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Farmers need to understand farm water usage prior to data center talks

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
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FORT WORTH, Texas — Debates around data centers are playing out across the nation. Supporters cite advantages including jobs, national security and advancing U.S. superiority in the race for artificial intelligence (AI) technology and capacity. Opponents say large data centers consume excess electricity and water, threaten land use, drive up utility bills and endanger the environment.

Among the opponents is Andrew Coppin, a water resource expert and founder of Texas-based RanchBot, who works with cattle ranchers and farmers in the major livestock producing states to monitor and manage their water usage.

"We look after thousands of ranchers and the water on thousands of ranches, so we understand intimately the sensitivity of water availability. A cow drinks about 35 or 40 gallons of water a day, and water was already a challenge before data centers came along. If a small data center is using 50,000 gallons of water a day and a big one is using 5 million gallons of water a day, we're talking about the equivalent of (daily) water for 150,000 cows," Coppin told Farm World.

In addition, "We are losing 5,000 acres of farm land per week to urban sprawl and data centers. The pressure is going to be on for ranchers to again be competing for land and water in an already-challenging environment."

There are 517 data centers either currently operating or under construction in Texas, Coppin said. Even if all of the data centers were considered "small," at a water consumption rate of 50,000 gallons daily at least 25 million gallons of water per day will be used by data centers in Texas. Data centers consume

massive amounts of water in order to maintain operational temperatures, evaporating large amounts in the process.

"It's going to put a strain on aquifers, a lot of strain on existing water sources," Coppin said. "I think the work that's been done with recycling water and having closed loops for water, possibly using water that is coming out of the oil and gas industry that isn't great for agriculture, is (promising). What concerns me is who is the overarching body that is really going to regulate water use for data centers and in its entirety for communities?"

Moratoriums placed on further data center development in some areas of the U.S. should serve to slow the rapid spread of the industry while laws overseeing the development and operation of data centers are established, Coppin noted.

"We probably need to slow down in order to speed up. In not too many years' time we're going to have 400 million people living in the U.S. If you look at what's happening in Corpus Christi they've been told to cut their water consumption by 25 percent, and 60 percent of our country is still in drought," he said.

Coppin said that in order for community and elected local leaders to gather intelligent input regarding water usage on farms and ranches when considering data center applications, it is important for producers to be able to accurately document their operation's water consumption data. "Data centers are now coming in on the fringes of a lot of agricultural land, threatening available water and available power," he said. "Inevitably, you would think, that is going to come into conflict with water demands for agriculture and ranching. We need to make sure we are setting up for a sustainable future."

Coppin strongly advocates for accurate water monitoring and control by farmers and ranchers, along with gathering data around their water usage. This way if and when the time comes for a discussion with regulators, producers are well-informed and can document their water usage.

"You've got to be able to prove that you're a good custodian of water," he said. "Ranchers and farmers need to be able to (show) exactly how much water you use every year and how you manage it, and that you are a good custodian of water. We also need to as a community realize that water is a finite resource. If

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Above: A farmer stops to adjust equipment while planting. He managed to get a field done between rain showers by working well into the evening. Photo by Connie Swaim.

2026 World Pork Expo just around the corner at Iowa State Fairgrounds

By **DOUG SCHMITZ**
Iowa Correspondent

DES MOINES, Iowa — The 2026 World Pork Expo will be held June 3-4, bringing together pork producers, industry professionals and innovators at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines.

"The Iowa State Fairgrounds has long been a gathering place where innovation and tradition meet, and hosting the World Pork Expo is a perfect example of that legacy in action," Jeremy Parsons, Iowa State Fair CEO, told Farm World.

Billed as the world's largest pork-specific trade show and presented by the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) in Des Moines since 1988, the Expo will have more than 400 companies from around the globe, with attendees exploring cutting-edge products, services and technologies across nearly 700 booths and 300,000 square feet of exhibit space, officials said.

"The World Pork Expo is where our industry comes together to reconnect, share ideas and look ahead," said Rob Brenneman, NPPC president and a Washington, Iowa, pork producer. "It's an opportunity to step away from the day-to-day, see new innovations, have meaningful conversations, and be reminded of the strength of the pork industry."

An estimated 10,000-plus attendees visit the event each year.

"We continue to bring together the best minds and most innovative solutions in the pork industry," said Duane Stateler, NPPC immediate past-president and a McComb, Ohio, pork pro-

ducer. "This is a pivotal moment for the pork sector, and the World Pork Expo will once again be at the forefront of shaping its future."

Presented by founding sponsors Novus and Nutra Blend, the Young Pork Advocates Meet will return for its third year, June 3-4, in the Varied Industries Building. It is a competitive speaking event for young people ages 18 to 22.

Through preparatory research, creative problem solving, collaborative discussion and the drafting of mock motions, competitors will discuss current pork industry issues, and gain an understanding of the NPPC producer-led policy development process, officials said.


On June 3, from 8 to 9 a.m., in the upper level of the Varied Industries Building, high school and college-aged interns, competitors, scholarship winners, and pork enthusiasts are invited to the Second Annual Collegiate Agriculture & Industry Networking Breakfast, sponsored by Zoetis.

From June 3-4, attendees can participate in five business seminars in the Varied Industries Building. On those same days, there will be six PORK Academy seminars, where pork producers and their employees can learn about the industry's economic outlook, hot topics in swine health, public trust-building in pork, and much more, officials said.


In addition, there will be over 50 hospitality tents placed throughout the fairgrounds along Grand Avenue and Ruan Plaza. Expo attendees can drop in and visit with company repre-

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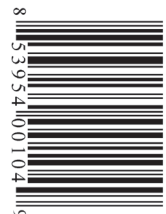
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Above: With an estimated 10,000-plus attendees each year, the World Pork Expo's two-day trade show draws more of the pork industry than any other event of its kind, officials said. (courtesy of the World Pork Expo)

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representatives to learn about the latest innovations and developments.

Taylor Boyenga, account supervisor for Spinutech, which is doing public relations and marketing for the Expo, told Farm World the Expo's biosecurity protocols have not changed for the year.

She said there will be no soy products from African swine influenza-positive countries. Any granular feed products will adhere to the American Feed Industry Association biosecurity guidelines (<https://www.afia.org/>), and feed and feed ingredients will be

displayed in packaging that does not allow for touching of products.

She added that no feed or feed ingredients will be sent home with producers and should be disposed of prior to leaving the fairgrounds; there will be no live animals at the show; and biosecurity mitigations will include information signage (i.e., directories, arrows, maps, etc.), hand-washing stations, and cleaning of common-touch areas.

Online registration is now open at: www.worldpork.org, with early-bird pricing available through May 28: Adults 12 and older: \$10; children 6-11: \$1; children under 5, free. On-site registration: \$20 for ages 12 and up, \$3 for ages 6-11; free for children 5 & under.

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we're all paying \$4.50 a gallon for (water) we'd be thinking drastically differently about who's got it and how they're using it."

Illinois a hotbed for data center activity

The debate over data centers is intensifying in some Illinois communities, where many communities and counties are placing moratoriums on future development. In January 2026, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul sided with concerned residents in questioning whether a major utility provider will be able to keep up with increased demand on the electrical grid caused by power-thirsty data centers.

Chronicle Media Illinois reported that Raoul argued in filings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that transmission service agreements (TSAs) between utility provider Commonwealth Edison — who, along with Ameren, provide one of two primary energy markets in the state — and data center develop-

ers failed to adequately protect existing utility ratepayers. According to Raoul, Com Ed cannot guarantee their revenue commitment will cover the cost incurred to provide the required transmission facilities to support the proposed data centers.

The protests by the Illinois attorney general's office reflect overall U.S. consumer concerns about how the spread of data centers may drive up electric rates for utility customers. It's a concern shared by many across the nation, including President Donald Trump, who said on social media in January that data center companies must pay their own way.

"I never want Americans to pay higher electricity bills because of Data Centers," Trump tweeted on Jan. 12, while announcing the administration is working with data center companies to ensure they pay for their own power needs.

Illinois is currently home to 228 data centers in nine markets, according to datacentermap.com, where known data centers in all states are listed. The Chicago metropolitan area serves as the primary hub for the state's facilities.

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Student studying how corn responds to nearby perennial groundcover

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AMES, Iowa – An Iowa State University doctoral student in crop production and physiology has been focusing her research on how corn responds to nearby perennial groundcover, a system gaining at-

tention for its ability to protect soil year-round.

Amina Moro's paper, "Spatial Proximity to Perennial Groundcover Triggers Shade Avoidance Responses in Corn," was recently published in the Journal of Agronomy.

"Perennial groundcover systems are very promising because they

keep the soil covered year-round, improving soil health, reducing erosion and enhancing sustainability," she said. "But farmers are hesitant to adopt them because of concerns about competition with corn, especially early in the season."

She said her research challenges a common assumption, that competition between plants begins only when they compete for water or nutrients. Instead, she found that competition may start much earlier, through light signals that plants use to detect nearby neighbors.

At the center of her study is a concept called shade avoidance response, in which plants can sense when other plants are nearby even before they are physically shaded: "When corn detects changes in light quality, it interprets it as a sign that competition is approaching," she said. "It responds by growing taller and reallocating energy toward vertical growth."

In her research, an experimental unit consists of two strips of grass and three pots of single corn plants. The corn and grass root zones were physically isolated using separate containers on a 25 by 50 (centimeters) cm tray, with three corn pots and grass strips positioned at assigned distances (0, 6 and 25 cm)



Above: Iowa State University doctoral student Amina Moro (pictured) said her work is helping to identify the ideal distance between crops and groundcover that preserves environmental benefits without sacrificing yield. (courtesy of Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences)

along the tray edges to establish different above ground competition patterns.

She said while this might sound beneficial, it comes at a cost: "Taller plants often develop thinner stems and reduced structural strength, which can lead to lodging and reduced efficiency later in the season."

She said one of the most significant findings from her study is that proximity, not just the presence of groundcover, determines how corn responds: "We observed that corn begins to respond at very short distances. At 6 cm, plants already initiated a shade avoidance response, but at 25 cm, they behaved as if there were no competition."

She added even more striking, when corn was in direct contact with groundcover, the stress reduced growth entirely.

This insight has important implications for how cropping systems are designed. Rather than eliminating groundcover, farmers may simply need to adjust spacing.

Susana Goggi, ISU professor of agronomy and Moro's adviser, said this research addresses one of the most pressing challenges in modern agriculture: balancing soil health with crop productivity. "The use of perennial groundcover is a game changer. It can reduce soil erosion, water runoff and nutrient loss. But it also creates microclimatic changes that can affect crop growth."

Moro said her work is helping to identify the ideal distance between crops and groundcover that preserves environmental benefits without sacrificing yield. She said by maintaining a small buffer zone – around 25 cm – farmers can prevent early stress signals in corn, while still benefiting from soil protection.

She said her findings also highlight the importance of hybrid selection, adding that some corn varieties are more sensitive to shade signals than others, meaning farmers can further optimize performance by choosing the right genetics.

"Farmers do not have to choose between improving soil health and maintaining yield," she said. "With the right combination of spacing, hybrid selection and management practices, it is possible to design systems where corn grows efficiently, while the soil remains protected." Mark Licht, ISU associate professor of agronomy and extension cropping systems specialist, told Farm World, "At this point, perennial groundcovers come with production risk; however, this and others research are going to reduce that production risk with the ultimate benefit being reducing erosion, reducing phosphorus loss, and reducing nitrogen loss. This type of research is needed to help farmers balance productivity, profitability, and environmental goals."

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KSU exploring how dairy manure can produce more renewable methane

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

FRANKFORT, Ky. - A new collaborative study by Kentucky State University (KSU) is exploring how dairy manure can produce more renewable methane.

Liang Yu, assistant professor of biological and agricultural engineering, conducted the study with Washington State University (WSU) collaborators Meghana Mendon, a WSU doctoral student, and Shulin Chen, WSU professor of biological systems.

According to the researchers, dairy manure is a waste-management challenge for producers, but it also holds renewable energy potential.

At the center of the study is anaerobic digestion, where microorganisms break down organic material, such as manure, in a sealed environment where oxygen is not present. Researchers said that process produces biogas, an energy-rich gas that contains methane. When captured and used properly, methane from biogas can become a renewable energy source instead of being released as waste.

The research examined a three-stage process: dairy manure first moves through conventional anaerobic digestion. The remaining fibrous material is then treated with heat and water through hydrothermal treatment, and finally, the material goes through a second digestion phase.

Across all tested conditions, he said the integrated approach increased methane production. The strongest result came when digestate solids were heated to 180 degrees Celsius for one hour, producing a 52 percent higher methane yield. The process also improved the breakdown of tough plant-based fibers and reduced solids, he added.

Digestate solids are the nutrient-rich, fibrous solid material separated from

the liquid portion of anaerobic digestate, which is the residue left after breaking down organic waste for biogas production, according to the EPA.

Yu told Farm World the idea for this study emerged from his long term work with a student on developing more efficient and effective anaerobic digestion technologies over the past decade.

"About four years ago, when this student began her Ph.D. program, we identified an opportunity to integrate improved anaerobic digestion approaches into existing mesophilic anaerobic digesters used on dairy farms," he said.

"Our goal was to enhance the degradation of dairy manure fibers and increase biogas production, which ultimately shaped the direction of the research," Yu said.

He said livestock manure presents a major opportunity for renewable energy production when treated efficiently. "This study demonstrates that targeted hydrothermal treatment can unlock more usable energy from agricultural waste, while remaining practical for real-world farm operations."

One of the study's key findings is not simply that more methane can be produced, he added, but that the process can be designed to avoid a major drawback of many pretreatment technologies: the need for substantial outside energy.

The researchers modeled a closed-loop system that recovers and reuses heat generated during processing. That configuration allowed the enhanced system to remain thermally self-sustaining, while producing more renewable methane.

According to KSU, a closed-loop system in anaerobic digestion refers to an integrated waste-to-energy model that treats agricultural waste, specifically livestock manure, while recovering and reusing heat to remain thermally



Above: A mesophilic anaerobic digester is pictured in the background. (courtesy of the EPA)

self-sustaining. This approach maximizes methane production for renewable energy, while minimizing reliance on outside energy sources, turning waste management into a sustainable resource-recovery process.

For producers, Yu said, the findings point toward a practical possibility: manure management systems that reduce waste concerns, strengthen environmental stewardship, and create additional value through renewable natural gas production.

"This work supports the development of more sustainable agricultural systems," he said. "By improving how manure is converted into energy, we can help producers strengthen both environmental stewardship and economic resilience."

Unlike other university studies that use external energy to pretreat all raw materials to boost biogas production, he said, "Our approach targets only a small portion of the digestate after anaerobic

digestion."

The EPA said digestate is the nutrient-rich, solid-liquid residue produced from anaerobic digestion of organic materials (e.g., manure, food waste). It acts as an organic fertilizer, rich in nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, improving soil health, and enhancing plant growth: "This fraction no longer contains easily degradable organic matter, as those components have already been consumed by microorganisms in the digester," Yu said.

By treating only this remaining material, he said, system performance can be improved with significantly lower energy input: "The heat required for this treatment can be fully offset by the thermal energy already needed to operate the mesophilic anaerobic digester, so no additional external energy is required. This makes our method more energy efficient and more practical for farm scale operations."



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US corn carryout up for 2025-6; feed, seed, industrial demand down

U.S. corn carryout for the 2025/26 marketing year was bumped up 15 million bu to a total of 2.14 billion bu. This was the result of a 15 mbu decrease in feed, seed and industrial demand. For the 2026/27 marketing year, the USDA predicted a yield of 183 bushels per acre and a crop of 15.995 bbu. Harvested acres are estimated at 87.4 million, 3.9 million fewer than last year. This crop is a large 1.03 bbu less than the 2025/26 crop and a smaller crop than this year's 16.45 bbu of demand. Several sources of corn demand were lowered as demand will be rationed, with total use falling 250 mbu. This still leaves projected corn demand 205 mbu larger than production. New crop ending stocks are projected at 1.957 bbu, a 12 percent stocks to use. This equates to an average cash corn value of \$4.40 per bushel.



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

Several adjustments were also made to soybean balance sheets. Old crop crush was increased 20 mbu while exports were lowered 10 mbu, trimming ending stocks to 340 mbu. The USDA is predicting a 2026/27 soybean crop of 4.435 bbu from a yield of 53 bushels per acre. Harvested acres are estimated at 83.7 million, 3.3 million more than

last year. Soybean demand is expected to be 218 mbu larger this year, mainly from crush and exports. New crop soybean carryout is projected at 310 mbu. This is a stocks to use of 6.9 percent and where rationing starts. New crop cash soybeans are expected to average \$11.40 per bushel.

Very few changes were made to domestic wheat balance sheets this month. The USDA added 10 mbu to wheat exports but trimmed 7 mbu from milling demand, shaving 3 mbu off ending stocks to 935 mbu. Total new crop wheat production was estimated at 1.56 bbu, 423 mbu less than last year's crop. This was mainly from the sizable losses in the winter wheat crop. The current wheat crop estimate is 470 mbu less than old crop demand and requires rationing. Even with 156 mbu in demand cuts, ending stocks are forecast to fall to 762 mbu, a 40.7 percent stocks to use. This figures to an average cash value of \$6.50 per bushel.

Global balance sheets for the 2025/26 marketing year were in line with trade expectations. Global corn reserves are estimated at 296.96 million metric tons. This was as expected and 2.1 mmt above the March estimate. Global soybean carryout is now estimated at

125.13 mmt, nearly matching estimates and slightly higher than last month's estimate. World wheat stocks were 3.7 mmt less than the average trade guess and 4 mmt under the March estimate at 279.21 mmt.

More surprises were seen for the 2026/27 global balance sheets, with all totals less than trade was expecting. New crop corn ending stocks are estimated at 277.54 mmt, 11 mmt less than the average trade guess. This is also a 36.5 mmt draw on global corn stocks since the 2023/24 marketing year. The world soybean crop carryout is estimated at 124.78 mmt, 1.4 mmt below the average trade guess. World wheat stocks are now forecast at 275.04 mmt, 5.6 mmt less than trade was expecting.

The USDA further cut U.S. beef production for 2026 in the May balance sheets, lowering production by 240 million pounds to a total of 25.55 billion pounds. Beef production for 2027 is forecast at 25.31 billion pounds. The USDA is forecasting beef exports of 2.36 billion pounds for 2026 and 2.34 billion pounds for 2027. Beef imports are estimated at 6.1 billion pounds for this year and 6 billion pounds for 2027. The average steer value for 2026 is \$249.66 per hundredweight and for 2027 the average is \$253.75 per cwt.

The USDA is forecasting U.S. pork production of 27.99 billion pounds for 2026 and 28.26 billion pounds for 2027. For this year, the USDA is predicting pork exports of 7.23 billion pounds and for 2027 they are expecting sales of 7.33 billion pounds. The average hog value for this year is now \$68.38 per cwt and for 2027 it is \$66.50 a cwt.

The high costs of production have been mentioned several times in recent weeks, and now sources in Brazil are speaking up. It is believed that the cur-

rent cost of production will likely hold soybean acres at last year's level. Historically, Brazil has expanded soybeans around 3 percent each year, but the rising costs of inputs and fuel may prevent that this year. Another concern in Brazil is the developing El Nino weather event that tends to bring production issues to central and southern Brazil, which is already being noted.

Despite all-time high values, the United States imported a record volume of urea in March. March's urea imports totaled 1.4 million short tons in March, the most in a month since data started to be collected in 2010. March's imports took U.S. urea imports to 2.7 million tons for the first quarter of 2026. Much of this was shipped prior to the start of the U.S./Iran war that choked off supplies from that region.

Updated numbers from the UN's Food and Agricultural Organization show that for the 3rd consecutive month, world food costs rose in April. The cost of food rose 1.6 percent in April, taking the FAO's index reading to 130.7.

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Case IH 350 Steiger, 4x4, PTO, 50" duals, 4600 hrs.
JD 4440, quad, 725 loader, 82" model
JD 4650, 15 spd., 3 hyd., 7364 hrs., duals
Allis 8070, MFD, 20 spd., 5000 hrs.
JD 5050E, MFD, OS, 2024 yr., 3 hours
JD 4066R, MFD, loader, 2 hyd., 1355 hrs.
JD 1020 gas, loader, 1 hyd., 4446 hrs.
JD 3010 diesel, narrow front, 1 hyd.
JD 4020 diesel, console, WF, original
JD 4430, powershift, restored, must see
JD 8570, 4x4, 24 spd., 3 hyd., 5620 hrs., 18.4x42
JD 4640, quad range, 2 hyd., 1000 PTO, local trade, 6945 hrs.
Case IH 7220, 2WD, 5358 hrs., 3 hyd., 540/1000 PTO, from estate

NEW FARMCO FEEDERS (semi load just in!)

10' fenceline
16' fenceline
20' fenceline
24' fenceline
6608 feeders
7x12 feeders
900 lb. capacity creep feeders
7x20 pull type feeder wagon
(2) 4832 feeders w/19" legs
Several heavy duty round bale rings

PLANTERS

Kinze 4900 16-30, finger pickup, liquid fert., NT
IH 800 16-15" custom made soybean planter
Case IH 900 8-36" folding tool bar
White 8531, 32-15", bulk fill
JD 1560 15' 7.5" drill, dolly wheels, markers
IH 510 drill, grass seed
JD FB-B drill, grass seed
Landpride APS 1586, 86" all purpose seeder, like new!
Kinze 2600 & 3600 16-31

MISCELLANEOUS

John Deere H480 loader, 8' bucket, like new!
New Unverferth 3755XL seed tender
New Holland tandem rake hitch
New Danuser SM40 post driver (SS mount)
New Danuser Intimidators (SS mount)
New Legend skid steer bale spears
New Legend skid steer pallet forks
Bush Hog BH16 & Sq172 6' 3 pt. rotary mowers
John Deere 148 loader
New Command 7" skid steer & 3 pt. hitch grading scrapers
24' freestanding cattle panels w/o & w/gate
New Rhino 7' 3 pt. rotary mowers
New Rhino 15' 2150 rotary mower
John Deere 317G skid steer, 2387 hrs., cab, air, heat, pilot control
Kuhn Knight VSL150, vertical mixer, 1000 RPM
Artsway LS1200, 12' pull type blade, unused
(3) New Burchland GSX 130, 13" hyd. drive over grain hoppers
DMI 3250, 13 knife NH3 toolbar, shedded, w/ controller
Grain-O-Vator tandem axle feed cart, 540 PTO
Artsway PM20 grinder mixer, screens, folding auger
New Holland 130 PTO manure spreader, single beater
Ford 8' & JD 10' 3 pt. disc
John Deere HX15, 15', 1000 RPM, 8 tire, rotary cutter
Bobcat 6' hyd. sweeper attachment
New Legend 82" HD skid steer rock bucket
New AGI Botco 1539 FX4 hyd. drive field loader
New AGI Batco 1539 FX4 elec. drive field loader
New AGI Westfield, 13x74, 10x83, 10x73 swing away augers
New AGI Westfield 8x61 elec. drive auger
Vermeer 48", 51", 64" & 67" netwrap IN STOCK
Tyrte 9600/170 square baler twine IN STOCK

SPRAYERS

Bestway Field Pro II, Raven, 1000 gal., 60'
Schaben 1000 gal., 90' boom, JD rate control

COMBINES

JD 9450 Case IH 1688 Case IH 1440
Case IH 2366 Case IH 1640

HAY EQUIPMENT

New Diamond 2560 bale wrapper, 4x4 or 4 & 5 round bales
New HLA silage bale squeeze
23' Massey 1393, 13' disc mower conditioner
New Vermeer 7050, 9'2" 3 pt. disc mower
Hesston 4590 twine, small square
New Holland 311 twine, small square
New Holland 57, 256, 258 and 260 hay rakes
New Enrossi 2 basket tedders
New Hayliner 37' and 42' GN self unloading hay trailers
New Ogden metal works 8, 10 & 12 wheel hayrakes
New Vermeer VR820 8 wheel rake
New Vermeer TE1710 tedder
New Vermeer TD190 tedder
New Enocossi 8 wheel V-rake

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MARKETS

Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 5/11/2026 - Final AUCTION

	This Week	Last Reported 5/4/2026	Last Year
Total Receipts:	624	824	1,062
Feeder Cattle:	508(81.4%)	748(90.8%)	908(85.5%)
Slaughter Cattle:	94(15.1%)	62(7.5%)	140(13.2%)
Replacement Cattle:	22(3.5%)	14(1.7%)	14(1.3%)

Special Note: Removed entry showing 155 lbs slaughter cows. Compared to last Monday the feeder market was spotty but stronger in spots with an average quality offering. Feeder steers 600 lbs and under were mostly steady to 5.00 higher in spots with a moderate supply and good demand, while the yearling steers appeared firm with a lite test. Feeder heifers 300-500 lbs were mostly steady, while the 500-600 lbs heifers were 4.00 to 6.00 lower and the 600-700 lbs heifers were 6.00 to 8.00 higher with a good supply and good demand for long weaned and pre-conditioned calves. Slaughter cows and bulls were steady with a good supply and good demand. Supply included: 81% Feeder Cattle (27% Steers, 0% Dairy Steers, 59% Heifers, 14% Bulls); 15% Slaughter Cattle (5% Heifers, 89% Cows, 6% Bulls); 4% Replacement Cattle (47% Stock Cows, 40% Bred Cows, 13% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 43%.

Groups of 20 Head or More.

HEIFERS
80 Hd Black/BWF 632 lbs 440.00

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	237	237	755.00	755.00 Fancy
1	300	300	555.00	555.00
9	307	307	695.00	695.00 Fancy
1	370	370	550.00	550.00
5	362-393	381	572.50-590.00	583.34 Fancy
8	376	376	640.00	640.00 Value Added
6	400-430	423	522.50-537.50	529.94
12	400-427	425	587.50-600.00	599.02 Fancy
1	495	495	500.00	500.00
4	526-535	528	481.00-491.00	488.47
3	511	511	517.50	517.50 Value Added
3	555-595	580	442.50-461.00	449.26
5	564	564	470.00	470.00 Value Added
5	600-640	629	414.00-427.50	419.33
5	605-610	606	440.00-447.00	445.59 Value Added
3	675-687	683	380.00-408.00	398.78
11	708-728	713	366.00-391.00	384.04
1	760	760	367.50	367.50
1	860	860	349.00	349.00
12	1010	1010	291.00	291.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	285	285	515.00	515.00
1	345	345	500.00	500.00
1	395	395	505.00	505.00
4	500-537	527	440.00-453.00	448.39
3	570-597	588	412.50-420.00	417.58
1	665	665	341.00	341.00
4	811	811	300.00	300.00
2	895	895	291.00	291.00
4	913	913	297.00	297.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	515-535	528	395.00-400.00	398.38

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	470	470	250.00	250.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	175	175	585.00	585.00
1	175	175	735.00	735.00 Fancy
1	230	230	590.00	590.00 Fancy
1	275	275	540.00	540.00
4	251	251	610.00	610.00 Fancy
7	305-345	332	495.00-520.00	503.12
6	312-345	318	540.00-580.00	572.76 Fancy
7	353-385	367	480.00-500.00	492.89
1	360	360	515.00	515.00 Fancy
19	374	374	589.00	589.00 Value Added
5	425-442	434	455.00-480.00	460.92
15	400-448	425	485.00-515.00	498.69 Fancy
9	477-480	478	435.00-449.00	444.31
5	450-495	483	462.50-487.50	473.21 Fancy
22	520-536	533	403.00-412.50	406.22
11	500-524	517	425.00-435.00	430.99 Value Added
6	552-590	572	375.00-395.00	385.63
21	550-591	572	397.00-412.50	404.36 Value Added
13	610-637	622	361.00-387.50	380.26
80	632	632	440.00	440.00 Value Added
8	655-677	666	374.00-385.00	379.41
4	710-743	735	327.50-329.00	328.64
4	700-737	719	350.00-360.00	354.87 Guaranteed Open
8	750-770	765	315.00-333.00	327.79
1	755	755	351.00	351.00 Guaranteed Open
2	802	802	350.00	350.00 Guaranteed Open
3	860-882	875	321.00-340.00	327.23 Guaranteed Open
1	1015	1015	272.50	272.50 Guaranteed Open
1	1070	1070	281.00	281.00 Guaranteed Open
1	1185	1185	272.00	272.00 Guaranteed Open

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	315-345	335	470.00-480.00	476.87

2	355-375	365	445.00-460.00	452.29
1	405	405	420.00	420.00
2	465	465	414.00	414.00
1	500	500	377.50	377.50
1	600	600	350.00	350.00
1	680	680	350.00	350.00
1	860	860	280.00	280.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	635	635	337.50	337.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	295-298	297	607.50-615.00	613.14
1	315	315	605.00	605.00
1	305	305	680.00	680.00 Fancy
2	375-390	383	530.00-561.00	545.80
1	390	390	590.00	590.00 Fancy
3	400-447	431	500.00	500.00
4	460-490	480	476.00-507.50	488.30
6	455-492	467	520.00-527.00	524.54 Fancy
2	527	527	461.00	461.00
4	500-523	517	482.00-505.00	487.56 Fancy
2	560-570	565	402.00-430.00	415.88
4	625-640	636	387.50-395.00	389.34
11	600-615	603	420.00-441.00	437.34 Fancy
1	665	665	370.00	370.00
1	730	730	355.00	355.00
1	790	790	263.00	263.00 Fleshy
2	810-840	825	280.00-285.00	282.45
4	1015-1037	1026	215.00-232.50	223.66

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	295	295	500.00	500.00
2	315	315	530.00	530.00
1	395	395	450.00	450.00
1	425	425	430.00	430.00
1	515	515	430.00	430.00
2	557	557	393.00	393.00
2	690	690	333.00	333.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	400	400	390.00	390.00
1	820	820	265.00	265.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	435	435	452.50	452.50

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

STEERS - Select and Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
4	1365-1840	1536	200.00-221.00	208.47	Average

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
11	1230-1875	1520	168.00-184.00	180.02	Average
7	1365-1685	1521	186.00-194.00	188.78	High

COWS - Boner 80-85%

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
27	1075-1395	1169	169.00-183.00	176.66	Average
8	1055-1330	1232	185.00-189.00	186.40	High

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
8	775-1175	968	139.00-153.00	147.61	Average
11	870-1380	1125	155.00-166.00	160.27	High
1	860	860	117.50	117.50	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1235	1235	209.00	209.00	Average
4	1695-2030	1861	217.00-238.00	225.45	High

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	O	7	910-1195	1053	179.00-220.00	196.06

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5T2	1	1465	1465	3000.00	3000.00	
>5	T3	2	995-1395	1195	3000.00-3350.00	3145.71

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5	T2	3	1170-1485	1283	2400.00-2700.00	2549.03

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T2	2	890-1035	963	2250.00-2850.00	2572.60

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.
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Weekly National Sheep Summary

For Week Ending Friday, May 8, 2026

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs 10.00 to 30.00 lower.

Slaughter ewes sold with higher undertones. All sheep sold per hundred weight (CWT) unless otherwise specified.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-3
San Angelo: Woolled and shorn 60-70 lbs 350.00; 70-80 lbs 354.00-365.00.

New Holland: No test.
Billings: No test.
Ft. Collins: Woolled and shorn 80-89 lbs 370.00-390.00; 90-99 lbs 380.00-397.50; 110-119 lbs 380.00; 140-149 lbs 340.00.

Mount Hope: Woolled and Shorn 30-39 lbs 350.00-365.00; 40-49 lbs 330.00-365.00; 50-59 lbs 350.00-390.00; 60-69 lbs 350.00-385.00; 70-79 lbs 347.50-385.00; 80-89 lbs 375.00-385.00; 90-99 lbs 372.50-400.00.

Kalona: Woolled and shorn 30-39 lbs 370.00-390.00; 40-49 lbs 355.00-420.00; 50-59 lbs 365.00-415.00; 60-69 lbs 365.00-405.00; 70-79 lbs 363.00-395.00; 80-89 lbs 370.00-410.00; 90-99 lbs 375.00-410.00; 100-110 lbs 380.00.

Equity Coop: No test.
Sioux Falls: 50-60 lbs 405.00; 60-50 lbs 355.00-385.00; 70-80 lbs 355.00-380.00; 80-90 lbs 345.00-400.00; 90-100 lbs 360.00-380.00; 100-110 lbs 375.00-385.00; 120-130 lbs 350.00-390.00; 130-140 lbs 340.00-385.00; 140-150 lbs 365.00-380.00.

Buffalo, MO: No test.
Missouri: 60-70 lbs 355.00-360.00; 80-90 lbs 357.50.

Arkansas: No test.
Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3
San Angelo: 130.00-195.00
New Holland: No test.
Billings: No test.
Ft. Collins: 110.00-210.00
Mount Hope: 167.50-195.00
Kalona: 125.00-255.00
Sioux Falls: 130.00-195.00

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1:
San Angelo: No test.
Billings: No test.
Sioux Falls: 30-40 lbs 545.00; 40-50 lbs 385.00-470.00; 50-60 lbs 405.00-420.00; 60-70 lbs 365.00-440.00; 70-80 lbs 370.00-400.00.

Buffalo, MO: No test.
Equity Coop: No test.
Missouri: No test.
Ft. Collins: No test.
Kalona: No test.
Equity Coop: 95 lbs 310.50-312.50 for September delivery.

Arkansas: No test.
Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:
San Angelo: No test.
Ft. Collins: No test.
Sioux Falls: No test.
Kalona: No test.
Billings: No test.
Missouri: No test.
Arkansas: No test.
Buffalo, MO:

MARKETS

Kentucky Daily Grain Bids

Grain Report for Thursday, May 14, 2026 - Final

FUTURE SETTLEMENTS

Exchange	Commodity	Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 5/14/26						
CBOT	Corn	451.50 (May 26)	467.50 (Jul 26)	474.25 (Sep 26)	491.25 (Dec 26)	504.75 (Mar 27)	511.75 (May 27)	515.25 (Jul 27)
CBOT	Soybeans	1174.50 (May 26)	1192.50 (Jul 26)	1189.75 (Aug 26)	1175.25 (Sep 26)	1183.50 (Nov 26)	1195.50 (Jan 27)	1193.25 (Mar 27)
CBOT	Wheat	647.00 (May 26)	658.00 (Jul 26)	671.75 (Sep 26)	691.00 (Dec 26)	706.50 (Mar 27)	712.50 (May 27)	708.00 (Jul 27)
CBOT	White Oats	345.50 (May 26)	361.75 (Jul 26)	368.25 (Sep 26)	367.75 (Dec 26)	371.25 (Mar 27)	377.25 (May 27)	368.50 (Jul 27)
KCBT	Wheat	702.75 (May 26)	705.25 (Jul 26)	716.00 (Sep 26)	730.50 (Dec 26)	740.75 (Mar 27)	744.00 (May 27)	738.50 (Jul 27)
MGE	Wheat	702.50 (Jul 26)	723.00 (Sep 26)	741.25 (Dec 26)	753.75 (Mar 27)	751.75 (May 27)	745.25 (Jul 27)	730.00 (Sep 27)

US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
	Pennyrile	75.00N to 155.00N	UNCH	5.4250-6.2250	DN 0.1325	5.8250
	Pennyrile	75.00Z	UNCH	5.6625	DN 0.1175	5.6625

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
	Ohio River - Lower KY	190.00N	UNCH	6.5750	DN 0.1325	6.5750
	Ohio River - Lower KY	75.00Z	UNCH	5.6625	DN 0.1175	5.6625
	Purchase	170.00N	UNCH	6.3750	DN 0.1325	6.3750
	Purchase	60.00Z	UNCH	5.5125	DN 0.1175	5.5125

US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
	Purchase	10.00N	UNCH	4.7750	DN 0.1325	4.7750
	Purchase	-25.00Z	UNCH	4.6625	DN 0.1175	4.6625
	Green River	25.00N	UNCH	4.9250	DN 0.1325	4.9250
	Green River	-10.00Z	UNCH	4.8125	DN 0.1175	4.8125
	Pennyrile	-25.00N to 25.00N	UNCH	4.4250-4.9250	DN 0.1325	4.5750
	Pennyrile	-30.00Z to -12.00Z	UNCH	4.6125-4.7925	DN 0.1175	4.6925
	Louisville	5.00N	UNCH	4.7250	DN 0.1325	4.7250
	Louisville	5.00N	UNCH	4.7250	DN 0.1325	4.7250
	Bluegrass	10.00N	UNCH	4.7750	DN 0.1325	4.7750
	Bluegrass	-30.00Z	UNCH	4.6125	DN 0.1175	4.6125

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
	Ohio River - Upper KY	11.00N to 14.00N	UNCH	4.7850-4.8150	DN 0.1325	4.8000
	Ohio River - Upper KY	-30.00Z	UNCH	4.6125	DN 0.1175	4.6125
	Ohio River - Lower KY	14.00N to 30.00N	UNCH	4.8150-4.9750	DN 0.1325	4.9133
	Ohio River - Lower KY	-25.00Z to -13.00Z	UNCH	4.6625-4.7825	DN 0.1175	4.7308
	Purchase	14.00N to 20.00N	UNCH-DN 5.00	4.8150-4.8750	DN 0.1325-DN 0.1825	4.8450
	Purchase	-10.00Z to -25.00Z	UNCH	4.6425-4.6625	DN 0.1300-DN 0.1175	4.6525

US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
	Purchase	10.00N	UNCH	12.0250	DN 0.3650	12.0250
	Purchase	-20.00X	UNCH	11.6350	DN 0.2425	11.6350
	Green River	-25.00N	UNCH	11.6750	DN 0.3650	11.6750
	Green River	-40.00X	UNCH	11.4350	DN 0.2425	11.4350
	Pennyrile	-50.00N to 22.00N	UNCH	11.4250-12.1450	DN 0.3650	11.6107
	Pennyrile	-60.00X to -13.00X	UNCH	11.2350-11.7050	DN 0.2425	11.3664
	Louisville	-50.00N	UNCH	11.4250	DN 0.3650	11.4250
	Louisville	-50.00N	UNCH	11.4250	DN 0.3650	11.4250
	Bluegrass	-15.00N	UNCH	11.7750	DN 0.3650	11.7750
	Bluegrass	-75.00X	UNCH	11.0850	DN 0.2425	11.0850

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
	Ohio River - Upper KY	7.00N to 12.00N	DN 1.00-UNCH	11.9950-12.0450	DN 0.3750-DN 0.3650	12.0200
	Ohio River - Upper KY	-33.00X	UP 1.00-UNCH	11.5050	DN 0.2325-DN 0.2425	11.5050
	Ohio River - Lower KY	20.00N to 39.00N	UNCH	12.1250-12.3150	DN 0.3650	12.1970
	Ohio River - Lower KY	-23.00X to 15.00X	DN 1.00-UNCH	11.6050-11.9850	DN 0.2525-DN 0.2425	11.7417
	Purchase	10.00N to 11.00N	UNCH	12.0250-12.0350	DN 0.3650	12.0283
	Purchase	-25.00X to -3.00X	UNCH	11.5850-11.8050	DN 0.2425	11.6775

US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
	Pennyrile	-10.00N	UNCH	6.4800	DN 0.1750	6.4800
	Pennyrile	5.00N	UNCH	6.6300	DN 0.1750	6.6300

US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
	Purchase	-10.00N	UNCH	6.4800	DN 0.1750	6.4800
	Green River	-75.00N	UNCH	5.8300	DN 0.1750	5.8300
	Pennyrile	-55.00N to -30.00N	UNCH	6.0300-6.2800	DN 0.1750	6.1100
	Pennyrile	-55.00N to -5.00N	UNCH-DN 3.00	6.0300-6.5300	DN 0.1750-DN 0.2050	6.2133
	Louisville	-12.00N	UNCH	6.4600	DN 0.1750	6.4600
	Louisville	-72.00N to -12.00N	UNCH	5.8600-6.4600	DN 0.1750	6.1600
	Bluegrass	-55.00N	UNCH	6.0300	DN 0.1750	6.0300

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
	Ohio River - Upper KY	-32.00N	UNCH	6.2600	DN 0.1750	6.2600
	Ohio River - Lower KY	-10.00N to -5.00N	UNCH	6.4800-6.5300	DN 0.1750	6.5040
	Purchase	-20.00N to -15.00N	UNCH	6.3800-6.4300	DN 0.1750	6.4050
	Purchase	-20.00N to 5.00N	UNCH	6.3800-6.6300	DN 0.1750	6.5025

Explanatory Notes: Price & Basis Values quoted are for Current Delivery, unless otherwise noted.

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Daily Livestock and Poultry Slaughter

Report For Thursday, May 14, 2026 - Final

Current Day Slaughter

Thurs., May 14, 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week WTD	Last Year WTD	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	YTD % Change
Calves	1,000	311	4,000	4,000	1,775	39,371	48,464	-18.8%
Cattle	108,000	109,000	426,000	422,000	460,262	10,100,345	11,146,994	-9.4%
Hogs	464,000	484,000	1,891,000	1,928,000	1,908,469	47,682,499	48,026,590	-0.7%
Sheep	7,000	6,000	32,000	31,000	32,342	716,883	732,313	-2.1%
Chicken (Young)	35,541,000	35,605,000	141,185,000	142,014,000	140,293,000	3,491,675,000	3,492,769,000	0.0%

Previous Daily Slaughter

Wed., May 13, 2026	Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week WTD	Last Year WTD	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	YTD % Change
Calves	1,000	547	3,000	3,000	1,464	38,371	48,153	-20.3%
Cattle	108,000	108,000	318,000	313,000	338,727	9,992,345	11,025,459	-9.4%
Hogs	479,000 R	477,000	1,427,000	1,444,000	1,428,916	47,218,499	47,547,037	-0.7%
Sheep	6,000	6,856	25,000	25,000	25,116	709,883	725,087	-2.1%
Chicken (Young)	35,601,000	35,674,000	141,185,000	142,014,000	140,293,000	3,456,134,000	3,457,502,000	0.0%

Previous Day Breakdown

Wed., May 13, 2026		
Cattle	Steers/Heifers ...	89,000
	Cows/Bulls ...	19,000

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

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Missouri Direct Hay Report Direct Hay Weighted Average Report 5/15/2026

Although not in full swing, several more producers are getting into the hay fields now, especially in areas with less grain production. Although Memorial Weekend is typically when haying gets really busy, some late frost along with warmer than average weather has many of the grasses maturing ahead of schedule. Yields were affected by the cold snaps but still way better than some surrounding states. As of the latest report 80 percent of pastures in the state were rated good to excellent, with 79 percent of the state drought free. More hay is coming to the market this week as new crop arrives and still some trying to clean out old crop. Hay prices are steady. Demand is light and supplies are moderate. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay directory at <https://apps.mda.mo.gov/hay-directory> or visit the University of Missouri Extension feed stuff finder at <https://feedstufffinder.org>

HAY (Conventional)

Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Ton)	
Medium Square 3x3	250.00-300.00
Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Bale)	
Small Square	10.00-15.00

Alfalfa - Premium (Ask/Per Ton)	
Medium Square 3x3	175.00-225.00
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Ton)	
Large Round	150.00-175.00
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Bale)	
Small Square	6.00-10.00
Alfalfa - Fair (Ask/Per Ton)	
Large Round	125.00-150.00
Mixed Grass - Premium (Ask/Per Ton)	
Medium Square 3x3	150.00-200.00
Mixed Grass - Good/Premium (Ask/Per Ton)	
Large Round	100.00-150.00
Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Ton)	
Large Round	50.00-100.00
Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Bale)	
Small Square	2.25-7.00
Mixed Grass - Fair (Ask/Per Bale)	
Large Round	20.00-40.00

STRAW (Conventional)

Wheat - (Ask/Per Bale)	
Small Square	4.00-7.00

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Dairy Veal #2:	1	\$825	\$825
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Beef Fdrs 200#-550#	9	\$5.05	\$3.80
Beef Fdrs 551#-1000#	2	\$3.40	\$2.95
Dairy Fdrs 200#-550#	46	\$4.65	\$1.69
Dairy Fdrs 551#-1000#	15	\$3.00	\$2.86
Cull Cows #1:	2	\$1.65	\$1.56
Cull Cows #2:	N/A		
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Fat Cattle Holstein:	N/A		
Bulls:	N/A		
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Milk Cows:	N/A</		

OEFFA launches annual series of farm tours and special events

The Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA) has launched its annual Farm Tour Series. The 2026 series includes a number of public farm tours showcasing farms and food processors across Ohio, plus educational and social opportunities with experienced OEFFA staff. This programming opens the door for farmers, gardeners, educators and food-conscious consumers to learn about local foods and farming firsthand.

"Whether you are a farmer, gardener, or eater, OEFFA's farm tours offer something for you," said OEFFA Executive Director Khara Strum. "You don't have to be an expert - or even familiar with organic farming - to enjoy these events. Joining a farm tour is an opportunity to meet the people growing your food and see how a farm really works."

Participants will have the opportunity to walk through different types of farms and facilities during these free OEFFA tours:

- June 6: Grazing Innovations and Opportunities Farm Tour - Grim

Dairy in New London, Ohio

- June 13: Farmer-to-Farmer Pasture Walk - Paul J. and Fannie Mae Miller Farm in Fredericksburg, Ohio

- June 27: Tree Nuts Farm Tour - Nut and Horse Farms in Pataskala, Ohio

- July 11: Composting Facility Tour - Rustbelt Riders and Tilth Soil in Lorain, Ohio

- July 24: Organic Poultry Processing Facility Tour - J&J Poultry Processing in Holgate, Ohio

- Aug. 1: Organic Grains Tour - Next Gen Organic Farms in Leipsic, Ohio

- Aug. 28: Agrivoltaics: Solar and Agriculture - Madison County, Ohio

- Sept. 19: Urban Food Forest Tour - Warmke Farm in Marietta, Ohio

- Oct. 17: Farm Food in the City Tour - City Vittles in Cincinnati, Ohio

- Nov. 10: Ohio Soil Health Week Farm Tour - Hirzel Farms in Luckey, Ohio

In addition, attendees can learn about OEFFA's education and policy

advocacy work during these special events:

- June 10, July 9, Aug. 22: OEFFA at Common Greens Farmers' Markets - Columbus area farmers markets

- July 21, Sept. 17, Nov. 13: Policy and Pints - Jackie O's Brewery in Columbus, Ohio; Eudora Brewing Company in Dayton, Ohio; Eighty-Three Brewery in Akron, Ohio

OEFFA's chapters are interested and region-based groups interested in sustainable and organic agriculture:

- Aug. 7: Grain Growers Chapter: Meeting and Potluck - Schlabach Farm in Plain City, Ohio

In addition to OEFFA, other farm tours and workshops are being presented by Common Greens, Fair-Share CSA Coalition and The Nature Conservancy:

- June 17: New Phosphorous or Old Phosphorous? We Need to Manage Both - Online

- June 23: Cover Crops and Grazing - Seneca County, Ohio

- Aug. 5: Soil Health Workshop -

Allen Dean Farm in Bryan, Ohio

- Aug. 15: From Dirt to Healthy Soil - The Ohio State University at Lima in Lima, Ohio

- Aug. 18: Historic No-Till Research Field Day - The Ohio State University at Wooster in Wooster, Ohio

- Sept. 1: Cover Crops and Soil Health - Bellefontaine, Ohio

- Sept. 8: High Tunnel Tomato Growing - Bay Branch Farm in Cleveland, Ohio

- Sept. 27: Bulk Herbs, Tea Blends, Culinary Salts, and Preserves Farm Tour - Foraged and Sown in West Jefferson, Ohio

- Oct. 1: Mushrooms and Microgreens Farm Tour - New Path Farm in Sunbury, Ohio

- Dec. 2: Ohio No-Till Conference - Plain City, Ohio

All events are free and open to the public. To see the full schedule with times, location details, descriptions, and registration information, visit oeffa.org/farmtours.

Purdue offers program series to help in transition planning

The Purdue Extension Succession Planning Team invites you to participate in Securing the Future: Legal Audits for Farm Families and Agricultural Success, a free, live, virtual program series created to support farm families as they prepare for the legal aspects of transition planning.

This series is designed to help participants better understand how legal audits can strengthen succession plans and support a smoother, more successful transition to the next generation.

Program highlights include:

- Free and fully virtual
- Eight live webinar options
- Attend one session or participate in the full series

- Practical information tailored to farm families and agricultural operations

Whether you are just beginning the conversation or actively planning for transition, this series offers valuable insights to help you make informed decisions for the future of your farm.

Program Schedule & Topics:

- June 22 - Contingency Planning & Code Red

- June 29 - Operating & Buy-Sell Agreements, Featuring: Scott Linneweber, Shareholder Attorney, Eagle & Fein, P.C.

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Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course begins June 2

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Kentucky woodland owners looking to better care for their land will have a chance this summer to learn from forestry and natural resources professionals through the 2026 Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course.

Hosted by the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, the program offers seven evening webinars in June and an optional in-person field session in July or August.

The course is designed for woodland owners, families, farmers and anyone interested in learning how to make Kentucky woodlands healthier, more productive and better suited for wildlife, timber, recreation and long-term stewardship.

Kentucky woodlands cover nearly half the state and provide benefits that reach beyond property boundaries. They support wildlife, protect water, store carbon, offer recreation and contribute to rural economies. The Department of Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR) created the Woodland Owners Short Course to help woodland owners understand those benefits and manage their land according to their goals.

"Kentucky's woodlands are owned largely by families and individuals, and those owners make decisions every year that shape the health of our forests," said Billy Thomas, FNR Extension for-ester. "The Woodland Owners Short Course gives woodland owners an opportunity to connect with the programs and organizations to help become a better woodland steward."

The 2026 program begins online with seven webinars, scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. ET, June 2-23. Recordings of each webinar will be available to registered participants.

June 2: Why and How to Manage Your Woodlands/Tree ID

June 4: Comprehensive Woodland Management

June 9: White Oak Management and White Oak App

June 11: Wildlife Management in Kentucky

June 16: Woodlands and Water Quality

June 18: Woodland Health

June 23: Woodland Owner Related Organizations and Programs

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Forum: Bio-based materials, fuels are reshaping the energy markets

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

LIBERTYVILLE, Ill. - Farmers looking to diversify their markets have new opportunities in the bio-based materials, manufacturing and energy sectors, according to participants in a Farm Foundation Forum, "Opportunities for U.S. Agriculture in the Bio-Based Materials and Energy Economy."

"Plant-based innovation is expanding beyond food, powering fuels, materials and manufacturing systems that can strengthen U.S. resilience and create new value for producers," said Timothy Brennan, Farm Foundation's vice president of programs and strategic impact, while introducing the May 7 forum. It examined the plant-derived innovations that are rapidly expanding markets for new cash crops such as pennycress, miscanthus and inspiring new uses for traditional row crops. The forum also looked at how U.S. industries, land grant universities and the federal government are supporting biotechnology and the burgeoning bioeconomy.

For example, a recently estab-

lished tech hub on the University of Illinois-Urbana campus is focused on establishing a biomass-based manufacturing pipeline in central Illinois and the Midwest. "We are trying to pull all the pieces together to make the bioeconomy and bio-manufacturing really work here in central Illinois and supporting the economy more broadly," said forum panelist Beth Conerty, regional innovation officer for the University of Illinois Fermentation and Agriculture Biomanufacturing Tech Hub (iFAB), a 36-member industry and university consortium devoted to expanding the U.S. biomanufacturing industry and the bioeconomy.

"We are really focused on biomanufacturing because this offers an enormous potential to bring manufacturing domestically to the United States. As most of the inputs for biomanufacturing are agricultural commodities, with Illinois being a leading producer of both corn and soybeans and surrounded by agricultural commodities, we really think that there is no better place to build a biomanufacturing economy than here in Illinois," Conerty said. "This offers an enormous potential for both the economy with the potential for \$200 billion and one million additional jobs with-

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2026 ISA ELECTION VOTING

Since districts 2,3 and 4 do not have contested races this year, those districts will not hold elections. Ballots were sent to farmers in District 1 the week of **May 4**. Ballots must be postmarked by **June 30**.



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Kentucky Woodland Owners

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Participants may choose an on-line-only option or combine the webinar series with one of two in-person field sessions and a regional Woodland Owner Resource Extravaganza. Field sessions are scheduled for July 18 in Fleming County and Aug. 8 in Caldwell County.

The field sessions allow participants to see woodland management practices in person and meet representatives from organizations that support Kentucky landowners. The Resource Extravaganza brings together agencies, associations and professionals who can answer questions about forestry, wildlife, conservation programs, timber, tree health and other woodland topics.

"The Woodland Owner Resource Extravaganza portion of the field sessions will allow woodland owners to connect with local programs to jumpstart conservation efforts," Thomas said. "The farm tours will let you get out in the woods and see conservation practices."

For many landowners, woodland management can feel complicated. Questions about selling timber, improving wildlife habitat, controlling invasive plants, planning for the next generation or simply knowing where to start may not have easy answers. The short course gives participants a starting point and connects them with people who work on these issues across Kentucky.

The online-only registration fee is \$10 per person. Registration for the webinar series plus one field session is \$30 for a single participant or \$45 for a couple.

"You do not have to be a forestry expert to take part," Thomas said. "This program is built for people who care about their woods and want practical, Kentucky-based information they can use."

Those interested in registering for the Kentucky Woodland Owners Short Course can visit the registration page at <https://wosc.mgcafe.uky.edu/2026-wosc>.

Bio-based material

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in the next 10 to 15 years, and we are focused on bringing as much of that to Illinois as possible."

Biomanufacturing via precision fermentation technology, used to produce ethanol, grain alcohol and soy sauce, has evolved as a host to a range of new end products and markets, according to Conerty. "We are taking a plant material, typically corn sugar or soy glycerol but we can also use a whole range of agricultural feedstocks like sugar cane or sorghum...and putting them into a fermentation tank and making chemicals that can be used in our food," she said. "These are products like natural dyes to replace synthetic dyes, polymers that can be used for textiles to replace polyester or nylon, industrial chemicals or plastics. This technology is offering a whole range of end products that can be used now."

Though the potential for biomass-based products is great, lack of infrastructure is restricting some promising technologies from reaching consumer or industry markets, Conerty explained.

"This middle step is what iFAB is trying to solve to enable more fermentation products to reach the market," she said. "It is about building more physical tanks, so that more companies and technologies can use those tanks. We are building (out) in a stepwise manner."

As a federally funded tech hub through the Department of Commerce, iFAB received \$51 million from the Biden administration in July 2024 to establish Illinois as a

leader in the U.S. biomanufacturing economy. The state of Illinois has also been supportive of biomanufacturing, granting over \$31 million to iFAB to supplement the federal award and bring more biomanufactured products to market.

New and emerging biomass consumer products include diapers, air filters, paints, sealants, mulch and 3-D printing filament, according to James Gluek, executive director of the Plant Based Products Council (PBPC) and senior vice president of advanced bioproducts for the Corn Refiners Association. The defense sector is also interested in developing bio-degradable products including corrosion inhibitors for ships and as a component in explosives.

"These are additional markets for farmers through a whole range of diverse products when looking at the plant-based products industry," said Gluek, adding that bio-based products provide the sustainable "circularity" that many large companies now require of the materials and processes used in their products. "Overall, this translates into consumer demand and additional market opportunities for farmers. That's something that's needed in the ag sector, with the uncertainty over trade challenges and some of the conflicts around the globe."

PBPC survey data shows that over the past five years, 71 percent of consumers reported using products from plant based materials monthly, up from 50 percent in 2020. In addition, 86 percent have plans to purchase plant-based products in the future, with 79 percent indicating they'd be willing to pay more for a sustainably-produced product. The USDA currently estimates the

biomass-based product industry's worth at \$489 billion, with around 4 million jobs created, according to Gluek.

Greg Jaffe, a former senior adviser for the USDA and president of Jaffe Policy Consulting, said the Trump administration is currently supportive of the biomanufacturing industry, primarily through three executive orders issued in 2025 under the banner of national security. These orders included two around energy and one around timber production.

"More recently we've seen that research priorities for 2027 would include this area (in order to) scale supply chains, build scalable universal manufacturing and support biological platforms in this area," Jaffe said. The USDA and Department of Energy are expending resources around developing purpose-grown energy crops, he added.

"Biotechnology is still in what I consider a very nascent stage," noted Sarah Glaven, a Princeton University energy expert and a former White House energy adviser. "At the foundation of biotechnology is research and development. We formed the National Bio-Economy Board during my time at the White House to coordinate all the federal department agencies that are responsible for supporting basic research to (address) biotechnology and biomanufacturing."

In addition, current legislation before Congress would establish a permanent biotechnology coordination office in the executive office of the president, Glaven noted.

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Swaggerty's Farm in Tennessee officially opens new expansion

By **DOUG SCHMITZ**
Iowa Correspondent

KODAK, Tenn. – On April 14, Swaggerty's Farm began operations at its new 50,000-square-foot production expansion in Kodak. Officials said the expansion marks a significant milestone by increasing production capacity, while enhancing efficiency and maintaining the high-quality standards customers have come to expect.

The new facility features modern, energy-efficient systems and innovative building materials, supporting Swaggerty's Farm's ongoing commitment to sustainability and continuous improvement, officials added.

The farm was started by Lonas Swaggerty around the start of the Great Depression to produce premium sausage products.

"When my father started this company in 1930, his goal was simple: to save a family farm and feed his family," said Kyle Swaggerty, son of Lonas Swaggerty and second-generation company chair of Swaggerty's Sausage Co., Inc., at Swaggerty's

Farm. "He never could have imagined the success and growth we have had."

Last October, Swaggerty's Farm, which now has over 18,000 retailers, wholesale distributors, and food service establishments nationwide, celebrated 95 years, and continues to be one of the top-selling, preservative-free sausage brands in the country, with the No. 1 selling boxed sausage patty on the market, according to company officials.

Doug Swaggerty, Kyle's son and third-generation company president, owner and CEO, said, "I grew up watching the dedication and work ethic of my father, and following in his footsteps with the commitment to quality and our standards instilled in every decision we make.

"And although we've expanded and modernized, our traditions and values haven't changed in 95 years," he added. "I am very proud of the product we make, and consider it an honor to be a part of family meals and memories that others share every day."

Doug said local general contract

partner, Southern Constructors Inc., worked closely with Swaggerty's Farm to design and complete the project: "Our growth is fueled by a simple philosophy: never forget where you started.

"This expansion allows us to scale our operations, while protecting the integrity of our process," he added. "We're investing in our future so we can continue delivering the high standards our customers and community deserve."

Lizzy McHenry, Swaggerty's Farm Sausage Co., Inc., marketing content coordinator, told Farm World the expansion is designed to support continued growth, while preserving the "quality, tradition and flavor Swaggerty's Farm has been known for generations."

She added, "The additional space

allows for more efficient daily operations and incorporates modern, energy-efficient building materials that support the company's long-term commitment to continuous improvement."

She said as a company that has remained rooted on the same land in East Tennessee for generations, Swaggerty's Farm continues to value its connection to both the local community, and the agricultural industry.

"As the company grows, that commitment extends beyond the region through ongoing support of agricultural education, scholarships, industry partnerships, and initiatives that help invest in the future of the farming and food production communities," she said.

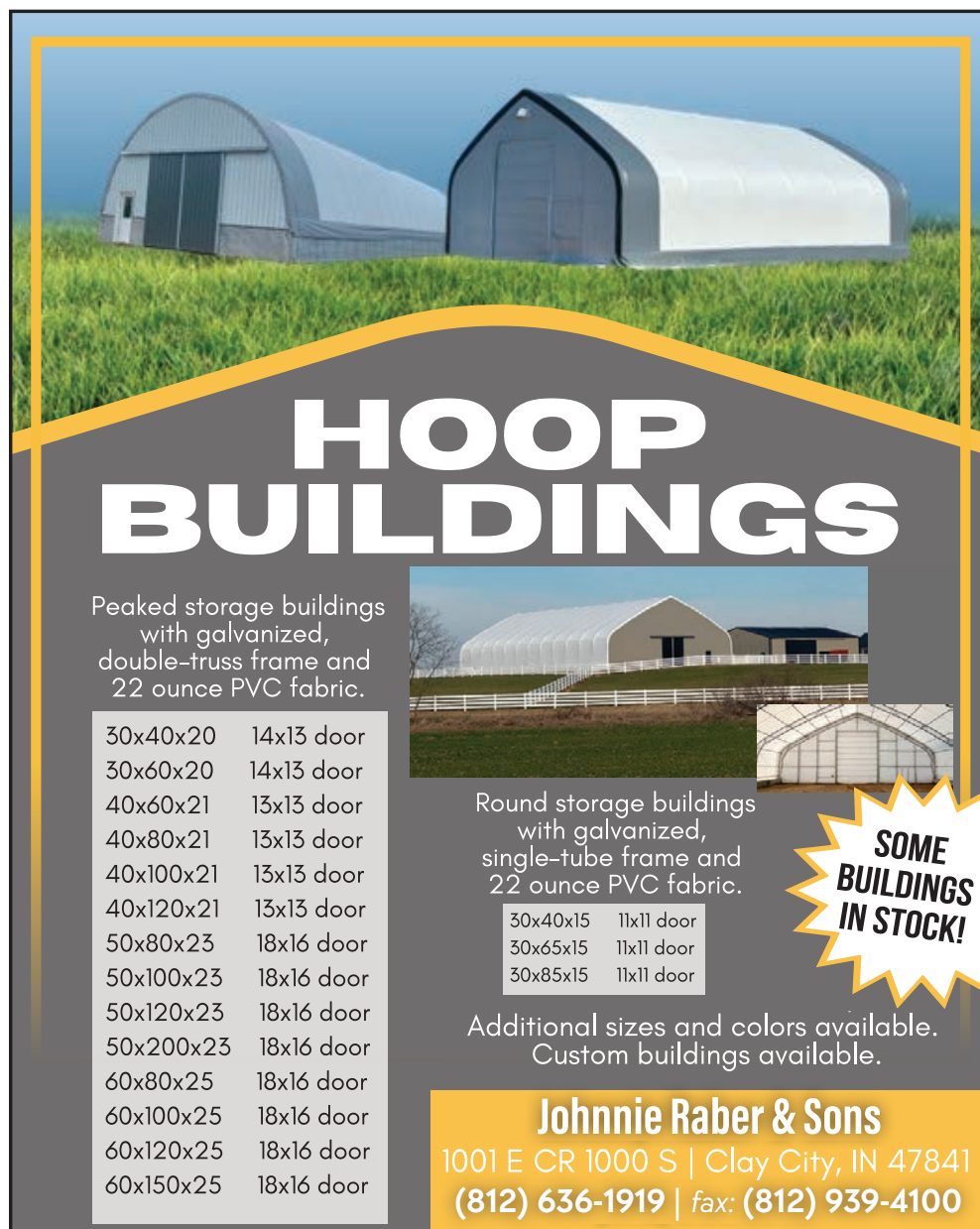
Below: Swaggerty's Farm's production line was expanded this year. (photo courtesy of Swaggerty's Farm).



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Cotton farming duo turns their farms' cotton into T-shirts

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

RIPLEY, Tenn. - Two fifth-generation, west Tennessee families are continuing a cotton-growing tradition in their families that started in the late 1800s. They rely on cotton to keep their operations afloat. But several years ago, they developed a plan to market their crop directly to consumers, thus guaranteeing demand for their crop and keeping their families in the cotton business.

Jeffrey Daniels and Franklin Carmack have developed their own direct-to-consumer apparel line of T-shirts using the cotton they grow on their farms in Lauderdale County. They call their line of clothing 5th Gen Cotton Co.

Both men pondered about the future of their cotton farms, wondering what the future held for their farms and how best to make their cotton sustainable. The two brainstormed for many years about how to promote the cotton they produce.

They had numerous ideas for their cotton, but none panned out. Daniels even had thoughts of backing his truck up, throwing a bale of cotton in the back of his truck, taking it back home and filling pillowcases full of cotton. Carmack had similar ideas.

"You know, you go to the cotton field and you spend long lonesome hours on a cotton picker, daydreaming," Carmack said. "You always wonder where your cotton is. My son and I had talked about it briefly off and on for a few years about how we ought to try to do something with our cotton. But that's so far-fetched. You talk about it and then you just move on."

The ball was beginning to roll and momentum was building. Both men knew someone who had connections with the textile industry. That person put them in contact with a manufacturer who started them on the right path in finding product with their cotton, one that was cut and sewn in the United States: T-shirts.

Discussions continued the next two seasons. Talk turned into action, as Carmack and Daniels made a call to the company that supplies their cottonseed to see if there was a variety they could grow that would have good quality, strength and fiber length for apparel. Through their local representative Andy Rowsey, Americot, Inc. showed interest in their project.

"They pitched their idea about using 5th Gen Cotton and I thought it was a fantastic idea," Rowsey said. "Americot is a 100 percent, solely owned U.S. company. It is a leading cottonseed company. We now have a portfolio of products through NextGen varieties with fiber qualities and the traits that will work for the apparel that they're trying to produce."

Daniels and Carmack expressed the desire to ensure they could pass this venture along to future generations.

"Cotton is our passion," said Carmack, who met Daniels through FFA in high school. "It's a challenging crop, but it's also very rewarding."

Their venture is not without challenges. Weak demand and an oversupply of cotton have led to low prices and economic strain for producers. The pressure forced the two growers to reassess their business models.

"We changed the way our grandpas farmed, but we had not changed what they farmed or how they marketed it," Carmack said.

The change involved expanding. That was needed to obtain a profit, so they began exploring multiple channels and strategies for selling their cotton, from fiber to finished product.

The change also involved travel.



Above: Harvesting cotton on the Carmack and Daniels farms in western Tennessee. (Nathan Lambrecht photo)

They started a road trip that took them into North Carolina, working their way through South Carolina and Georgia, contacting manufacturers and telling them about their project. Through their efforts they were able to secure a spinner, knitter and sewer to put together T-shirts using cotton they grew on their own operations. They were pulling their cotton to be spun and working with the manufacturers to make their shirts.

After harvest, North Carolina weavers spin, dye and weave 5th Gen Cotton fiber into fabric. Then, manufacturers in Georgia cut and sew the cotton fabric into the finished T-shirts.

Rowsey introduced the growers to Andy Holt, Tennessee Commissioner of Agriculture, and Mary Gammel, Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) business consultant for row crops and agriculture, at the Mid-South Farm and Gin Show in Memphis.

After much talk about their cotton and plans for T-shirts, Holt told Gammel that he wanted 5th Gen Cotton Co. shirts at the 2025 Wilson County-Tennessee State Fair.

TDA purchased 1,000 blank shirts and secured approval to feature both the official Tennessee America 250 celebration logo and a special-edition Pick Tennessee Products design. The Pick Tennessee Products Experience store sold the shirts during the Tennessee State Fair.

"We loved watching people pick up our shirts, feel the fabric and study the design," Daniels said. "We'd walk over and explain that the shirt was produced here in Tennessee and made with West Tennessee cotton. It was a great feeling, and it gave us a lot of hope."

Added Carmack, "Right now we've got T-shirts, but would like to have polos, denim and women's clothing."



Above: From farm to shirt. Jeffrey Daniels and Franklin Carmack founded 5th Gen Cotton Co. to turn their farms' cotton into T-shirts. (Nathan Lambrecht photo)

They are also looking at different business models, including cooperating with other farmers, building their brand and once again helping to create a demand for U.S. cotton.

Despite their quick rise in popularity, the men emphasize that 5th Gen Cotton Co. is not a T-shirt company - it's all about their cotton.

"You can't keep sitting on your couch, wondering what you are going to do or waiting for someone to tell your story," Carmack said. "We hope to grow into an apparel company, God willing, with jeans and hoodies, but it seemed like T-shirts were a good place

to start," Daniels said.

Cotton farming in Tennessee primarily occurs in the western and central regions, where the climate and soil conditions are favorable. The average yield per farm in the state is over 1,000 pounds per acre. The state produces 200,000-350,000 acres of cotton annually.

The top cotton-producing counties in Tennessee include Haywood, Crockett, Lauderdale, Fayette and Gibson, which together account for over 56 percent of the state's cotton acreage.

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County yield data supports Midwest crop strength

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

ST. LOUIS, MO. – County yield data released May 5 by the USDA's National Agriculture Statistics Service (NASS) shows yield averages in the main Corn Belt region of the Midwest were once again above the national average in 2025. Corn and soybean yields tended to be below the record 2025 average national yield of 186.5 and 53 bushels per acre, respectively, in other areas.

"Corn yields were above the national average in eastern Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and western Ohio. The highest yields were in Illinois, with a cluster of particularly high yield counties in central Illinois," reported the University of Illinois farmdocDAILY team in a May 12 article, "2025 NASS County Corn, Soybean, and Winter Wheat Yields." (Paulson, N., G. Schnitkey, C. Zulauf and H. Monaco.)

"(Corn) yields were also above average in most counties in the southern parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin. Corn yields below the national average occurred in most counties with reported yield estimates in the Dakotas, western Nebraska, eastern Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Most counties in the southeastern and northeastern U.S. also had corn yields below the national average in 2025."

Soybean yields also exceeded the U.S. national average across the

Midwest from eastern Nebraska into western Ohio. The southern regions of Minnesota and Wisconsin, along with parts of Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi also bested the national average. "Soybean yields were over 70 bushels in central Illinois and in central Nebraska. Soybean yields were below the U.S. average yield in most other regions where county estimates were reported," the farmdocDAILY economists observed.

NASS data shows that county corn yield estimates for Illinois in 2025 averaged 214 bushels per acre, soybeans 62.5 bushels, and wheat, 88 bushels. Yields above the statewide average were common in the northern two-thirds of the state, with yields below the statewide average in southern Illinois.

For corn, yields exceeded 240 bushels per acre in Stark, McLean and DeKalb counties in central and northern Illinois. For soybeans, yields exceeded 73 bushels per acre in Stark, Marshall, Tazewell, McLean and Macon counties. Corn and soybean yield estimates were well below the state average in most southern Illinois counties, according to farmdocDAILY.

Though NASS county estimates for crops grown since 2022 can be difficult to locate online, the Illinois Farm Bureau's news service reported that the top five counties for corn yield in Illinois were Stark (253.6 bushels per acre), DeKalb (244.4), McLean (243.1), Marshall (239.9)

and Carroll (239.2). Stark, DeKalb and McLean ranked third, sixth and seventh nationally. Forty of just 64 reporting counties (out of 102 in Illinois) reached an average corn yield of 200 bushels per acre or higher.

McLean County led the state and nation in corn production at 77.3 million bushels, followed by Livingston (62.9 million), LaSalle (61.3 million), Bureau (56.5 million) and Lee (56.2 million) counties. The counties ranked fourth, sixth, ninth and 10th nationwide, respectively.

Tazewell County led both the state and nation for soybean yield with an average 76.3 bushels per acre. Of 62 reporting Illinois counties (out of 102 total counties), 16 counties had an average soybean yield of 70 bushels per acre or higher.

"It was the largest corn crop ever for Illinois at 2.35 billion bushels and Illinois was second in the nation, just behind Iowa. For soybeans, it was the sixth-largest crop for Illinois at 63.9 million bushels and it was No. 1 in the nation," noted Brad Summa, NASS Heartland Regional Field Office statistician.

Along with other data, NASS' final county yields are used by the USDA Farm Service Agency to calculate crop insurance payments. The Illinois Farm Bureau news service, FarmWeek, offered a link to view a spreadsheet with all the county corn and soybean yield and production estimates reported for 2025: quickstats.nass.usda.gov.

Tennessee ag crime unit gets conviction in barn arson case

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Agricultural Crime Unit (ACU) has secured a guilty verdict in the 2024 intentional burning of a barn in Monroe County.

ACU Special Agent Clint Brookshire charged Charles Anthony Ellis, of Monroe County, with arson. Ellis was sentenced to 11 months and 29 days in the Monroe County Jail and ordered to enter an alcohol and drug rehabilitation program.

"Our agents are trained to investigate complex rural arson cases, from wildland fires to the targeted burning of agricultural structures like barns and hay storage sheds," said ACU Special Agent in Charge Greg Whitehead. "That expertise ensures we can quickly determine cause, hold offenders accountable, and protect Tennessee's farms, forests and rural communities."

In September 2024, at the request of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Special Agent Clint Brookshire joined the investigation into a barn fire in Madisonville. Working collaboratively with local authorities and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the investigation determined the fire was deliberately set by a relative of the property owner following a family dispute, leading to Ellis' arrest and conviction.

ACU special agents receive advanced wildfire-arson training, including FBI-supported instruction and extensive field experience, equipping them as the state's primary experts in agricultural and wildland arson investigations.



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Michigan growers worried recent frosts have damaged fruit trees

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

BENTON HARBOR, Mich. - Michigan will not have a full crop of fruit this year due to frost, but the extent of the damage won't be fully known until early June.

Dan Dick, a tree fruit specialist with the Michigan State University extension office in Benton Harbor, said his level of concern about the crop damage is moderate.

"Nobody has a total crop loss. Evaluations over the next few weeks are going to tell us more as the fruit are setting past bloom," he said.

Nikki Rothwell, a tree fruit specialist at the MSU extension office in Traverse City, said she has spotted frost damage in tart cherries ranging from 20 percent to over 50 percent of the crop in orchards close to her in the northwest part of the state.

However, she believes some of the less damaged tart and sweet cherries will survive.

Rothwell said crop losses related to frost could also be reduced if there's a good pollination season to help cherry trees with their production. She said there hasn't been much pollinating in the Traverse City area recently because of a stretch of 40-degree temperatures keeping the bees from becoming active.

"I'm still remaining optimistic that we'll have a cherry crop up here," she said.

The Traverse City area is where most of the cherries are produced in the state. Michigan provides nearly 75 percent of the nation's tart cherries, according to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Michigan ranks

fourth nationwide in sweet cherry production.

Dick said the frost damage to plums, peaches and apricots is similar to the degree spotted, so far, in cherries.

The apple crop was also damaged but not as much since apple trees can better withstand frost. The state ranks second in apple production.

When frost damages a fruit tree after it has bloomed the fruit of the tree could be injured. That fruit will fall off the trees while injured fruit will sometimes remain on the branches and recover but sometimes at a lower quality.

Dick did not want to predict what the crop losses will turn out to be since there's currently a lot of guess work involved. "It's hard to tell right now because fruit can fall off as late as June," he said.

Rothwell said growers, even with 80 percent damage, can still wind up with a crop worth harvesting, though, because the fruit remaining on the branches will grow larger since there's less competition for nutrients from the trees.

Most of the damage appears to be the lower lying areas in orchards where the coldest air at night sinks and settles on the fruit. Damage in elevated areas like hillsides where wind can help keep the air a bit warmer and frost from settling on the fruit appears to be much less.

Rothwell said one thing that has her worried is frost developed again twice in recent days and reports of damaged fruit falling to the ground keep coming in from several major growers in her part of the state.

"The verdict is still out on where we are. I think we're just going to have to wait and see," she said.

Researchers study use of satellites to track conservation tillage practices

URBANA, Ill. - Conservation tillage practices, such as no-till and reduced till, are critical for sustainable agriculture, and they are gradually becoming popular with farmers across the Midwest. Monitoring tillage usage can provide insights into soil health, water levels and nutrient loss, as well as guide management and policy decisions.

A University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign research team has developed a dynamic framework that uses satellite imagery and machine learning to detect tillage practices over large areas and long time periods. The team discusses their methodology and findings in a new paper.

"Conservation tillage helps reduce soil erosion, and it affects soil nutrients and moisture retention. Mapping tillage practices across large areas is also important to quantify soil carbon change. But current data are mainly obtained from farmer surveys, which lack timely and detailed spatial information," said lead author Xiaocui Wu, a research scientist affiliated with the Agroecosystem Sustainability Center, the Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment, the Center for Advanced Bioenergy and Bioproducts Innovation (CABBI), and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at Illinois.

Other studies have applied remote sensing with hyperspectral or multispectral imagery to monitor tillage practices by estimating crop residue. But these approaches are typically limited to smaller regions, and the images are sensitive to soil and weather variations, which can lead to inaccuracies.

"We found that satellite signals could vary across regions, as they are affected by soil type, moisture levels and weather variables. The model needs to account for those elements," Wu said.

To address these challenges, the researchers developed a new framework

that combines crop residue indices from remote sensing data with environmental factors and machine learning to create a dynamic model. They used the approach to estimate tillage percentage across the U.S. Midwest from 2000 to 2022.

"It is a novel solution as one of the first studies to have this level of detailed, long-term tillage information. We have filled a major data gap and scientific gap for this work," said Kaiyu Guan, the principal investigator of the study, the founding director of the Agroecosystem Sustainability Center and ACES Levenick Professor. "This is especially valuable for policymakers for conservation planning and policy evaluation."

Overall, the researchers found that conservation tillage increased gradually across the Midwest for both corn and soybean from 2000 to 2022. The maps also revealed clear differences by crop and region: soybean fields generally showed higher no-till adoption, while corn fields relied more on reduced-till practices, and adoption trends varied substantially across the northern and eastern Midwest.

No-till adoption is more common in drier regions such as the Great Plains, where leaving crop residues on the soil surface helps conserve soil moisture. It is also more prevalent in warmer regions, where slower soil warming under residue cover does not strongly constrain planting, the researchers found.

"Understanding how farmers manage soil is essential for evaluating agriculture's impacts on soil health, water quality and long-term resilience," Guan said. "These insights from our study can help agencies and policy makers refine programs and policies for greater effectiveness in the future."

The findings are also important for researchers, who implement tillage practice effects in their modeling of soil, water, nutrients, and environmental impacts.

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Ohio Wine Producers Association launches Thyme for Wine Herb Trail experience

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Those who enjoy wine and gardening may want to head to central Ohio next month for the Thyme for Wine Herb Trail.

The trail is sponsored by the Ohio Wine Producers Association. The event combines the joy of wine tasting with the excitement of gardening. The event is a self-guided experience, allowing visitors to explore several participating wineries at their own pace. Participants can enjoy a variety of herb-infused dishes paired with wines at participating wineries.

“People can travel to these wineries at their leisure during the month of June,” said Donniella Winchell, executive director of the Ohio Wine Producers Association.

The trail allows attendees to “build” their own herbal plant. At each stop, guests will receive elements for a shared herb window box, slowly building a complete herb garden by the end of the trail. Elements include a wooden box planter, instructional booklet, five herb seeds, five jute bags, five soil discs, five writable plant markers and mini gardening tools. Finally, each participant will receive a souvenir wine glass.

“These supplies allow participants to grow fresh herbs at home while learning how herbs can enhance cooking and wine pairings,” Winchell said. “The trail encourages creativity,



Above: Donniella Winchell is executive director of the Ohio Wine Producers Association. (photo submitted)

hands-on learning and appreciation for local agriculture.”

The trail will run from June 1 - 30.

“This particular educational journey is ideal for wine lovers, home chefs, gardeners and families,” Winchell said.

“This is the first year for the Thyme for Wine Herb Trail but we’ve held all sorts of trail events across Ohio for many years. We market these to garden clubs, culinary groups, flower enthusiasts, even dog owners. A few years back we held the Woof, Wag and Wine Trail, one which encouraged dog owners to take their pets to the wineries.”

Participating wineries in the Thyme for Wine Herb Trail include Headley Inn Winery & Vineyard (Zanesville), Hocking Hills Winery (Logan), Manchester Hill Winery (Circleville), National Road Winery (Thornville), Revolution Rockbridge Wine Co. (Rockbridge), Three



Above: Hocking Hills Winery in Logan, Ohio, offers a picturesque background and even entertainment at its stop. (photo submitted)

Oaks Vineyard (Granville) and Valley View Hills Winery (Sugar Grove).

In 1978, Winchell was asked to become the executive secretary of the fledgling Ohio Wine Producers Association. That year, there were just 13 Ohio wineries in the state. Winchell went on to help build the association into one of the most respected wine organizations in the state.

“Today there are 435 wineries in Ohio,” she said. “We want the general public to know there are many wineries out there and in doing so we hold these wine trails each year.”

With so many wineries to highlight, Winchell and her staff group several wineries by proximity to one another,

making the excursion between each winery easy for participants. She attempts to highlight 15 to 20 wineries across the state each year.

Tickets for the tour can be purchased at participating wineries or online. Each ticket will enable participants to create their own herb or veggie plant. Single tickets are \$40 and include one element for your herb garden at each stop, two wine samples and one light bite. Couples’ tickets are \$50 and include one element for your herb garden at each stop, two wine samples per person and two light bites.

For more information call the Ohio Wine Producers Association at 440-466-4417.

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Four vintage tractors fueled steady bidding at RES auction

By William Flood
Ohio Correspondent

WOOSTER, Ohio - On May 9, RES Auction Services hosted its annual "Spring Classic" auction, drawing bidders in-person and online bidders for a lineup of antique and vintage farm equipment, special interest vehicles, die-cast models and agricultural memorabilia.

The 57-lot sale appealed to a variety of collectors, with a catalog split fairly evenly between the working machinery and vehicles, scale models and a variety of related collectibles. From restored tractors and pickup trucks to detailed die-cast replicas and farm advertising pieces, the auction reflected the strong interest many families continue to have in preserving pieces of agricultural history.

Among the items were four vintage tractors that drew steady bidding, including two that brought \$14,000. The first was a 1974 Oliver 1655 diesel tractor with just 258 hours. The open-station, 2WD tractor featured a 6-speed manual transmission, 3-point hitch, 540 PTO, one remote, 11L-15 front tires and 16.9-34 rears. Auction details noted the unverified hours and recent service performed, with the tractor exhibiting no engine blow-by or leaks and "sounded and looked great."

The second was a rare 1972 John Deere 4000 diesel with undisclosed hours. The three-owner tractor had been completely restored and featured an 8-range transmission, 3-point hitch, hydraulic coupler, Harvest King 9.5/15-2M front tires and Armstrong 18.4/34 Hi Traction rear tires.

Bidding reached \$6,500 on a fully restored 1956 Oliver Super 55. Maibach Tractor of Creston, Ohio, fully rebuilt the machine in 2002, with over \$11,000 invested in the restoration. The gas-powered tractor included a 6-speed transmission, 540 PTO, 3-point hitch, Goodyear 5.50-16 front tires, and 13.6-26 rears.

Both current and previous owners verified that fewer than five hours had been put on the tractor since the restoration.

Two lots later, a 1967 John Deere 2510 - offered absolute - fetched \$5,900. The 2WD narrow-front gas tractor featured a synchro-range transmission, dual PTO setup, 3-point hitch, hydraulic remote, foot throttle, fender-mounted radio and original manuals. The auctioneer cited unverifiable hours, a coolant leak and an overheating issue.

While the tractors proved popular, collector vehicles ultimately brought the day's highest bids. The auction's leader was a 2017 Ford Mustang Roush that sold for \$65,000. The high-performance car featured a 727-horsepower Stage-3 5.0 Coyote engine with the Phase 2 package, a 6-speed manual transmission and Roush upgrades throughout. It was identified as number 32 of just 51 manufactured.

Classic trucks also attracted attention, led by a fully restored 1984 GMC 3500 K30 pickup with 34,518 miles that brought \$29,000 - the auction's second-highest sum. The 4WD truck featured a rebuilt and bored 454 big-block V8 engine, 4-speed manual transmission, rebuilt transfer case, 3:73 gear ratio, Positraction rear end and extensive restoration work throughout the drivetrain, suspension and various systems. Restored in its original GM blue paint scheme, the truck also included a refreshed interior and numerous new body and trim components.

A 1964 Rambler American 330 wagon with 36,221 miles came in at \$11,000. Equipped with an automatic transmission, the car was described as "car show ready." Meanwhile, a 1939 GMC pickup with an odometer discrepancy crossed the block at \$8,500. It featured a 400 small-block Chevrolet engine, straight-pipe exhaust and a 4-speed transmission.

(Tractors continued on page 9B)



Above: Two tractors tied at \$14,000 - this 1974 Oliver 1655 diesel with 258 hours and a restored 1972 John Deere 4000 diesel.



Above: The continued popularity of vintage station wagons was evidenced by this show-ready 1964 American 330 Rambler that bid to \$11,000.



Above: A pair of Funk's seed signs did nicely at \$275.



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USDA: 2027 milk production to be up, stable cow herd expected

The Agriculture Department raised its 2026 milk production estimate for the fourth consecutive month in this week's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) and gave our first look into 2027. Department bean counters raised the 2026 forecast slightly, citing expectations of a larger cow herd but a slower growth rate in output per cow. Output in 2027 will be driven by higher milk per cow and a stable herd, according to the WASDE.

2026 production and marketings were projected at 235.4 and 234.4 billion pounds respectively, up 100 million pounds on both from a month ago. If realized, both would be up 3.7 billion pounds or 1.6 percent from 2025.

2027 production and marketings were projected at 236.0 and 235.0 billion pounds respectively. If realized, both would be up 600 million pounds or 0.3 percent from 2026.

The import forecast on a fat basis was raised on increased expectations for butter shipments, the WASDE stated. The skim-solids import forecast was lowered slightly on lower expected imports of milk proteins. The fat-basis export forecast was raised on higher expected exports of cheese and butter. Exports on a skim-solids basis were raised on increased shipments of cheese and whey products offsetting lower expected shipments of nonfat dry milk.

The 2026 price forecasts for cheese, nonfat dry milk and whey were raised from last month's report, but the butter forecast was lowered to reflect recent prices. The Class III milk price average for 2026 was raised on increased cheese and whey prices and was projected at \$17.00 per hundredweight (cwt.), up a dime from last month's estimate, and compares to \$18.01 in 2025 and \$18.89 in 2024. The 2027 average was projected

at \$17.55 per cwt.

The 2026 Class IV price was also raised as higher nonfat dry milk prices will more than offset the effect of lower butter prices. It is expected to average \$19.95 per cwt. in 2026, up \$1.35 from last month's report, and compares to \$17.38 in 2025 and \$20.75 in 2024. The 2027 average was projected at \$18.60.

Commercial exports in 2027 were forecast to be higher than in 2026 on a fat and a skim-solids basis due to additional exports of cheese and whey products. Commercial imports were forecast to increase on both a fat basis and skims-solids basis due primarily to increases in imports of cheese and milk proteins.

Domestic use in 2027 is expected to increase on both a fat basis and skim-solids basis. Dairy product prices were forecast to be higher for cheese and butter, but lower for whey and nonfat dry milk compared with 2026, according to the WASDE.

Total corn use was forecast to fall 2 percent from a year ago on reductions to domestic use and exports. Food, seed and industrial use was forecast flat at 7.0 billion bushels. Feed and residual use was projected down to 6.1 billion bushels on smaller supplies and higher prices. Exports were forecast to decline 5 percent from a year ago to 3.2 billion. U.S. share of world trade is expected to decline modestly but remain above the average seen over the past several years, according to the WASDE. "The U.S. remains the largest exporter of corn by a wide margin."

The soybean outlook shows higher supplies, crush, exports and lower ending stocks from the prior marketing year. The soybean crop was projected at 4.435

billion bushels, up 173 million from a year ago. Along with higher beginning stocks, supplies are 188 million bushels above the 2025/26 marketing year. Total U.S. production was projected at 130.4 million tons, up 4.2 million.

Exports were projected to rise to 1.630 billion bushels, an increase over 2025/26 when tariff measures curtailed shipments to China. U.S. exports are expected

to rise in 2026/27 but the U.S. share of global trade is likely to continue its longer-term downward trajectory as large South American supplies, coupled with strong U.S. demand, limit export growth.

Hopefully, President Donald Trump's recent trip to China will result in some agreement over tariffs and other trade issues as well as some additional U.S. exports, not just of soybeans, but dairy products and a variety of other U.S. goods. The two have plenty to discuss, including the war in Iran and the thorny issue of Taiwan, even as President Xi stated that the U.S. and China should be "partners, not rivals."

CME block Cheddar cheese hit \$1.64 per pound Wednesday but it dropped 7 cents Thursday morning, falling to \$1.57, 36 cents below a year ago, after closing Friday at \$1.6225. The barrels, which had been holding at \$1.60 since last Thursday, were offered 3 cents lower this week, and also dipped to \$1.57, 31 cents below a year ago.

Dairy Market News reports that milk production is strong in the Central region. Spot milk was available, but some contacts reported lower volumes in their local area. Reported spot prices ranged mid-week from \$4-under to \$2-

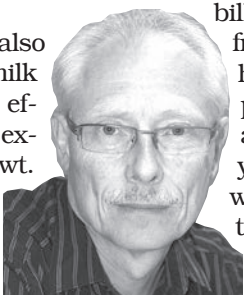
over class. Some contacts reported that strong demand from other processors was increasing those prices. Cheese production was unchanged, as plants continue to run full schedules. Retail cheese demand is strong, while food service sales are down year over year. Export cheese demand is strong. U.S. prices remain competitive, though some contacts said the price difference is slim and an uptick in domestic prices could cause export demand to decline.

Demand for spot milk in the West was not heavy from cheese makers as contractual intakes were generally covering strong production. Spot availability was mixed. Some manufacturers described their inventories as extremely tight. Domestic cheese demand is steady and international buying is strong, thus keeping prices stable, according to some.

Cash butter was trading Thursday at \$1.6450 per pound, 69.75 cents below a year ago. It finished Friday at \$1.6650. 76 loads had traded hands so far.

Central region cream production remains strong, according to DMN. Demand is strong from Class II and Class III processors. Spot cream sales to churns were somewhat light, though contacts reported an uptick in interest from purchasers in the Southwest. Butter production is strong, with some increasing production of 82 percent butterfat butter amid strong export demand. Retail butter sales are steady domestically, while food service interest is light, says DMN.

Milk and cream production were keeping butter churns busy in the West. Spot cream demand was stronger from butter makers. Butter production was strong, producing stock before holiday downtime later this month. Inventories are described as stable or increasing.



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY
By Lee Mielke

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Auctioneer's Note: Due to the passing of Mr. Pfeiffer, we will be offering his full line of equipment within this auction.

- **John Deere 4640 Tractor**, 2WD, 11.00-16 front tires, 18.4R38 rear duals, 1000 PTO, (3) hyd remotes, 3-pt (missing top link) power shift, inside rear wheel weights, (8) front suitcase weights, shows 352 hrs on new tach, SN: 4640P017874R
- **John Deere 4440 Tractor**, 2WD, 14.00-16.1 front tires, 18.4R38 rear duals, 540/1000 PTO, (2) hyd remotes, 3-pt, quad range, shows 297 hrs on new tach (believe to be 6,498 hrs total), (10) front suitcase weights, SN: 4440H037437R
- **John Deere 4230 Tractor w/ JD 158 Loader & 6' Bucket**, 2WD, 11.00-15 front tires, 16.9R38 rear tires, 540/1000 PTO, (2) hyd remotes, quick hitch, quad range, 4,107 hours, SN: 4230H039619R
- **Kinze 3500 Planter**, 8/15 row, 30", rubber closing wheels, markers, seed box extensions, KPM II monitor, SN: 902931
- **John Deere 7200 Conservation MaxEmerge 2 Planter**, 6 row, 30", VacuMeter, markers, liquid fert, (3) 70-gal liquid fert tanks, no-till coulters, cast closing wheels, SN: H07200E66559
- **60' Gregson GP500 Pull Type Sprayer**, 500-gal poly tank, 70-gal poly tank, 15-gal inductor tank, 11.2-38 tires (one tire is brand new), 540 PTO pump, TeeJet sprayer control, boom height, TeeJet 3-nozzle bodies on 20" spacing, boom height adj, hyd fold booms, foam markers (no tank), SN: 9907042
- **John Deere 9510 Maximizer Combine**, 2WD, 24.5-32 front singles, 14.9-24 rear tires, AgLeader PF3000 monitor, Vitteco chaff spreader, Maurer grain bin extension, 2,456 sep hrs, 3,601 engine hrs, SN: H09510X675226
- **John Deere 925 Grain Head w/ Unverferth Header Cart**, fore & aft, full finger, poly skids, poly snouts, SN: H00925F696008, sells w/ 25' Unverferth HT25 header cart, tongue ext
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- **John Deere 693 Corn Head w/ Header Cart**, 6R30", poly snouts, SN: H00693X660487, sells w/ 15' homemade header cart
- **J&M 350 Gravity Bed Seed Wagon**, 11R22.5 tires, roll tarp, lights, tongue ext, wagon SN: 27289, J&M hyd drive seed auger, auger SN: 1600705
- **2000 GMC C-8500 Grain Truck**, gas engine, auto transmission, dual fuel tanks, power steering, twin hoist, tandem axle, spring ride, 11R22.5 tires, 18' Scott dump bed, grain chute, 51,312 miles, VIN: 1GD57H48XJ524661
- **1980 International S-1800 Grain Truck**, International diesel engine, 5+2 spd transmission, 295/75R22.5 tires, tandem axle, air ride cheater axle, rear hitch, 18' East aluminum dump bed, grain chute, roll tarp, 105,961 miles, VIN: AA185KHA14534
- **1978 International 1800 Dump Bed Truck**, gas engine, manual transmission, 10.00-20 tires, tandem axle, 17' stake bed, 198,192 miles, VIN: D0712HCA29446
- **Glencoe S57200 Soil Saver 7-Shank Chisel Plow**, 9.5-15 tires, Remlinger rear leveler, SN: 00268
- **22' Massey Ferguson 820 Disk**, 3-section, 19.5" blades, rear hitch, SN: 905448
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Final week of May typically overcast with precipitation

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may,
Old time is still a-flying;
And this same flower that smiles to-day
Tomorrow will be dying. - Robert Herrick

The Phases of the Moon

May 25: The Moon enters its second quarter.
May 31: The Moon is full.

The Sun

May 21st, the sun reaches a declination of 20 degrees nine minutes, that's almost 90 percent of the way to summer solstice. The period between that date and July is the most stable solar time of summer.

The Stars

Cassiopeia has moved deep into the northern night sky behind Polaris, the north star, by this time of May, and Cepheus, which looks a little like a house lying on its side, is beginning to come around to the east of Polaris. When Cepheus is due east of the north star, then it will be the middle of July. When it lies due south of Polaris, then the leaves will be turning. When it lies due west of Polaris, it will be the middle of Deep Winter.

The Weather in the Week Ahead

The final week of May is typically a wet one, with completely overcast conditions more common than during any other time of the month. On the 25th, 26th and 27th rain falls almost half the time, and the 29th is one of the rainiest days in the whole year. Average temperature distribution for this time of the month is as follows: 5 percent chance of highs in the 90s, 30 percent of 80s, 30 percent of 70s, 25 percent of 60s, and 10 percent of 50s. The brightest days of the week are usually the 27th and 30th.

Natural Calendar

Haying begins above the Ohio River, then tobacco planting, then cantaloupe and pumpkin seeding, then commercial sunflower seeding. Then come thistle blossoms and the first ripe strawberries and the hatching of the last goslings and ducklings, the heading of winter wheat and the end of

soybean planting in dryer years, the spawning of bass in farm ponds, and the completion of the canopy overhead.

Winter landmarks disappear and vistas close. Paths are concealed and blocked. Now there is a certain privacy, a forced myopia, a different dynamic for many humans, a vague sense of vulnerability in the loss of familiar objects, fewer options to track the sun and stars.

There is also a new safety. The time of closing offers protection for insects and fledglings. Mayflies come out along the reeds of riverbanks. Webworms weave nests in the protection of the full coverlet of trees. Warblers travel the wooded flyways. (John and Lisa so many last week, and Aida reported hearing her first towhee.) Firefly larvae mature in the shelter of dark grasses. Adult robins guide their young through the dense understory with staccato messaging. The shade of the canopy provides sanctuary for people and other mammals, as well, offers respite from the heat, creates welcome privacy and a hiding place in nature.

In the Field and Garden

You can tell that Early Summer is underway WHEN certain things happen.... And when those things happen, THEN....other seasons begin, too.

When the first monarch butterfly arrives from the Gulf, then young coyotes come after chickens and new lambs.

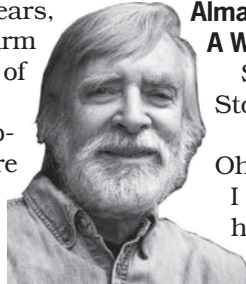
When May apples have fruit the size of a cherry and honeysuckle flowers have all come down, then cucumber beetles reach the economic threshold on the farm.

When yucca plants send up their stalks, then Japanese beetles start to attack roses and ferns.

When the oak leaf hydrangea produces its first blooms, then fall webworms and mimosa webworm eggs are hatching.

When daylilies bloom by the roadsides, then watch for winter wheat to turn a soft, pale green.

When catalpa trees come into bloom, then look for the first raspberries to redden.



POOR WILL'S ALMANACK
By Bill Felker

Almanack Literature A Wood Stove Story

Submitted for Poor Will's Wood Stove Story Contest

By Myrna Glass, St. Mary's, Ohio

I am 83 years old. This story happened before my birth, but it was spoken of quite often.

My dad was a very small man, weighing not too much over 100 pounds. He worked hard as a plasterer and mason, a job usually held by much larger men. He was lots of fun and enjoyed a good joke, even when the joke was on him.

Mother cooked for our large family on a wood stove. After a hard day's work, Dad would chop enough wood to keep the stove going.

Now before this particular day, mother had reminded dad - several times - that her wood supply was getting low,

but he had not gotten around to cutting any.

A nephew, Harvey, worked for dad. Imagine their surprise when they came home for supper to find mother's solution to being out of wood!

A fence rail was stuck into the wood-box of the stove, cooking supper. The other end of the rail was supported by a kitchen chair.

My cousin, Harvey, got a big kick out of seeing that, and it took my dad a long time to live down that joke. It was fun growing up in a family that often found humorous solutions to our problems instead of yelling at each other.

Follow the summer with Bill Felker's A Daybook for May in Yellow Springs, Ohio, and A Daybook for June in Yellow Springs, Ohio. These daybooks contain all the nature notes used to create Poor Will's Almanack. Order yours from Amazon.

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Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana farmers are all aware of Ted Everetts Farm Equipment Auction. Held the first Friday of every even numbered month, this auction is large. I've seen them start at 9 a.m. in the morning and still be selling in three rings after 6 p.m. I've been going to this auction for decades. Truth be told, I've never bought what I intended to buy but have always found deals I didn't think I could pass up.

Why do people flock to this auction, year after year? Several reasons. The volume of equipment is often staggering. I've seen three to four rows of late model combines followed by line after line of tractors, and construction equipment. Another ring will have tillage and miscellaneous equipment and still another ring has lawn mowers, side-by-sides and golf carts. A unique characteristic of this business is that Everett Equipment owns everything sold. There are no reserves. Another reason, and maybe the real reason for people coming back is that the equipment is as advertised or they will fix the equipment or refund every penny. I have personally seen them stand behind this business practice many times. I know my neighbor bought a White 6144 FWA and when we went to pick it up, the hi/lo didn't work. We walked in the office and the staff asked if we wanted the money back or have it repaired. My neighbor chose to have it repaired and the tractor is a workhorse on his farm today.

Why are the Dean Fords, Ted Everetts, and Charlie Mullins succeeding in a down market and others struggle and fail? Honesty and Integrity. I know of a used equipment dealer that built a very good business on the back of a manager with integrity, selling good used equipment that the business stood behind. Over the last three to four years when money has tightened up, the owners got rid of the manager, started buying equipment they knew was not up to the standard they built their reputation on and selling it at prices that previously reflected when you were buying good used equipment. Over the last three years, the policy of standing behind their equipment has been replaced with a "taillight guarantee" when the equipment failed. The anger I have heard expressed towards the management of this business

55 YEARS AND COUNTING FROM THE TRACTOR SEAT
BY BILL WHITMAN

cannot be repeated in type.

Like many others, I saw that John Deere settled the "Right to Repair" case for \$99 million. That sounds like a great deal of money, but compared with what the company has earned, it is relatively small. Other manufacturers also reached settlements. I have always held John Deere in high regard. Even when I could not afford green equipment, I believed those who could were getting the best machines available and the best service in the industry. Sadly, a company once viewed as the standard for integrity and service appears to have traded that reputation for nothing more than greed.

I still think that eventually, the right attitude and integrity will always see us through.

Horse Sense: The high price of fuel helps us appreciate the "work" a gallon of fuel does.

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2026 Truck and Tractor Pull Schedule

AUGUST 10TH thru 15TH, 7 PM START

Mooreland, Indiana

MONDAY

4500, 5000, 5500, 6000, Div. II Antique, (4 mph). 15.5x38, 16.9x34 tire limit, 20" hitch, TOP CUT TIRES ALLOWED
5250 Terry Wilson Open (15.5x38, 16.9x34 tire limit)
5500 American Big Block Modified Rails

TUESDAY

4500, 5000, 5500, Div. III Antique (1980 and older, 8 mph)
4750 5750 Div. III Antique, (1980 and older, 12mph). FULL CUT TIRES ALLOWED, 18.4x38 tire limit, 20" hitch
5250 Terry Wilson Open (18.4x38 tire limit)
6200 N/A Super Stock Antique, 6000 V-8 Modified Antique (20" hitch)

WEDNESDAY

Draft Horse Pull, 7pm start

THURSDAY

6200 Alt Gas 4x4 Trucks
8500 Open Diesel 4x4 Trucks (26" hitch, hanging weights allowed, dot tires)
6500 Work Stock Gas 4x4, 8500 Work Stock Diesel Trucks, (NO hanging front weights or weight brackets in work stock classes, dot tires, 26" hitch).
Street Stock Semi Trucks

FRIDAY

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9500 Hot Farm
5800 Single Engine Modified
12000 10mph Farm Stock
IPL RULES
10500 Too Hot To Farm (DCTPA Rules)

SATURDAY

8500, 9500, 10500, 11500, 15000 Farm Stock, (10mph, 3000 max rpm, any tire, top cut allowed)
11000, 12000 Farm Stock, (Open mph, 3000 max rpm, any tire, top cut allowed)
12000 ALT Farm, 20" Hitch Open Weight Farm Stock. (All caged tractors must pull in the ALT class)

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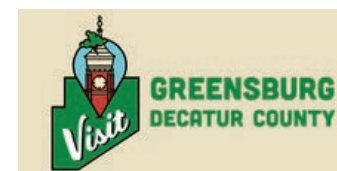
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Tractors

FROM PAGE 2B

Collectors of two-wheeled machines found five classic motorcycles in the lineup. Leading them was a 2006 Harley-Davidson 35th Anniversary Edition Super Glide motorcycle that scored \$8,000. It featured an 88-cubic-inch twin cam engine, 6-speed transmission, aftermarket mufflers, a Screamin' Eagle kit and custom flamed chrome work. It was identified as 2,645 of 3,500 produced. Close behind at \$7,500 was a 2011 Harley-Davidson Softail Deluxe showing just 1,388 miles. The motorcycle was equipped with Vance & Hines mufflers and drew strong interest from bidders looking for a low-mileage touring bike.

Those with eyes for scale models had plenty of opportunities, with 16 die-cast classic cars and trucks offered. Topping the category at \$75 each were a 1956 Ford F-100 pickup by Danbury Mint and a 1960 Chevrolet Impala convertible by Franklin Mint. Other examples included a 1951 Ford F-1 pickup die-cast model by Danbury Mint that went for \$55, a 1937 Studebaker pickup, also by Danbury Mint, at \$35. Yet another Danbury - a 1953 Chevrolet pickup - went home for \$25.

Rounding out the sale were 19 lots of commercial collectibles, including an assortment of agricultural memorabilia that drew interest from niche collectors. At the top was a group of 25 vintage oil cans from brands like Esso, Gulfpride and Sohio that hit \$385. A pair of Funk's Hybrid Seed signs topped the agricultural advertising at \$275, while a 15-by-11-inch



Above: Die-cast replicas included this Danbury Mint 1956 Ford F-100 that scored \$75.

Case Model L metal sign brought \$45 later in the auction.

Several lots of burlap feed sacks added another element. Prices ranged from \$5 for a group of six sacks featuring names such as Larro

and Jockey Oats, to \$20 for a collection of seven from brands including General Mills and Red Rose.

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Silly Safari - Tuesday 23rd @ 5:30 & 7:00pm
Wayne County Idol - Wednesday 24th @ 6pm (Semi finals)
Silly Safari - Thursday 25th @ 5:30 & 7:00pm
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Wayne County Idol - Saturday, 27th @ 5pm (Finals)

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Wednesday, June 24th @ 7pm

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Tuesday, June 23rd @ 7pm

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Friday, June 26th @ 7pm

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Indiana Conservation Officers seek help finding stolen track chairs

Indiana Conservation Officers are asking for help in locating mobility track chairs stolen during recent break-ins at Fort Harrison State Park. There is a \$5,500 reward offered for information leading to the recovery of missing items.

The break-ins occurred between 9 p.m. on April 30 and 6 a.m. on May 1. Six Department of Natural Resources (DNR) buildings were forcibly entered and vandalized.

Several items were stolen, including two AXIS Model 30 track chairs, which are black and orange with large tracks for wheels. Track chairs are all-terrain, electric-powered wheelchairs used to help people with limited mobility safely explore rugged, off-road environments. The chairs were recently purchased to expand access to the outdoors at all Indiana State Parks. Additionally, two Vietnam War-era helmets were also stolen.

Tips can be directed 812-837-9536 or emailed to ICODispatch@dnr.IN.gov.

Indiana Conservation Officers hold memorial and awards ceremony

On May 8, the Department of Natural Resources Division of Law Enforcement held a ceremony at to remember fallen conservation officers and recognize officers currently serving.

The ceremony started with a time of remembrance for fallen officers.

Following the memorial ceremony, the division recognized current individual officers for their outstanding service.

District 10 Officer Tyler Brock, assigned to Porter County, was selected as the James D. Pitzer Indiana Conservation Officer of the Year. The award recognizes Brock as the top conservation officer of 2025, selected from the 10 district officer of the year recipients.

The Pitzer award is named for James Pitzer, who was killed in the line of duty in Jay County. The recipient of the award demonstrates professional ethics, attitude and service to the public while demonstrating dedication to the conservation of natural resources and the enforcement of laws affecting the department. The officer must also provide a positive influence, develop camaraderie within the ranks, and gain the confidence and respect of fellow officers.

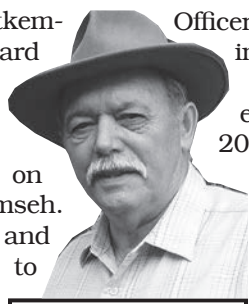
Lt. Brent Bohbrink received the Director's Leadership Award for his work overseeing the DNR Division of Law Enforcement's statewide 24-hour dispatch center and the Turn In a Poacher (TIP) program.

District 9 Officer Steve Kinne was pre-

sented with the William J. Nattkemper Brotherhood Award. The award is named in remembrance of William J. Nattkemper who, along with William J. Peare, lost his life on April 27, 1926, on the Wabash River near Tecumseh. Officers L.B. Watson, John Pile and A.R. Hill, who were witnesses to the incident, remained at the scene until the bodies of their fallen comrades were recovered. The award recognizes the commitment and inseparable bond of brotherhood displayed by those men which has become the hallmark of Indiana Conservation Officers.

Retired Officer Jeff Wells was presented with the Honorary Lt. Colonel Award, recognizing his significant lifetime contributions shaping the integrity and professionalism of the Division of Law Enforcement through his continued support and advocacy for the DNR.

District 2 Officer Erick Bolt was recognized by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) as the state's Boating Enforcement



SPAULDING OUTDOORS
By Jack Spaulding

Officer of the Year for his leadership in boating education.

District 8 Officer Zach Howerton was presented with the 2025 Waterfowl Protection Officer of the Year award for his enforcement of waterfowl regulations and his related performance in public education and community interaction.

District 9 Officer Josh Thomas was selected as the National Turkey Federation Wildlife Officer of the Year. Considerations for the award include an officer's case involvement, public relations outreach, and service to the community.

District 8 Officer Rob Klakamp was selected as the International Wildlife Crimestoppers Game Warden of the Year for his demonstration of outstanding conservation law enforcement, excellence in response to TIP information, heroic service, and meaningful engagement with youth and outdoor communities.

Officers Matt Landis, of District 5,

and Kendrick Fuhrman and Kenny Tincher II, of District 7, were honored with Life Saving Awards for their exceptional actions saving lives.

Communications specialist Stephanie Hovious received the Dispatcher of the Year Award for her work in the Indiana Conservation Officers Central Dispatch Center.

William Haus received the 2025 Civilian Employee of the Year Award for his dedication, competence, and exceptional attention to detail in assisting the division to carry out its mission and responsibilities.

'till next time,
Jack

Readers can contact the author by writing to this publication or e-mail Jack at jackspaulding1971@outlook.com. Spaulding's books, "The Best Of Spaulding Outdoors" and "The Coon Hunter And The Kid," are available from Amazon.com as a paperback or Kindle download.

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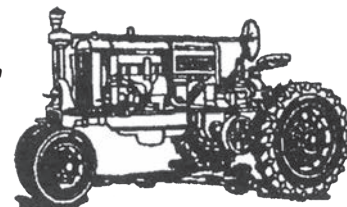
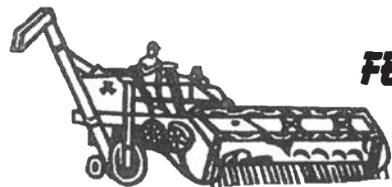
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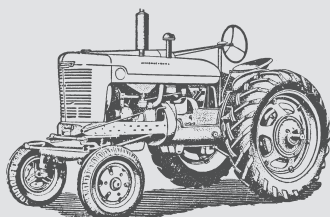
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 25th
7:00 AM Setup Begins

FRIDAY, JUNE 26th

Food Opens at 8 AM Served All Day

7:00 AM Registration and Set-up Opens
8:00 AM Vendors Open for Business
9:00 AM Opening Ceremonies
10:00 AM Working Exhibit Demonstration
1:00 PM Tractor Dyno Opens
2:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration
3:00 PM Tractor Games
4:00 PM Skillet Toss/Nail Driving Contest
5:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration/Cruise-in Opens
6:00 PM Tom Fiddlerly at the Gazebo
9:00 PM Cruise-in Ends

SATURDAY, JUNE 27th

Food Opens at 8 AM Served All Day

7:00 AM Registration and Set-up Opens
8:00 AM Vendors Open for Business
9:00 AM Opening Ceremonies
10:00 AM Working Exhibit Demonstration / Motorcycle Ride Leaves Fairgrounds / Touch A Truck / Tractor Begins
11:00 AM Tractor Teeter Totter Competition
12 NOON Straw Search For Kids
12:30 PM Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Registration Opens
1:00 PM Kids Tractor Pedal Pulls/Farmers Market Ends
2:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration / Pet Adoption Ends / Touch A Truck / Tractor Begins
3:00 PM Pedal Tractor Games & Races
4:00 PM Adult Pedal Tractor Pulls

5:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration
6:00 PM Tom Fiddlerly at the Gazebo

SUNDAY, JUNE 30th

Food Opens at 8 AM Served All Day

7:00 AM Breakfast
8:30 AM Church Service
10:00 AM Slow Tractor Drive / Working Exhibit Demonstration
1:00 PM Auction Begins

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2026 Ohio County Fair Schedule

JUNE 26th-JULY 3rd, 2026

1414 FAIRGROUND RD., RISING SUN, IN 47040



Saturday, June 13

8:00 AM Rifle, Pistol, & Shotgun Final Shoot
 (Catfish Club)

Thursday, June 25

6:00 PM Royalty Contest (HS Cafeteria)

Friday, June 26

Gate Fee \$10 (5 & under free)

10:00 AM Fashion Revue (Ext Office)
 1:00 PM Dog Show (Exhibit Hall)
 2:00 PM Pocket Pets Show (Exhibit Hall)
 2:30 PM Cat Show (Exhibit Hall)
 3:00 PM Gates Open
 4:00 PM Drags Registration & Inspection
 7:00 PM Flat Drags

Saturday, June 27

Gate Fee \$15 (5 & under free)

12:00 PM Tractor Driving Contest
 2:00 PM-3:00 PM Open Class Drop Off
 3:00 PM Gates Open
 6:00 PM-8:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open
 6:00 PM Pedal Tractor Pull
 7:00 PM Truck/Tractor Pull

Monday, June 29

7:30 AM-8:30 AM Breeding Gilt Unloading
 Noon Archery Shoot
 5:00 PM-8:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open
 5:00 PM Sheep Show
 6:45 PM Sweepstakes Winner Announced
 7:00 PM Swine Show

Tuesday, June 30

7:30 AM-8:30 AM Lactating Dairy Goats Unloading
 9:00 AM Rabbit Show
 12:00 PM 4-Her Games
 5:00 PM-8:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open
 5:00 PM Dairy Goat Show
 7:00 PM Meat Goat Show



Wednesday, July 1

9:00 AM Poultry/Waterfowl Show
 2:00 PM-3:00 PM Enter Cow/Calf
 5:00 PM-8:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open
 6:00 PM Beef Show



Thursday, July 2

9:30 AM Horse Show Registration
 10:00 AM Horse Show
 10:30 AM-12:00 PM Mini 4-H Picnic
 5:00 PM-8:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open
 5:00 PM Supreme Showmanship
 7:30 PM Frog Jumping Contest



Friday, July 3

10:00 AM 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
 4:00 PM-6:00 PM Farm Bureau Pork Chop BBQ
 3:00 PM-7:00 PM Exhibit Hall Open
 6:00 PM Ohio County 4-H Auction



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5. 4 WHEEL DRIVE TRUCKS 8 CYLINDER
6. UNLIMITED 2-WHEEL DRIVE - OPEN (SUPERCHARGE, NITROUS)
7. JEEPS 4 & 6 CYLINDER
8. STOCK TRUCKS
9. UNLIMITED 4-WHEEL DRIVE- OPEN (SUPERCHARGE, NITROUS)
10. JEEP 8 CYLINDER
11. PERFORMANCE DIESEL TRUCK
12. SUV 4 & 6 CYLINDER
13. SUV 8 CYLINDER
14. DASH FOR CASH- STREET LEGAL (DRIVE TO TRACK)- OPEN TO ALL SINGLE ELIMINATION- 1ST PLACE ONLY
15. DASH FOR CASH-UNLIMITED- OPEN- SINGLE ELIMINATION- 1ST PLACE ONLY

ATV CLASSES

1. TRAIL MOD 4 STROKE (400 AND ABOVE, NO ALCOHOL, NIRTO, WHEELIE BAR, RACE TIRES, TIE DOWNS, MUSTHAVE 6 IN. CLEARANCE)
2. TRAIL MOD 4 STROKE (400 AND BELOW, NO ALCOHOL, NIRTO, WHEELIE BAR, RACE TIRES, TIE DOWNS, MUSTHAVE 6 IN. CLEARANCE)
3. STOCK ATV 2 & 4 STROKE (NO TIE DOWNS/NO RACE TIRES/NO ENGINE MODS AND MUST HAVE STOCK AIR BOX)
4. JUNIOR QUAD STOCK NO MOD UP TO 125 TWO STROKE 200 FOUR STROKE, IF THREE OR MORE 50CC'S MOC
5. JUNIOR BIKES NO MODS 79CC OR LESS
6. JUNIOR QUADS OPEN UP TO 125 TWO STORKE 200 FOUR STROKE IF THREE OR MORE 50CC'S - MOC
7. JUNIOR BIKES OPEN 79CC OR LESS
8. OPEN OUTLAWS (ATV, BIKES AND SNOWMOBILE)
9. AUTOMATIC QUADS/SIDE BY SIDES/UTILITY/250 TRAILBLAZERS
10. 4 STROKE MODIFIED (ALL DIRT BIKES/POLARIS AUTOMATIC /BLASTER W/CUT TRANNY) NO STREET BIKE MOTORS
11. 4 STROKE 350CC OR LESS BLASTER/250 TRAILBLAZERS
12. QUADS ONLY 2 STROKE OPEN (ATV MOTORS ONLY, NO FASTER THAN 4.00 IN 300FT. (< THAN 4.00 BUMPS TO OUTLAW)
13. 4 STROKE MODIFIED/4 STROKE ATV MOTORS ONLY
14. COUNTY CLASS 2 AND 4 STROKE (NO OUTLAW BIKES, ID IS REQUIRED)
15. OPEN DASH FOR CASH WINNER TAKES ALL
16. BIKES 80-150CC AND 4 STROKE (NO 125 S STROKE PLEASE)
17. BIKES 2 AND 4 (IF 4 OR MORE 125 OR 250CC MAKE THEIR OWN CLASS)
18. 2 STROKE MODIFIED (MUST USE CLUTCH TO SHIFT, NO CUT TRANNY OR MONO BLOCK)
19. 4 STROKE 600CC'S AND BELOW

TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL

CLASSES:

- 6500 LIGHT HOT FARM
- 2.6 SMOOTH BORE DIESEL
- 4300 MINI
- 5200 PRO STREET
- 5700 SMALL BLOCK
- 6200 SUPER STOCK
- 7000 FARM STOCK

JUNE 27
7:00 PM

RISING SUN
INDIANA