-12 in the fall or who are seniors now is eligible to register for ExploreAg. While past ExploreAg participants are eligible to register again, they must recruit a fellow peer who is new to the program to also register.

All ExploreAg programming is offered



Above: ExploreAg participants are provided a one-day, hands-on experience and a chance to meet with industry experts and educators, giving the students a look at career opportunities related to agriculture. (courtesy OFB)

free to students. There is a \$50 registration fee for ExploreAg that will be when students check in for the camp. This fee will secure your seat until participants arrive at camp. If one cancels or withdraws from camp within 30 days of the start of camp, the registration fee will not be refunded.

ExploreAg sessions are typically capped at 30 students to ensure accessibility of quality hands-on experiences. Some programs have limited seating due to safety requirements.

Organizers of ExploreAg encourage high school students to engage in this program as agriculture is one of the largest industries and economic contributors in Ohio. Farming accounts for roughly \$700 billion in gross domestic products, creating roughly 333,000 jobs.

"Yet as vast and productive as our agricultural industry is currently, projections indicate that in the next 10 years we'll need 470,000 new workers in agribusiness and 90,000 new workers in direct farming operations," Matthews said.

To learn more about ExploreAg or to register, visit exploreag.org.



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Blossoming peach orchards in Greece draw visitors from abroad

VERIA, Greece (AP) - Each spring, a pink veil unfolds across the plains of Greece's largest peach-producing region. The blossoming peach trees create a spectacular sight that attracts visitors every year, mostly from Greece but increasingly also from the rest of Europe.

"It's something that people must experience and see at least once in their lifetime, because it's a huge area," said Gianna Pilitsidou, president of the Veria Tourism Club, based in the northern city of Veria.

The plain, which stretches about 65 square miles, turns completely pink, she said.

Over the past few years, the Veria Tourism Club has been organizing events in the blossoming peach orchards to mark the occasion: photography activities, cycling tours and the promotion of local farmers' products.

"Every year we welcome spring with celebrations in the fields, inviting people to visit us and experience it," Pilitsidou said.

Over two weekends, thousands of visitors wandered among the blooming peach trees around Veria, located 45 miles west of Greece's second largest city of Thessaloniki.

"I want the people in Holland

and Belgium to know what amazing spots there still are besides all the places that people already know," said Wesley van Eijk, a blogger from the Netherlands who travels around Greece. "For example, Veria. I mean more and more people get to know it, but you have to feel it and be here."

The events aim to promote the region and support farmers involved in peach production.

"For all of this to happen, it takes a lot of hard work - a lot of effort from us farmers," said Anastasios Chalkidis, president of the local farmers union. "We're happy that this beautiful event takes place, this great promotion for the wonderful product we have."

The events have been a boon to the region, with hotel workers saying they have visibly increased the number of visitors.

"I came all the way from Germany to this fabulous event to have a look at the peach blossom, which I absolutely adore," said traveler Andrea Lachnit. "You have to come because it's stunning and beautiful and heavenly. I have never seen anything like this before."

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Bald eagle numbers are on the rise; small risk to farm animals

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

LEXINGTON, Ky. – After nearing the brink of disappearing, the bald eagle has now reached record numbers in Kentucky and their numbers are growing in other states as well. While the birds are not a huge threat to livestock, poultry farmers should take precautions.

“There are more bald eagles in Kentucky than there ever has been,” said avian biologist Michael Patton of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “At one point we had just one nest in the entire state. Now, we estimate over 200 nests statewide.”

According to Patton, the eagle in Kentucky was listed as endangered after their numbers plummeted, mostly due to the pesticide DDT. Following a nationwide ban on DDT in 1972, multi-state programs helped reintroduce the eagles to Kentucky. DDT caused eggshell thinning, leading to reproductive failure and dramatic population declines.

Between 2006 and 2019, Kentucky saw a 400 percent increase in nesting pairs, Patton said. Last year, Patton and his team surveyed Eastern Kentucky by helicopter, using GPS and binoculars to pinpoint nests, and found a 20 percent jump in nesting birds. Eagle population in the western part of Kentucky showed an increase as well.

And not just in Kentucky. The eagle is making a comeback in Ohio, too. As of 2025, Ohio had 964 confirmed active bald eagle nests, making a significant recovery from a low of 707 nests in 2020. According to William Babb of Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Ottawa County saw the largest increase in eagles thus far, jumping from 46 active nests in 2012 to 112 in 2025, an increase of 66 new nests. Eagle

nests have been reported in 87 of Ohio's 88 counties.

“The ban on DDT and then improving water quality since that time has really led to this big resurgence of the eagle,” Babb said. “It's great to see them and I know we have them in some urban areas now, too.”

And in Indiana, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources reports that Indiana has over 350 active eagle nests as of 2024 and those numbers are increasing.

The increase in eagle sightings is good news for conservationists, but farmers may be more concerned. Some farmers report significant losses to eagle predation, while others argue that the impact is minimal.

Eagles rely on fish for 70 to 90 percent of their diet, often catching salmon, trout, catfish or herrings. They oftentimes steal fish from other birds like ospreys. They also eat carrion and some deaths attributed to eagles may be the result of the birds just chasing away other predators from an animal that was already dead.

Other birds also form part of the eagle's diet. Eagles may hunt waterfowl, smaller birds, or injured birds during migration. According to Patton, bald eagles consume over 25 percent of their diet from birds when fish are less accessible.

Patton says eagles play a significant role in controlling pest populations that compete with livestock for food. “Farmers can avoid conflicts with eagles by keeping newborn animals away from eagle nesting sites,” he said.

Babb says there are ways for farmers to protect their livestock from bald eagles.

“It is recommended to use strong fencing, secure livestock encloses,



Above: The bald eagle, once showing steady decline across the Midwest, has shown signs of rising populations in states like Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. Farmers are asked to keep a watchful eye on small ruminants on the farm. (Photo courtesy Kentucky Department of Natural Resources)

and consider using bald eagle decoys or reflective materials to deter them,” Babb said. “Additionally, using noise deterrents and keeping livestock in a barn or shed close to the home can help reduce the risk of bald eagle encounters. Eagles preying on small livestock is rare, but can occur. These instances are usually isolated and occur when

other food sources are scarce.”

“Here at the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife we're tasked with monitoring the bald eagle population, but we're at the point, unfortunately, where we can't actually count all of the bald eagles statewide,” Patton said. “There's just too many of them.”

As growing seasons change farmers markets try to adapt

(AP) – Data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration confirms 84 percent of United States cities now experience at least an additional week of warmer-than-normal spring days than they did in the 1970s. That's good news for some warm weather crops, not so great for cool weather crops and areas dependent on snow-fed water. It also significantly impacts what kinds of produce farmers markets provide and when.

Across the globe, climate change is affecting water levels, insect populations and migration patterns, as well as growing conditions. Researchers with the International Food Policy Research Institute project suitable croplands for corn, potatoes, rice and wheat will shift radically within the next 25 years; in some cases, farmers will be forced to plant new crops. Closer to home, the effects are being felt in grocery stores and farmers markets. As seasons shift, farmers bring different foods to market, while grocers use industrial methods to extend seasonality.

A new Climate Central analysis finds human-caused climate change drives warmer springs in 98 percent of 241 major U.S. cities.

The value of the farmers market to the consumer comes in the freshness and reliability.

“Put simply, you can taste the difference,” explains Bethany Harris,

farm purveyor for Gjelina Group.

Paula Hamilton, of Hamilton Farms Mushrooms in Corydon, Ind., adds, “Farmers markets offer a place that removes the barriers between the producers of good, whole foods and the people who want them. It's a match made in heaven.”

While a casual farmers market shopper may not spot the differences, seasoned regulars have noticed a shift over the years.

“The seasons have changed rather significantly year to year. Peas and apricots are great examples of things we either see or don't based on an early or late start to spring. We saw no peas two years ago, but a decent crop last year. We also saw them twice, as Nichols Farm was able to harvest snap peas from the cover crop in late fall. I have never seen that before,” points out Chef Devon Quinn, partner of Eden, a contemporary farm-to-table restaurant in Chicago's Avondale neighborhood. “Some crops shifted as many as four weeks with a warmer-than-usual spring.”

Austin Jones, owner of Blooming Hill Farm, said, “I really think a lot depends on what the weather is like in a given year. For example, people want peas and ramps in the springtime, but if it's a cold year, sometimes these aren't available in April, you have to wait until May – and even then, peas could be longer if we

don't start them in the greenhouse. Sometimes we don't have snap peas available in the field until June.

“I feel like there is a general disconnect there between the everyday consumer and what is actually available seasonally and locally because these ‘hyper seasonal’ items are often available from commercial distributors much earlier than they are from local producers.”

Added Quinn, “Farms are seeing new insects invade their fields that they have not seen in the past – beetles, grasshoppers and scale. This has been devastating for some farms. Flatwater Farms in Michigan was my primary supply of Esmee arugula two years ago, but it was hardly able to produce any last year. They were devastated by beetles. My wife and I visited Werp Farm in Buckley, Mich., last summer, and Tina pointed out grasshoppers that had never been seen there previously.”

Local restaurants that depend on farmers markets for their menu planning and providing fresh produce to their customers are also impacted by the changes. Certain vegetable dishes may not make it on the menu. Chefs adjust their ingredients, or even eliminate or delay offerings to diners to accommodate what isn't available. Communication is key.

“At any given time, a farmer's produce list gives you an accurate

snapshot of the season and helps us convey that message to the diner,” says Eric Leveillee, executive chef at The Rittenhouse Hotel in Philadelphia, Pa. “It's also nice to be able to communicate directly with the farmers about our wants and needs, as well as guests' wants and needs, and having an open dialogue when the product is really great or not so great ensures we can always deliver the highest quality ingredients.”

Harris said, “Staying in constant dialogue allows us to keep a pulse on what is happening across the state and plan when and how to adjust to the ebb and flow of availability. For example, when a farm in Los Olivos is gapping on lettuce, we can adjust accordingly and keep my favorite Market Greens salad on the menu year-round.”

Executive Chef Kali Kopley, co-owner of Pico Los Alamos, said, “Seasonality steers my boat. Especially if I know the farmer is very excited about a certain product, and there is enough to add a new exciting dish to my menu. For me, there's nothing worse than being at a restaurant that has a fresh product on the menu that is not in season. This tells me right away that they have large trucks pulling up and delivering food from a large food chain.”



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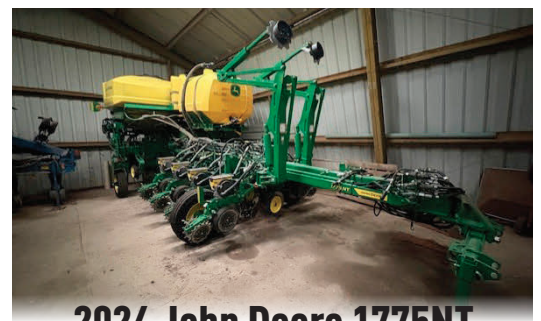
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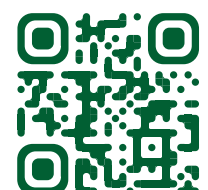
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1,702 students participate in Wilmington College judging contest

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

WILMINGTON, Ohio – Imagine 1,702 students with clipboards in hand, quietly standing shoulder-to-shoulder in four separate arenas, judging various animals under the watchful eyes of judges who wouldn't hesitate to oust them from the competition for muttering a single word.

Such was the case at the 68th edition of the Wilmington College Aggies' annual Harold Thirey Memorial Judging Contest for junior high and high school students. The annual event is for those students who are engaged in 4-H, vocational agriculture and FFA.

The event, billed as among the first in the nation each year and the largest student-run event east of the Mississippi River, was last month at the Champion Expo Center in Springfield, Ohio.

Students from Ohio and three neighboring states participated in the event, which tested participants' knowledge of agronomy, poultry, dairy cattle, equine management and general livestock. Participants use these judging skills fine-tuned at Wilmington's contest at upcoming county and state fairs and other judging competitions.

During the judging competition, students quietly congregate around 11 different animal-filled corrals,

ready to hone their judging skills. The key word here is "quietly," as any muttered word heard by the judges will eliminate participants from the contest immediately.

"With so many students there can be no conversation," said teacher Katherine Owens, whose junior high STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) class from Springfield was in attendance. "Judges will take your clipboard and your pencils if you say a word or if you're caught glancing at another student's notes. It happened to one of my students last year. That's the way it is the moment you enter the ring to begin the judging, no talking at all."

Students were given ample time at judging a particular animal before an announcement was made for them to move to a different corral. The judging contest lasted nearly five hours.

Overseeing the proceedings from high above from the observation deck stood Ruth Beery, Wilmington College senior and president of the Wilmington College Aggies, a student-run organization on campus. Beery and her leadership team had their hands full that day, dealing with last-minute details. Fog and rain caused late arrivals, which delayed the start of the event.

Beery said she's been impressed with the longstanding tradition of the judging contest, which she noted connects her and the other Aggies of 2026 to Wilmington College's agri-



Above: With clipboard and two pencils in hand, students were tested in their knowledge of agronomy, poultry, dairy cattle, equine management and general livestock. (photo submitted)

culture alumni going back to the late 1940s. She's also proud that returning Aggies step up and take on leadership roles in staging the signature event.

Wilmington students do, indeed, run the show as they secure the animals, organize the logistics and get the word out to schools in Ohio and neighboring states, 4-H groups, FFA members and vocational agricultural classes.

"This is a unique Wilmington Col-

lege opportunity that students at many larger colleges and universities don't have," Beery said. "It requires time-management and problem-solving skills, working together at a team and successfully managing people, animals and the use of equipment."

Wilmington President Corey Cockerill was in attendance and said there is no better way to recruit high schools to Wilmington College than

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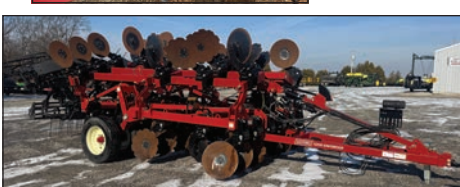
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Agricultural crime unit recovers \$60K in stolen farm equipment; suspect sentenced to 8 years

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The Agricultural Crime Unit (ACU) has recovered \$60,000 in stolen farm equipment in Madison County, and the defendant has been sentenced to eight years.

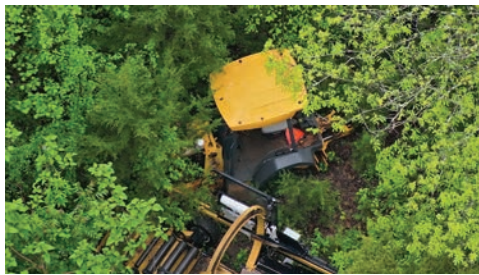
ACU Special Agent Cheshier Criefield charged Darrell L. Hillis, of Van Buren County, leading to his arrest in August 2025. Hillis pleaded guilty to theft of property valued between \$60,000-\$250,000, a Class B felony, and will serve eight years in the custody of the Tennessee Department of Correction.

"This case came together thanks to our partnership with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, whose agents helped present the case to the grand jury and provided critical support through interviews and forensic data analysis," ACU Special Agent in Charge Greg Whitehead said. "Collaboration among our agents, the bureau's agents and local law enforcement officers was key to holding the defendant accountable and ensuring this case was successfully resolved."

Hillis stole a John Deere 7400 tractor and a Tubeline bale wrapper from a barn at Woolfolk Farms in Jackson, Tenn., in February 2025.

The John Deere tractor was taken more than 700 miles to an auction company in Georgia. The farm owner found the tractor on social media, where it was about to be auctioned.

The bale wrapper was found in a wooded area on Hillis' property, approximately 260 miles from Woolfolk Farms. It was recovered during the execution of a search warrant



Above: A Tubeline bale wrapper and a John Deere tractor were recovered.

in April 2025, after a Warren County Sheriff's Office drone helped ACU special agents and law enforcement from Van Buren and Warren counties locate the stolen equipment concealed in the woods.

Both pieces of farm equipment were returned to the owner.

"Our 10 ACU Special Agents are strategically positioned across Tennessee - from Memphis to Mountain City - to serve our agricultural communities," Agriculture Commissioner Andy Holt said. "Each agent is responsible for covering nine to 12 counties, ensuring a strong local presence. We want to alert producers across the state to reach out to ACU if they are affected by criminal activity. Prompt reporting helps us respond quickly and protect people and agricultural resources."

To contact ACU call 844-AG-CRIME (844-242-7463) or email agriculture.crime@tn.gov.

ACU investigated 137 cases in March 2026 and 1,132 cases since July 1, 2025.



Above: A drone helped authorities recover a stolen Tubeline bale wrapper and a John Deere tractor.

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Above: There were 1,702 participants at this year's Wilmington College Aggies' annual Harold Thirey Memorial Judging Contest. The event was at the Champion Expo Center in Springfield, Ohio. (photo submitted)

Judging

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having members of your school's largest ag club host one enormous event.

"With 1,702 students on-site, this Judging Contest is the College's largest recruitment opportunity," said Cockerill, who grew up on a multi-generational farm in Ohio. "This event is huge. We're hands-on. We're experiential and this is an example of our student pipeline and what we can do to facilitate it."

The event is named in memory of Thirey, a longtime agriculture professor and Aggies' adviser who died unexpectedly in 2021.

Top individual and team finishers were all from Ohio:

At the high school level, Nic Lindsey, of Miami Trace Great Oaks, was first overall individual in Agronomy. North Union High School won the team title in Agronomy.

Isaak Adae, of Fayetteville High School, was first overall individual in Poultry. Fayetteville also took the team title in poultry.

Natasha Grube, of Madison Plains High, was first overall individual in Dairy Cattle, while Arcanum-MVCTC

captured the team title in dairy cattle.

Taylor Payton, of Miami Trace Great Oaks, was first overall in Equine Management. Logan Elm High School won the team title in this event.

Sydney Schiff, of Talawanda-Butler Tech, was the individual champion in General Livestock judging. Miami Trace Great Oaks was first with the team title in the event.

At the junior high level, Tera Fout, of North Union, was the individual winner in Agronomy. North Union captured the team title as well.

Kendall Miller, of Global Impact STEM Academy, was first in Poultry while North Union captured the team title in this event.

Chase Call, of Southeastern High, was the overall individual champion in Dairy Cattle. Southeastern also captured the team title in Dairy Cattle.

Zella Nickol, of Covington UVCC, was first overall individual in Equine Management. UVCC also captured the team title in this event.

In General Livestock, Tessa Lyons, of Covington UVCC, was the individual winner, while Global Impact STEM won the team title in General Livestock.



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Weather service calling for cooler temperatures, precipitation next week

The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center's outlook to April 21 is calling for likely above normal temperatures and a near normal outlook for precip-

itation. Dr. Eric Snodgrass, of Nutrien Ag Solutions, in his April 6 report, thinks we will be in a wet corridor until about April 20, including a cooler temperature bias, with a wet trend until about May 21. Some of his computer models are suggesting a bias to a wetter April, May and June, and perhaps even a stormy summer - July, August and September - due to El Niño.

The MSU Enviroweather station at Deerfield recorded soil temperature at the 2-inch level for April 7 was 37.4°F, was 40.9°F on April 6, 43.7°F on April 5, 48.7°F on April 4. This location recorded 1.49 inches of rain since April 1.

Alfalfa is greening up, but there are no concerns yet about overwintering alfalfa weevil, who are highly cold tolerant, so the cold winter is unlikely to affect populations. The larvae start feeding at 300 growing degree days (GDD) (base 48°F) but as of April 8, the MSU Enviroweather station at Deerfield had only recorded 225.9 GDD. Purdue University is reporting alfalfa scouting for leaf feeding now in southern Indiana. The Iowa State pest tracker shows only 219 GDD through April 7 for northeast Iowa. Michigan State and Ohio State released an updated Pest Management Guide for Field Crops Insects in December 2025, which includes alfalfa pests. This guide can be accessed free at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/field_crops/insect-guides. Or just google MSU field crop insect guide

WEEKLY AG UPDATE
BY NED BIRKEY
MSU EXTENSION EDUCATOR EMERITUS
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Nitrogen is in the news due to all the hubbub about higher prices. NH₃, anhydrous ammonia, is the most efficient form of ni-

trogen to apply to corn. But it is also the most hazardous, especially when handling the hoses and valves. Water and wind are always the farmer's friend, remembering to position the tractor or standing upwind when handling or using. If there is a release of a plume, being upwind may save your life. The word anhydrous means containing no water, so NH₃ will seek out water, such as in the eyes or skin, so personal protective equipment is a must, including eye protection and having fresh water at hand. It is a colorless gas at room temperature but boils at -28°F so lined rubber gloves are a must, versus the unlined gloves used in handling pesticides.

Sedum is a low-maintenance plant that thrives on "neglect" that some gardeners may be looking for. These plants thrive in partial to full sun, are drought tolerant once established, and require little extra fertility. They are magnets for bees and butterflies. There are more than 400 species of sedums that are annuals, perennials and even small shrubs depending upon the climate. Most are hardy in USDA zones 4 to 9. They make excellent rock garden and container plants, many are natives so are more tolerant of shady conditions. Sedum has also been used as a "soilless living roof" on buildings, such as the 450,000-square-foot roof of the Ford Dearborn Truck Plant, with an environmental benefit, managing stormwater and reducing energy needs.

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Miniature animals help kids connect with farming at Hooley Farms

By Leondia Walchle
Indiana Correspondent

FORT WAYNE, Ind. - Hundreds of students have passed through Hooley Farms learning about animals, in particular horses.

The farm is owned by husband and wife team Cory Hooley, a Fort Wayne Community Schools teacher; and Sarah Hooley, an Executive Pastor with City Church. Together they have grown the business Cory's grandfather started 40 years ago where he managed the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo pony ride area by supplying his pony herd throughout the years.

The Hooley's non-profit organiza-

tion now concentrates on a variety of horse experiences, including horse encounters, events (birthday parties, photo shoots, field of flowers, and even a marriage proposal), and a summer horse camp, which has introduced more than 800 elementary students since 2021 to lessons on horsemanship, teamwork, and character development.

Taking this a step further, the Hooley Horse Youth Initiative Program formed, which was recently awarded a grant through the City of Fort Wayne to assist under-resourced neighborhoods, which provides scholarships and removes financial barriers for these youth. Middle and high school students learn the SHIP traits: Self-Control, Humility, Integrity, and Perseverance. Former camp participants serve as volunteers to help mentor and engage the beginners through experiences from their own journey.

Each year the number of elementary schools reaching out for field trip encounters increases. The Hooley's said, "our main focus is to connect with people and educate; these lessons will build confidence, resilience, and leadership that last a lifetime."

The Hooley Farm breeds and raises miniature farm animals: horses, donkeys, highland cattle, and Nigeria dwarf goats. Cory was excited to share the news that "this coming Spring there will be newborn babies to observe. These small-scale animals help introduce youth to agriculture, animal care, and life on the farm."

For more information visit their Facebook page: Hooley Farms - Horses, Highlands & Flowers.



Above: The main focus of the farm is to connect with people and educate



Above: The Highland is always a hit with the school children.



Above: Hooley Farms breeds and raises miniature farm animals.



Right: Current owners of Hooley Farms, Corey and Sarah, have grown the family business.

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Bovine tuberculosis detected in two herds in Michigan

The Agriculture Department again raised its 2026 milk production estimate in the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimate report, based on increased cow inventories that more than offset slower growth in milk per cow.

2026 production and marketings were projected at 235.3 and 234.3 billion pounds up 600 million pounds on both from a month ago. If realized, both would be up 3.6 billion pounds or 1.6% from 2025.

Prices for cheese and nonfat dry milk (NDM) were raised for 2026 on recent price strength, strong domestic demand, and improved price competitiveness for cheese on the international market. Butter prices were lowered on recent price declines, and whey prices were unchanged.

Class III prices were raised on higher cheese prices. Look for the 2026 Class III to average around \$16.90 per hundredweight (cwt.), up 25 cents from last month's estimate, and compares to \$18.01 in 2025, and \$18.89 in 2024.

Class IV prices were raised on higher NDM prices offsetting lower butter prices. The 2026 Class IV is projected to average \$18.60, up \$1.45 from a month ago, and compares to \$17.38 in 2025 and \$20.75 in 2024.

HighGround Dairy warns "About 60% of the continental US is in drought conditions, according to the US Drought Monitor, as of March 31. This compares to just 43% a year ago on April 1, 2025. The Southeastern US is especially impacted, along with Arkansas, southern Texas, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and Nebraska. This has the potential to have an impact on crops and grazing in these regions. For staple crops like soybeans and corn, 44% of the potential growing area is in drought, while 65% of winter wheat is affected by drought," says HGD.

So-called make allowances are draining dairy farm income due to changes made in federal milk pricing. So says Wisconsin-based American Dairy Coalition (ADC) which stated that the changes "Erased nearly 20 years of gradual modest progress in their milk checks, virtually overnight."

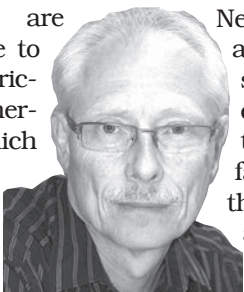
The ADC called on the USDA to "bring transparency to the system filling comments with the Agricultural Marketing Service by the March 30 deadline on the rulemaking notice for mandatory, audited manufacturing cost and yield surveys tied to make allowances used in Federal Milk Marketing Order (FMMO) pricing formulas."

"These built-in processor credits now totaling \$3 to \$5 per cwt. continue to cut into farmer milk checks," the ADC charged, and the filing builds on ADC's earlier request for additional time. Despite a short 30-day window and limited outreach, dairy farmers responded. Of 76 total comments, about 60 came from individual producers."

"Farmers showed up because this hits their milk checks directly," says Laurie Fischer, ADC CEO. "Make allowances are not line-items farmers see when they review their milk check statements. They are embedded in the FMMO pricing formulas."

CME Cheddar block cheese plunged 10.75 cents Wednesday and lost 1.25 cents Thursday, falling to \$1.5525 per pound, lowest price in a month. That's 19.25 cents below a year ago after closing last Thursday at \$1.6725. The markets were closed for Good Friday. The barrels fell to \$1.5725 Thursday, following their last Thursday finish at \$1.5925, and are 23.25 cents below a year ago.

Central contacts tell Dairy Market



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY
By Lee Mielke

News that large volumes of milk are readily available for the spot market. Farm output continues to trend higher as the spring flush begins. Many facilities ran busy schedules this week to build inventories after downtime last week due to the spring holidays. Class III spot prices at mid-week ranged \$7-under to \$2-under Class. Spot cheese purchases were slow to steady. Export demand was lighter but is expected to increase, says DMN.

Cheese output is stable to stronger and cheese inventories are not heavily building. Domestic demand was somewhat lighter to stronger while food service continues to be outpaced by demand from other sectors. Export demand is steady to strong.

CME butter sunk to \$1.7275 per pound Wednesday, lowest since Feb. 18, 2026, but regained a penny Thursday, closing at \$1.7375, 61 cents below a year ago. It closed last Thursday at \$1.79. 84 loads have traded hands so far this week.

Cream production is strong in the Central region. Milk components are down but trend higher year over year. Butter manufacturers increased production after a slower week last week due to the spring holidays. Strong demand for cream from Class II and III manufacturers is keeping spot availability light. Demand for bulk butter remains strong amid favorable pricing, especially on the export market. Retail demand for butter is steady. Butter inventories are holding steady, with manufacturers keeping production in line with current demand, says DMN.

Domestic demand varies from steady to strong for bulk butter and from the

retail sector. Some manufacturers report butter sales are up year over year. Export demand is strong. However, more challenging logistics and/or costs are causing hesitation for some international buyers, according to DMN.

Grade A nonfat dry milk topped \$2 per pound Wednesday and hit \$2.06 on Thursday, highest CME price since Feb. 25, 2014's \$2.07. It closed last Thursday at \$1.9725. Thursday's price is 89.25 cents above a year ago. The highest powder price ever was \$2.16 per pound on Dec. 5, 2007.

Dry whey was at 70 cents per pound Thursday, up 1.25 cents on the week so far, and 23.50 cents above a year ago. It closed last Thursday at 68.75 cents per pound.

The global dairy price climb halted this week, ending six consecutive gains. The Global Dairy Trade weighted average fell 3.4% Tuesday, following a 0.1% increase March 17 and 5.7% on March 3. Volume fell to 36.4 million pounds, lowest since June 17, 2025, and down from 43 million pounds on March 17. The average metric ton price slipped to \$4,228 US, down from \$4,330 on March 17.

Butter led the declines, down 8.1%, after inching 0.9% lower on March 17. Anhydrous milkfat was down 7.1%, after leading the gains last time with a 6.4% boost. GDT Mozzarella dropped 6.2%, following a 0.5% increase. Cheddar was down 3.1%, after inching 0.1% higher.

Lactose was off 0.6%, following a 0.3% slip, and buttermilk powder was up 0.7%. Skim milk powder dropped 1.6%, after jumping 5.2%, and whole milk powder was off 0.7%, after dropping 4% last time.

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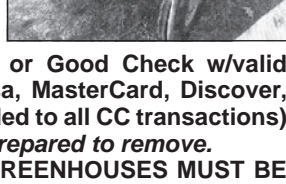
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pound, down from \$3.0392 on March 17.

HighGround Dairy wrote "After months of hand-to-mouth buying to refill pipelines, escalating Middle East tensions have finally stayed key buyers' hands heading into April, with uncertainty driving up the true cost of doing business. Commodity values are only one piece of the equation, layer in insurance, freight, and storage, and it becomes expensive to move product and hold it during a period of potential demand erosion."

The National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) Exports & Trade (NEXT) member cooperatives accepted 413 offers of export assistance in the first quarter of 2026, helping capture sales contracts for 50.7 million pounds of American-type cheese, 14.3 million pounds of butter, 3.9 million pounds of anhydrous milkfat, 15 million pounds of whole milk powder, and 2.5 million pounds of cream cheese.

National Milk also reports that after signup rates were lagging previous years for the Dairy Margin Coverage Program, a full-court communications press helped push enrollment levels above year-ago levels.

"Participation in USDA's Dairy Margin Coverage program rose to 13,349 this year, up from 12,989 in 2025," says NMPF. "Currently, 57% of dairy farms are enrolled, compared to 53% last year."

"The gain came after a comprehensive NMPF effort to get the word out and the growth highlights that farmers continue to recognize the importance of this safety net and benefit from its support. Congress improved DMC as part of farm-support provisions in last year's budget reconciliation bill, with an updat-

ed production history and an increase in the amount of milk covered under the program."

"As that effort was under way, the February margin under USDA's Margin Coverage Program was generating another month of payments, with a reported margin for the month of \$8.46 per cwt, up 65 cents per cwt from the month before. Farmers who elected coverage at the maximum \$9.50 per cwt level received a payment of \$1.04 per cwt for the month," according to NMPF.

"An 80 cent per cwt increase in the all-milk price from January drove the higher margin, which was tempered by 15 cent per cwt gain in the February DMC feed cost formula, due primarily to a higher soybean meal price."

The DMC Decision Tool on the USDA website projected at the end of March that February's payment might be the year's last, or a possible small one for March. USDA expected margins to average \$10.61 per cwt for the year, says NMPF.

Bovine tuberculosis (TB) has been detected in two herds in Michigan. The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) reported the herds from Alpena and Presque Isle counties and said the cases were detected during annual whole-herd surveillance tests.

"Both herds are located in areas where bovine TB is known to be present in the free-ranging white-tailed deer population, and both herds illustrate why it is so crucial to consistently perform surveillance testing and actively manage this disease," said State Veterinarian Nora Wineland.

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Some plants, says Haskell, are "bisexual," possessing both male and female parts, while others "segregate" the sexes. Goatsbeard can carefully and beneficially crossbreed with the help of bees. Orchids feed on fungi, and they save tiny strands of it inside themselves. Grasses evolved to benefit from wildfires and, in turn, they create soil. Seagrasses help maintain marshes and keep waterbanks cleaner. Roses were instrumental in the creation of perfumes. Botanist Carl Linnaeus was so obsessed with growing tea in Sweden that he took to thievery.

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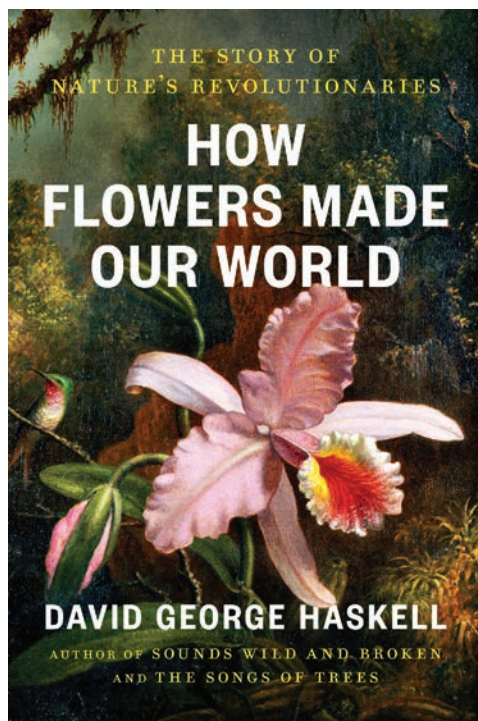


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them on your posters, pillows and plushy things. You see floral motifs so often in everyday life that it's easy to miss them, but read "How Flowers Made Our World" and you'll never look at a rose the same again.

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Legislation in Hawaii seeks to set standards to define farming

(AP) - Hawaii's 6,500 farms range from small operations that produce food and raise livestock for their families and their communities to large companies that supply big box stores and export coffee, macadamia nuts and other luxury foods.

But what exactly qualifies as a farm? And should those who live on land zoned for agriculture still reap the benefits of lower taxes, regardless of what or how much they grow?

Illegitimate and unproductive agricultural operations have rankled Hawaii for decades, with some developers explicitly targeting farmland for new housing. Mansions interspersed with fruit trees, classified as orchards, or a handful of goats deemed a ranch are among the many examples cited by critics.

Now, a bill moving through the legislature aims to help officials set clear standards that will allow them to distinguish bona fide farmers from landowners merely looking for a tax break. In doing so, they could boost the state's tax base while offering legitimate farmers more support.

A number of states, including New Jersey and Kentucky, have struggled to define farming. In previous years, Hawaii has passed laws to stop condominium projects being built on agricultural lands. Counties have also sought to root out fake farmers in their zoning laws, calling on farmers to prove they earn over \$2,000 from their operations.

While lawmakers say they are looking for ways to make farming easier, farming advocates have mixed feelings. Some are worried that small-scale farmers - whose operations ac-

count for a third of farms statewide - will be the only ones who must prove their legitimacy. Others are cautiously optimistic that the added clarity might be good for the overall food system. Most agree the problem needs to be addressed.

Former Land Use Commission chair Jonathan Likeke Scheuer pointed to clusters of properties across West Maui and the Big Island where farmland is mainly providing scenic backgrounds.

"They're nothing approaching what any reasonable person would say is an agricultural use," Scheuer said. "You have the absurdity of people who say, 'I'm growing turf' because they just have a large lawn."

The Legislature's proposed salve for the symptoms of ill-defined agriculture is to create a tiered system that classifies farms by their output, size and function - from subsistence farmers to corporate food producers.

Senate Bill 2153, introduced by Sen. Tim Richards, of the Big Island, calls on the state's major agricultural agencies to consider such things as production, investment, value to the community and culture, environmental stewardship and operational scale when deciding who to describe as a farmer.

Recognizing the diversity of Hawaii's farmers has been the top concern for agricultural groups, who worry that Native Hawaiian and subsistence agriculture may be ignored or overburdened. Richards believes it could actually benefit them the most because they are the ones most often

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confused with imposter operations.

"What if you have an old, retired guy that raises a couple of grass fats for the family, and he kills an animal every eight months then shares that with his family?" said Richards, a cattle rancher. "That's bona fide agriculture, absolutely. It's subsistence."

Still, advocates fear that the bill could require smaller operators to spend their limited time proving their income while their larger counterparts continue to increase their physical and commercial footprints.

"My concern is that we then increase the hurdles and headaches for smallholders, without meaningfully addressing the consolidation of land ownership," said Hunter Heavilin, advocacy director at the Hawaii Farmers Union.

Small farms still comprise a majority of Hawaii's farms. But the state lost more than 1,000 farms between 2007 and 2022 while the size of the average operation has grown. Indeed, the state's Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity last year found an increasing concentration of large-scale agricultural outfits dominating the state's agricultural lands.

Heavilin spent two years penning a state-commissioned report on Hawaii land management practices, and found decades of misapplied regulations that often benefited larger operations. So, he said creating such binding definitions requires careful consideration.

"The concern with developing something that will be a regulatory tool, without considering all of the regulatory uses, is that it gets misapplied," Heavilin said.

The bill is only a first step. It would require the agriculture department to develop the matrix this year, with the Agribusiness Development Corp., then bring it back for lawmakers to approve next year.

Scheuer, the former land commission chair, agrees that there could be unseen consequences for both land and water use, or even preferential treatment of certain farmers based on where they end up falling in the matrix.

The bill seems to be "setting up some larger policy discussions," Scheuer added. "It's not clear exactly what those are, and some of those could be very contentious."

Both the Hawaii Farm Bureau and Farmers Union have suggested the state look to Guam for inspiration in solving its fake farmer problem.

The U.S. territory requires farmers to register with the island's agriculture department before they can access local markets, tax exemptions

and various support programs, including grants. Vermont and other states have explored similar initiatives.

Some farmers might be annoyed by extra paperwork and it could also create more work for the state agriculture agencies. But it could give the state a clear view of the agricultural landscape, said the farm bureau's executive director, Brian Miyamoto.

For any definition, especially when it comes to taxation and programs, enforcement at both the county and state levels will always be a concern, said Jonathan Helton, policy analyst for Grassroot Institute of Hawaii.

Still, the proposed rubric has Helton and other agriculture advocates feeling quietly optimistic about the definition's potential to help the state distribute incentives such as state grants, subsidies and tax exemptions to those who need them most.

Richards hopes that clearly identifying the state's farmers will expedite future legislation and initiatives to improve agriculture throughout the state. He is under no illusion that it will be a quick fix.

"I'm not convinced we have it worked out quite right. But then again, as they say, legislation is making sausage," Richards said. "It's going to take a little bit of grinding and mixing before you get done."

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Pillsbury Mill, a Springfield giant, comes to an end

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. - Tours and oral histories have been part of the recent historical reviews garnering attention for the Pillsbury Mill in Springfield that is currently being demolished. The mill, once an agricultural giant, was one of the largest mills in America, and is part of the history of Springfield's north side. The mill was built in 1929, and opened in 1930, bringing an economic boom during the Great Depression days.



WRENCHING TALES
By Cindy Ladage

er been sold, so no coal was ever mined under the soil. Prior to the plant, Sangamon County history indicates that the area had been a driving park, a site for horse and buggy races. The 11th annual Great National Horse Show and Equestrian Fair was held there on Aug. 21-26, 1865. An Illinois State Journal report shared that this was the largest horse show held in the west.

Springfield had been in competition with cities in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan - along with other Illinois communities - in vying for the new plant. Springfield was chosen, and the north end site was selected in part because mineral rights to the property had nev-

After the plant was completed, workers moved to the north end, spent their money, their children attended school, and the mill and workers became part of the local fabric. Pillsbury used Springfield bricks and local mate-

(Wrenching continued on page 12B)



Above: The mill in late March, partially demolished.



Above: Picture of the Pillsbury Mill at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum in its glory days.

HOP HEAD FARMS LIVE & ONLINE AUCTION WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, AT 10:00 AM 2993 E LEMON CREEK RD, BARODA, MI

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FRONTIER LOADER TRACTOR PALLET FORKS 3 POINT MOUNT, SINGLE TOOTH RIPPER <p>LAWN & GARDEN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIG DOG ZERO TURN MOWER WITH 60" DECK CRAFTSMAN ZTL8000, ZERO TURN MOWER STIHL KM130R STRAIGHT SHAFT STRING TRIMMER STIHL MS271 CHAINSAW WITH 22" BAR STIHL FS111R STRAIGHT SHAFT STRING TRIMMER STIHL MS180 CHAINSAW WITH 16" BAR STIHL FS55 STRAIGHT SHAFT STRING TRIMMER ECHO HC-2020 GAS POWERED HEDGE TRIMMERS <p><i>Plus Much More</i></p> |
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**2 FARMS - FARM 1: 2811 COUNTY ROAD 1110, FANCY FARM, KY
FARM 2: 425 OLD DUBLIN HILL ROAD, FANCY FARM, KY**

**2 Farms - 184± Acres
in 12 Tracts & Combinations**

**Farm 1: Carlisle Co. -130.02 Acres in 11 Tracts - 100.82-Tillable
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Auction Held On Farm 1 - Public Preview Date: Sunday, April 19th - 12-1 PM

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37.07-Tillable
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- PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Spacious home with open living, dining & kitchen layout
 - Custom wood cabinetry, large island & ample counter space
 - Cozy fireplace and inviting main living areas
 - Primary suite with en-suite bath
 - Walk-in shower, walk-in tub & large vanity
 - Sunroom/enclosed patio with great natural light
- OUTBUILDINGS & FARM IMPROVEMENTS:**
- Multiple shops and storage buildings
 - Detached garage with office/workspace
 - Outbuilding w/kitchen area (multi-use potential)
 - Barns, grain bin & silo for agricultural use
 - Additional tract (Tract 12)
(Farm 2) 53.45acres - 37.07 tillable
In Dublin, Kentucky - Graves County**
- WATERFRONT & RECREATION FEATURES:**
- Detached garage/recreation building near pond
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The auction shall be conducted in two farms. **Farm 1: Tracts 1-11. Farm 2: Tract 12.** No combinations between these farms will be combined. The property will be sold in the manner resulting in the highest total sale price. A 10% Buyer's Premium will be added to the final bid and included in the deed transaction sale price. 15% as down payment on the day of the auction with balance in cash at closing on or before 45 days. The down payment may be in the form of cashier's check, personal check, or corporate check. **YOUR BIDDING IS NOT CONDITIONAL UPON FINANCING, SO BE SURE YOU HAVE ARRANGED FINANCING, IF NEEDED, AND ARE CAPABLE OF PAYING CASH AT CLOSING.** Closing shall take place on or before 30 days from auction date. All 2026 ad valorem taxes will be prorated at closing. **SURVEYS:** The 4 properties will be sold by a new survey. Buyer will be responsible for 50% of the survey cost. **LEAD BASED PAINT:** Buyer will be required to sign a lead based paint disclosure waiving the opportunity to conduct a 10 day post sale inspections. Make all inspections prior to the day of sale. **IMMEDIATE PLANTING PRIVILEGES.**

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Wrenching

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rial to build their huge mill. The plant grew exponentially during the next few decades. In 1955, they had 1,500 employees working on the 18-acre site. At one time the grain silos had the capacity to hold 3 million bushels of wheat each. The mill produced 1.65 million pounds of flour each day, under the Pillsbury Best brand. They also made specialty mixes and pancake mixes as well as the world's first boxed cake mixes. Wheat was processed into flour, cornmeal, grits and doughnut flour. One recollection shared that the neighborhood often, "smelled like baked goods."

With the demolition of Pillsbury Mill, the local landscape is changing, but the story continues through an exhibit at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum (ALPLM). The exhibit is running until June 9, 2026; it opened Feb. 18, 2026. The display shares the story of the former plant. The exhibit is just

outside of the Ghosts of the Library Holavision Theater within the museum. The exhibit is part of the community Case - Rotating Exhibit, and it can be viewed with the purchase of a full admission ticket, or special admission for just the Pillsbury exhibit.

Artifacts on display include 100-pound Sno-Sheen flour sacks, wooden barrels, custom grain scoops, employee memorabilia and vintage hand-drawn cartoons. The display also included photos of events, and a plaque that honored workers who died in World War II. These items move the story from an industrial giant to a story of workers and the lives they lived working at one of the largest flour mills in America. The display focuses on the early years at the plant from 1929 to 1949.

Those interested in the mill demolition can follow "Moving Pillsbury Forward, The Pillsbury Project." The group is working with the Pillsbury Neighborhood Association, and the City of Springfield to keep the area safe and secure during the tear down. Chris Richmond is the moving force behind "Moving Pillsbury Forward." The group was instrumental in developing the ALPLM display. The story was told through the eyes of families who shared and donated items for the

exhibit.

When mill production slowed, Car-gill purchased the plant in 1992 for \$19 million and used the site as a grain storage facility. Pillsbury Mill stayed open until May 27, 2001. By the time it closed, there were only around 45 workers. After the plant was mothballed, in 2008, the first of several owners bought the site after removing valuable scrap metal.

Sitting abandoned for years, the plant became dangerous and an eyesore. Although various closure efforts were made, there were some run ins with the Environmental Protection Agency, who eventually stepped in to ensure the take-down of material was environmentally sound, and not a danger to nearby residents.

Demolition progress was limited until Moving Pillsbury took over. Real strides were made in 2022. Several

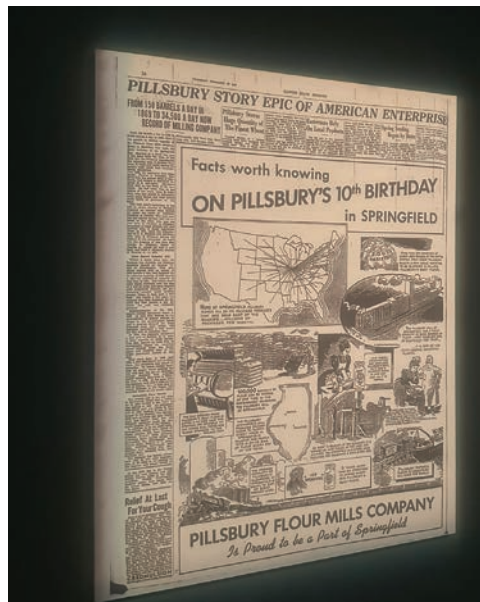
environmental issues were addressed like lead paint and asbestos removal. News coverage shared that 160 silos, and 500,000 square feet of buildings would be demolished once the project is complete.

The goal is to complete demolition in spring of 2026, and to redevelop the area for light industrial use. Recycling efforts have been ongoing during the demolition with 95 percent of the concrete and bulk material being recycled for fill or road construction. Early estimates were that the cost of demolition would reach \$10 million.

The local community has watched with interest the unfolding of the story of the development, demolition and eventually reconstruction of this iconic property. Tours were available, and memorial walls and memorabilia gathered representing what this mill once meant to the community.



Above: Some of the donated items accompanying the exhibit.



Above: Paper from the mill.

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Indiana farmland brings \$15,786/acre at Jeff Boone auction

Illinois

Decatur - On March 18, Schrader Real Estate & Auction Company offered 115+/- acres in 3 tracts. The tracts contained 105.78 FSA tillable acres with Class A soils, mainly Flanagan silt loam and Drummer silty clay loam, with an average Productivity Index of 141.4. Recent yields showed 237 Bushels/acre for corn in 2025. Tract 1 had 36 +/- acres, predominantly in Flanagan silt loam, Catlin silt loam, and Drummer silty clay loam, with an average Productivity Index of 140.95. Access was at the southeast corner from Mount Auburn Road. Tract 2 was 61 +/- acres mainly in Flanagan silt loam and Drummer silty clay loam. Access was on Crossroads Road and Wesley Drive. Tract 3 held 18 +/- acres (12 +/- tillable) with a potential home-site, with the balance in mixed hardwoods. The tracts sold combined for \$1,550,000 (\$13,478/acre).

Taylorville - Cory Craig hosted an online-only auction on March 16 of the locally known Durban Family Farm, near the Rosamond Grain Terminal, consisting of 75.240 acres (69.80 tillable), offered in two tracts. The farmland was mainly in Herrick, Virden, Harrison, Oconee-Darmstadt-Coulterville, Oconee and Doug-

REAL ESTATE AUCTION ROUNDUP
BY WILLIAM FLOOD

las soils, with a Productivity Index of 127.7. Recent yields: corn: 34.72, PLC Yield: 160; soybeans: 32.41, PLC Yield: 54. Yield history: corn: 228 bu (2023), 223 bu (2024), and 208 bu (2025); soybeans: 70 bu (2023), 71 bu (2024), and 63 bu (2025). Tract 1 contained 40 +/- acres and Tract 2, 35.240 acres. There was a current tenant for the 2026 season, with the buyer receiving 2026 cash rent of \$325 per acre in two payments, one at closing and the other in October 2026. The tenant was interested in staying on. Tract 1 sold for \$484,000 (\$12,100/acre). Tract 2 brought \$20,684 (\$9,100/acre).

Indiana

Elwood - Jeff Boone Auction & Realty held the real estate portion of the Ousley Farms retirement auction on March 12, the third in a series completing the sale. Eighty +/- acres were offered in two tracts. Tract 1 contained 10 acres, with a recently upgraded 3-bedroom/2-bath 2,092-square-foot home, with full unfinished basement, and detached 2+ car garage. It also included four Brock grain bins with air tubes, totaling over 80,000 bushels of storage, plus an additional 2,000-bushel holding bin. Improvements included two Morton barns: one with a 36-by-

54-foot heated shop and a 54-by-63-foot storage area; the other measured 69 by 71 feet, featured a loading dock and a 17-by-26-foot insulated vegetable cooler. Also on-site was a 29-by-45-foot pole barn and a 24-by-29-foot block building. Tract 2 consisted of 70 +/- acres (62 +/- tillable), with a 2-acre pond and the balance in pasture and sparse woods. The well-drained property had a Chalfant Ditch running through it, with an outlet on the south end. The parcel was currently planted in wheat, with the gross value to be split 50/50 with the seller. The buyer of Tract 2 would also receive \$2,000 after straw was baled by the seller. Tract 1 sold for \$635,000. Tract 2 sold for \$1,105,000 (\$15,786/acre).

Ripley County - On March 5, LandProz offered 190.86+/- acres in four tracts, locally known as the Comer Farm. Tract 1 contained 74 +/- acres (72 tillable), with a WAPI of 134.6 and a suitable bin/barn site. Tract 2 had 16 +/- acres (4 +/- tillable and 12 +/- in woods), with a potential building site. Tract 3 was 32 +/- acres (4 +/- tillable and 28 +/- in woods). Tract 4 contained 67 +/- acres (65 tillable and 2 +/- wooded), with a WAPI of 134. The tracts sold combined for \$1,425,000 (\$7,466/acre).

Kentucky

Centertown - Kurtz Auction & Realty presented 229.311 +/- acres in three tracts, along with associated farm equipment, on March 18. Tract 1 contained 69.961 +/- acres, with a strip pit lake, suitable for hunting/recreation, with approximately 700 feet of frontage along Carter Ferry Road. Tract 2 had 71.185 +/- acres, also with a strip pit lake, with access by easement off Carter Ferry Road. Tract 3 was 88.165 +/- acres (20+/- tillable) with internet available, also accessed by easement off Carter Ferry Road. The real estate sold for \$620,715 (\$2,707/acre). Farm equipment, including several pieces of International and Deere machinery, sold separately.

Paynesville - On March 2, Butler Auctioneers held an online auction of 176.452 +/- acres of mostly wooded land, offered in two tracts. The recently surveyed property had access from Greer and Morgan

roads and offered excellent hunting and recreational opportunities. Tract 1 contained 88.17 +/- acres accessed from Morgan Road. Tract 2 was 88.282 +/- acres accessed from Greer Road. Tract 1 sold for \$288,000 (\$3,266/acre). Tract 2 sold for \$300,500 (\$3,404/acre).

Michigan

Birch Run Township - On March 3, Albrecht Auction presented 72.78 surveyed acres as a single tract on their BidNow platform. The parcel had 60 +/- acres of productive farmland, primarily in Kibbie fine sandy loam and Corunna sandy loam, partially re-tiled in 2015. Approximately 10 acres were previously in a CRP program but had been removed and could be converted to tillable with light tree removal and installation of drain tile. Another 2.78 +/- acres were in hardwoods. Frontage was on Block and Willard roads. The property sold for \$405,000 (\$5,565/acre).

Decatur - Bright Star Real Estate Services conducted a phone-bid and online auction on March 19 of a single tract of 40 +/- acres. With rolling hills and a good blend of timber and tillable acreage, plus established food plots and hunting blinds, it offered good potential for hunting/recreation, or hobby farming. The starting bid was \$175,000. It sold for \$255,000 (\$6,375/acre).

Ohio

Fresno - On March 3, Kaufman Realty & Auctions held a live onsite auction of 160.80 acres with a cabin. The property offered good hunting/recreational opportunities and included a 14-by-16-foot cabin, potential homesite, fenced pasture, well, creek, livestock watering trough, hydrant, and existing bird blind. It sold for \$341,880 (\$2,126/acre).

Mansfield - RES Auction Services hosted an online-only absolute auction on March 18 of 38.55 acres with commercial and residential development potential. The predominantly wooded parcel was located at U.S. Route 30 and Laver Road in a growing corridor. An existing billboard lease with Lind Media, with a renewable term, conveyed a first right of refusal for the new owner to purchase the lease. The parcel sold for \$331,960 (\$8,600/acre).

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Purdue launches Digital Agriculture online course

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Purdue University has in place two online agronomy courses: Agronomy Essentials and Nutrient Management. Now, the university has added a third online course, Digital Agriculture.

"We've had two agriculture online courses here at Purdue the past 10 years and we're happy to add a third one," said Dr. Bruce Erickson, director of the E-Learning Academy at Purdue.

Agronomy Essentials is the university's flagship course, providing broad-based agronomic knowledge. The course follows the growing season, beginning with a study of soil and land, then proceeding through seed selection, planting, growth, development, nutrients, diagnostics, pest management, harvest and storage. This course does not require any background knowledge of agronomy.

Nutrient Management covers the chemistry and microbiology of soil and plant nutrients. The latter part of the course includes the selection and application of nutrients in the field. This course is best suited for people with an understanding of agronomy and basic chemistry.

Digital Agriculture explores the latest advancements in agricultural technology and data-driven, site-specific farming practices. Through weekly modules, learners examine how digital tools, such as precision equipment, sensors, data analytics and decision-support systems, are



Above: Dr. Bruce Erickson

transforming modern agriculture.

Each module includes a video scenario that ties the scientific principles to practical applications.

"This course is best suited for learners with a foundational understanding of agronomy who want to stay current with cutting-edge innovation," Erickson said, adding that the Digital Agriculture course builds on the foundation of precision agriculture.

"Precision agriculture is on the rise and new sensors and analysis tools are a fixture on many modern farms and an integral part of the industry at large," he said. "Modern agricultural professionals need to master a diverse set of skills to be successful. They have to understand everything from farming's foundations to how technology is moving the field forward."

Erickson said the Digital Agriculture course goes beyond traditional concepts. Participants will explore data analytics, automation, artificial intelligence and environmental decision-making, helping them under-

stand how these tools enhance production efficiency and sustainability in real-world systems.

"The business of growing crops has become increasingly complicated in recent years, as agriculture has been challenged with growing demands to increase production while minimizing the environmental impact," Erickson said. "New technologies and a knowledge-based future will demand a more thorough understanding of the entire crop production system. Purdue's Agronomy E-Learning Academy prepares agriculture professionals for the work of tomorrow in a flexible and convenient format."

According to Erickson, Purdue University's Agronomy E-Learning Academy aims to equip agricultural professionals with the broad base of technical knowledge they need to forge impactful careers in the agricultural industry.

Each course lasts 12 weeks and are led by industry experts. The cost per course is \$2,000; courses start each January, June and September. The summer classes will run June 3-Aug. 26, and the fall classes will run Sept. 16-Dec. 9.

"In terms of accessible professional development opportunity, the Agronomy E-Learning Academy offers flexibility to meet anyone's schedule," said Sue Bennett, Purdue's Agronomy E-Learning project manager. "The information in these courses is essential for growers and agricultural professionals."

"The courses are asynchronous, so they're all online and you can ac-

cess them anytime you want. They run 12 weeks but if you want to finish them quicker than that, that's fine. We have these 'gates' that the students need to pass through by certain dates, but they can be completed earlier."

The academy was designed to reflect the technical demands of the modern agricultural industry and prepare students for knowledge-intensive jobs in the field. By equipping them with both foundational skills and technical expertise, the e-learning courses empower agricultural professionals to work effectively with farmers, make informed decisions, and succeed at adapting to and understanding new technological innovations.

"We foresee only increases in the knowledge and skills that agriculture professionals will need," Erickson said. "Future development will be exciting, and we here at Purdue want to help everyone be on board and ready."

Students can take the courses individually according to their career needs or complete all three courses to earn a Crop Professional Certificate. The certificate gives graduates the opportunity to highlight their technical expertise to potential employers and colleagues.

All courses are offered remotely and open to students from anywhere in the world. For more information about the academy, visit agonline@purdue.edu.

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MAY

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JUNE

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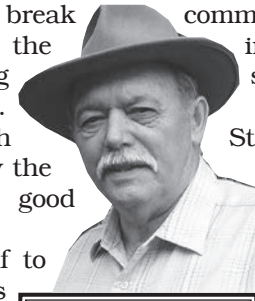
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Morel season in full swing

Spring is still trying to break free of winter's grasp but the mushrooms are beginning to make themselves known. The warm wooded south facing hillsides are usually the first to produce and are good places to start looking.

Don't just limit yourself to likely places for morels as they can be anywhere. I have a good friend who picks a nice batch of morels



SPAULDING OUTDOORS
By Jack Spaulding

each spring sprouting out of his stoned driveway. The mycelia, the organism mushrooms sprout or bloom from, predominately feeds on the decaying roots of dead trees.

If you are hunting morels, ditch the plastic bread bag and get a tightly netted nylon bag to carry your mushrooms. The open pores of the bag will allow mushroom spores to fall to the ground as you walk; hopefully, seeding the area for future mushroom harvests.

Should you be blessed with an overabundance, you can process and preserve your woodland fortune for future feasts.

Clean any dirt from the mushrooms, slice them in half and soak them overnight in a saltwater solution in the refrigerator. This will flush out any bugs and critters and get rid of any remaining dirt. Rinse the mushroom pieces, pat dry with a paper towel and place them on a wax paper covered cookie tray and put them in the freezer. Once frozen, remove the mushroom pieces and layer them between wax paper in a large, covered container and put it in the freezer.

I have kept mushrooms using this method for over 3 years with only a little difference in taste and texture between fresh picked and fresh frozen. Still delicious!

Two State Park Cities Named "Trail Towns"

Versailles and Nashville were named Trail Towns by the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) in its inaugural year bestowing the honor. The designation recognizes places which have made exceptional

commitments to developing, stewarding, and celebrating trail systems strengthening community life.

Versailles is home to Versailles State Park, which has more than 10 mountain biking trails covering 29 miles. Nashville is home to Brown County State Park, which has 17 mountain biking trails covering 42 miles. Both parks offer beginner, intermediate, and advance level trails which attract a wide range of

bikers. The designation of two Trail Towns showcases Indiana as a premier destination for mountain biking.

Boating On Barbee, Tippecanoe Lakes, And Lake Wawasee Restricted

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has placed boating restrictions on watercraft on the Barbee and Tippecanoe Lakes Chain and Lake Wawasee.

The emergency order restricts the operation of motorized watercraft on the Barbee Lakes Chain, which consists of Kuhn, Big Barbee, Little Barbee, Irish, Sechrist, Sawmill, and Banning Lakes in Kosciusko County due to high-water levels.

The DNR also placed an idle speed restriction on motorized watercraft on Tippecanoe Lake Chain, which consists of Lake Tippecanoe, Oswego, and James Lakes and Lake Wawasee.

A boating restriction is put into effect when surface water conditions are likely to enter dwelling structures as a result of a wake.

For information on Indiana boating advisories, please visit on.IN.gov/boatadvisory.

'till next time,
Jack

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

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JACK & JUNE LINK LIVE ON-SITE FARM AUCTION w/simulcast bidding SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH @ 10:00 AM

LOCATION: 3755 Squires Rd., CONKLIN, MI 49403 (Muskegon Co.)



DIRECTIONS: 1 mile East of Ravenna on Harrisburg St. to Squires Rd. South 1/4 mile OR from Grand Rapids take I-96 West to the Fruit Ridge Exit # 26, North 12 miles to 15 Mile Road, West 7 miles to Squires Rd. then South 1/4 mile. OR from Big Rapids take US-131 South 35 miles to the Cedar Springs/M-46 West Exit # 104, West 10 miles to Fruit Ridge Ave., South 2 miles to 15 Mile Road, West 7 miles to Squires Rd. South 1/4 mile. Southeast corner of Muskegon Co.
After over 60 years of successful farming the Jack & June Link have decided to cut back on their farming operation & leased their crop acreage.



TRACTORS: 1975 IHC 1466 Turbo diesel w/rebuilt 1992 DT-466 CI roller cam truck engine #UO29157; 1959 Farmall 460 gas w/rebuilt 301 CI combine engine #13056 S-Y; 1960 IHC 460 Utility w/263 UI gas engine #7824 S-Y; 1937 Farmall F-12. **TRUCK:** 1980 International 1955 semi w/DT 466 diesel engine & mounted 300 bu. center dump gravity box; M&W Little Red Wagon 300 bu. **FARM EQUIPMENT:** Case IH 5100 Soybean Special 21-hole double disc grain drill w/packer wheels; IHC 510 17-hole single disc grain drill w/seeder; Brillion 12' center bearing cultipacker; IHC 470 18' winged manual folding wheel disc; IHC 45 18' Vibrashank winged manual folding field cultivator; John Deere 200 20' folding single rolling basket; Brillion 18' cultipacker w/pups; IHC 415 13' cultimulcher; DK 350 bu. gooseneck dual axle grain trailer w/NEW tires & roll top cover (stored inside); American Standard galvanized 120 bu. gravity box w/extension on 6-ton Gehl running gears (1 owner, stored inside); 3-axle gooseneck 200 bu. gravity trailer; SNOWCO 2-ton dual axle feed/fertilizer auger cart; Hardi 300 gal. field sprayer w/32' booms; JD 32' bale mover; IHC 401 pull drag; IHC 456 Hilldrop Special 4rw 30" adjustable corn, bean & cucumber planter; IHC fast hitch 2rw corn planter w/fertilizer boxes; IHC 2A 6' hay conditioner; IHC 2rw cultivator. **3PT EQUIPMENT:** Case IH 5600 9-shank chisel plow w/leveler; IHC 12' Vibrashank field cultivator; IHC 2-4rw cultivator; Bush Hog 7' heavy duty brush hog; Lely PTO 10 bu. seed or fertilizer spreader; heavy duty subsoiler; drainage ditch plow; hyd. tractor log splitter; hyd. drive post hole digger; 55 gal. spray tank; gooseneck hitch. **MISC. FROM AROUND THE FARM:** IHC tractor parts; IHC 544, 656, 666 or 686 front bolster; IHC Farmall 656 emblems; IHC 1066 differential lock kit & brake disc, covers & hyd. cylinder; Pair of Farmall H cast centers; Farmall H belly pump, belt pulley & shutters; Pair of 18.4 X 34" clamp on tractor duals; Pair of 14.9 X 28" tractor tires; Hydraulic cylinders; Spray water storage tank & hoses; Cow stations; Wagon load of farm misc.



COLLECTIBLES & HOUSEHOLD: Small collection of Farm toys; Household items; CI dutch oven; Christmas & fall decor; More items to be added.



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