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## Late-season nitrogen may improve soybean meal used in livestock feed

By **DOUG SCHMITZ**  
Iowa Correspondent

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Kentucky State University (KSU) researchers may have found a possible solution to the decline in seed protein concentration, which affects the quality of soybean meal used in livestock feed: late-season nitrogen applications.

Led by Deepak Khatri, KSU Agronomy Lab research associate, under the mentorship of Anuj Chiluwal, KSU Agronomy Lab principal investigator and assistant professor of agronomy, the two-year study was conducted at KSU's Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm.

The study used two soybean cultivars (specific breeds or varieties) from different maturity groups, and examined how biochar and late-season nitrogen applications affect soybean yield and seed quality. Biochar refers to a carbon-rich, charcoal-like substance produced by heating agricultural and forestry waste in a low or zero-oxygen environment, according to KSU.

The research evaluated the effects of biochar and late-season nitrogen fertilization on soybean yield and seed composition across two maturity group soybean cultivars. The study found late-season nitrogen fertilization increased seed protein concentration by 1.2 to 2.8 percent across both growing seasons.

Researchers said oil concentration was not affected, indicating the strategy improved protein without creating a trade-off in oil quality: "Declining soybean protein concentration is a major concern because it directly affects the quality of soybean meal used in animal feed," Khatri said. "Our research provides evidence that

lower nitrogen applications during the seed-filling period can help reverse this trend."

Chiluwal told Farm World soybean yield in the U.S. has increased gradually over the past few decades; however, there is also a constant decline in seed protein concentration during the period, which has become one of the concerns for the U.S. soybean industry.

"Recent studies have suggested nitrogen limitations during seed filling period in modern high-yielding soybean cultivars are the main reason for the decline," he said. "Therefore, we conducted this study where we tested different doses of nitrogen fertilizations during its seed filling stage to see if it can improve seed protein concentration."

He said the findings provide a potential solution for soybean farmers and the industry to address the declining trend in seed protein concentration: "However, it is important to note that soybean obtains the majority of its nitrogen through biological nitrogen fixation, which is the most efficient source of nitrogen for soybean. Therefore, any additional nitrogen application should not suppress this process."

According to Iowa State University, biological nitrogen fixation is the process by which specialized, free-living microorganisms convert inert atmospheric nitrogen into ammonia, which makes nitrogen accessible to plants for critical growth functions.

"To address this concern, we are currently conducting further studies to evaluate the effects of nitrogen fertilization on soybean biological nitrogen fixation, and determine whether this approach can sustainably improve seed protein concentration before recommending this practice to farmers," he added.

Researchers said the study's research takes a different approach from previous studies by applying varying doses of nitrogen fertilizer during the seed-filling period, when the crop's nitrogen demand peaks and biological nitrogen fixation and soil nitrogen supply may no longer be sufficient under high-yielding conditions.

Chiluwal said the findings are significant because earlier efforts to improve soybean protein through late-season nitrogen applications often relied on fertilizer rates too high

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**Above:** As soon as the ground dries out, another round of rain falls on Northeastern Indiana, preventing farmers from spring planting. The winter wheat crop seems on track for possible harvest around the Fourth of July. Indiana ranks 18th in the nation for winter wheat production. Photo by Leondia Walchle

## Lack of broadband funds from BEAD could impact Illinois farmers

By **TIM ALEXANDER**  
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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Illinois farmers faced with having to cultivate and harvest crops without the latest GPS-driven technological tools are among those around the state who are suffering due to the U.S. Department of Commerce withholding over \$1 billion in broadband funding for the state, according to Gov. JB Pritzker.

The governor has urged Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick to promptly approve Illinois' Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Final Proposal, which would deliver \$1.04 billion in federal funding to expand broadband access to more than 383,000 Illinois residents, the vast majority of whom are living in rural communities or on farms.

"Patients are unable to access critical telemedicine services, students cannot complete homework online, farmers are left without the necessary tools to monitor crops, new businesses cannot leverage online platforms and job seekers lose out on opportunities to support their families," Pritzker said in the letter dated May 12.

The \$42.5 billion BEAD program was established by the Biden administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, passed by Congress in 2021. Connect Illinois, the state board appointed to allocate federal BEAD monies, planned to use Round 4 BEAD funding to inch closer to its goal of ubiquitous statewide broadband access for homes, businesses and communities throughout the state. Connect Illinois invests BEAD funding in broadband access

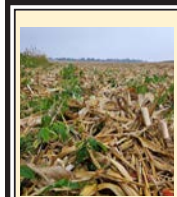
to enhance rural citizens' access to economic development, education, precision agriculture and telehealth.

To receive Round 4 funding, the administration required states to submit a five-year plan that identifies under-and-unserved communities while soliciting feedback from the public before filing for final approval. Midway through the funding process, however, the Commerce Department decided to review the program, which Lutnick claimed had "not connected a single person to the internet" due to "woke mandates," favoritism and burdensome regulations.

"Under my leadership, the Commerce Department has launched a rigorous review of the BEAD program," Lutnick said in a March 5, 2025, statement. "The department is ripping out the Biden administration's pointless requirements. It is revamping the BEAD program to take a tech-neutral approach that is rigorously driven by outcomes, so states can provide internet access for the lowest cost. Additionally, the department is exploring ways to cut government red tape that slows down infrastructure construction."

Though the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) policy is to complete reviews within 90 days of submission, Pritzker said Illinois has been waiting for approval since submitting its Round 4 BEAD proposal to the Commerce Department on Sept. 30, 2025. The Illinois governor warned that the funding delay is stalling critical infrastructure projects and creating uncertainty for contractors prepared to begin work

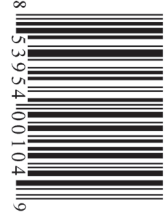
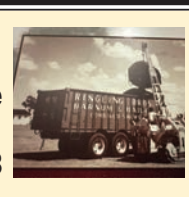
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# Broadband

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on broadband projects across the state. He also emphasized that rural Illinois families, schools, libraries, hospitals, farmers, students and small businesses are the ones paying the price for the lengthy delay.

"Service providers are ready to get shovels in the ground on 232 construction projects to connect Illinois homes and businesses," Pritzker wrote. "With each passing day progress is stalled, costs rise and the financial impact for providers continue to grow as they wait for these critical projects to move forward. All of this breaks your promise to get Americans connected faster and stands in the way of economic progress and prosperity for impacted families and business owners."

The governor also stressed that each day without approval for the funding increases project costs and risks slowing economic growth in communities most in need of investment. He argued that withholding funding approval undermines President Trump's stated goal of quickly connecting rural Americans with broadband while expanding economic opportunity nationwide.

Though the administration has not directly addressed Pritzker's plea to Lutnick for an explanation (a status inquiry emailed to Pritzker's office had not been acknowledged by press time), Trump issued an executive order in December 2025 directing the Commerce Department to explore withholding BEAD funding

from states with artificial intelligence regulations that clash with administration policy. This directive directly targeted Illinois' AI laws.

Looking back further, the Congressional Research Service (CRS), which was formed as a nonpartisan advisory staff to congressional committees and members of Congress, noted that the 119th Congress, when seated in January 2025, would be called on to "assess and address concerns that have been raised regarding the implementation of the BEAD Program.

In a Sept. 29, 2025, report published to Congress.gov, the CRS stated that "concerns include the pace at which NTIA has implemented the BEAD Program, whether certain programmatic requirements or subsequent changes made by NTIA have caused delays in program implementation, and whether NTIA has implemented the program fully consistent with congressional intent and the framework laid out in the IJJA.

"Another concern involves the requirement that BEAD-funded network deployment projects be 'technology-neutral' and who should determine the most suitable broadband connectivity technology for the project - NTIA, states or subgrantees (i.e., internet service providers, or ISPs). A further concern is whether program requirements such as those related to fair labor practices and climate resilience imposed by NTIA in its BEAD notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) are necessary.

"Congress may be interested in overseeing and addressing various



**Above:** Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker, pictured at a May 19 appearance in Peoria, sent a letter to Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick demanding an explanation for the administration's withholding of \$1.04 billion in broadband funding due to the state. As of press time, the letter had not been acknowledged by Lutnick. (T. Alexander photo)

aspects of BEAD Program implementation. Congress could consider a range of options, including taking no legislative actions but deferring to the current administration and focusing efforts on oversight through hearings and investigations."

While the 119th Congress has ap-

parently decided to select the CRS' option of deferring the issue to the Trump administration, Illinois and California remain the only two states still awaiting approval for BEAD program funding as of Farm World press time.

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# Soybeans

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to be practical for producers.

"Previous studies aimed at increasing soybean protein through late-season nitrogen applications relied on extremely high rates - ranging from more than 200 to 870 kilograms per hectare - making them neither economically viable nor environmentally sustainable," he said. A hectare is a metric unit of land area equal to exactly 10,000 square meters.

In contrast, he said the study tested lower nitrogen rates of 40 to 120 kilograms per hectare, applied in three split applications during the seed-filling period: "The findings demonstrate that even modest nitrogen applications can improve seed protein concentration, offering a more practical and scalable solution to a significant industry challenge."

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# Farmers' land value views sway economy, investments thoughts

By Michele F. Mihaljevich  
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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Farmers' feelings about where they think land values are headed go hand in hand with their views on the overall farm economy and their operations specifically, according to a Purdue University professor of agricultural economics.

"The way you view trends in land values influences every major decision on your farm," said Michael Langemeier, also director of the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture. "That's

not just about buying or renting land. It's showing up in how you think about risk, investment timing and even your outlook for the next year.

"Land values expectations aren't just about the land. They're closely tied to overall confidence in the farm business."

Langemeier spoke during a Purdue Commercial AgBrief released May 19.

Using data gathered to prepare the March 2026 Purdue University-CME Group Ag Economy Barometer, he said there's a clear divide forming in how land values are expected to move and

what that means for decision making on the farm.

Overall, producer sentiment remains reliably stable, but more interesting is what's happening beneath the surface, he noted.

When producers are grouped by their farmland value expectations over the next year, a clear split emerges, Langemeier pointed out. Some producers expect land values to increase, but others expect them to decline. Even though both groups are operating in the same farm economy with similar interest rates, input costs and policy uncertainty, their outlooks and decisions look very different, he said.

"One of the clearest differences shows up in financial expectations," Langemeier explained. "Producers who expect higher land values tend to report stronger expectations for their own financial performance over the near year. They're also more optimistic about current conditions on their farms.

"On the other hand, producers expecting lower land values are noticeably more cautious, and more pessimistic, with respect to their financial performance. They're less confident in near-term financial performance and less positive about current conditions."

Those that are fairly pessimistic with respect to land values are not expected to make as many capital investments while those that are more optimistic are more likely to make such investments, he said.

"That gap matters because what farmers decide to invest in today doesn't just affect this year," Langemeier said. "It carries forward into how the farm performs down the road. What we're seeing is two different responses to the same economic conditions - one

more defensive and one more growth oriented."

Across both groups, high input costs remain the biggest concern, but the intensity of concern is higher among farmers expecting lower land values, he said.

Producers differed in their answers to a question about what they think is influencing farmland values in the area. Those expecting lower land values tend to point to net farm income, Langemeier said, adding that likely reflects pressure, margins and profitability concerns. Those expecting higher land values are more likely to point to alternative investments, such as financial markets or other asset classes competing for capital, he said.

"So, one group is focused on farm income fundamentals while the other is looking more broadly at relative investment returns," Langemeier said. "Land values aren't just a market number. They're tied closely to how you're thinking about risk, cash flow and whether now is the right time to invest or hold back. It's whether your decisions are being driven by your own farm numbers or what you think the market is going to do next."

About 10 percent of respondents to the March ag economy barometer survey expected land values to be lower over the next 12 months, while 35 percent expected them to be higher, according to a survey summary from Langemeier and Joana Colussi, research assistant professor of agricultural economics at Purdue.

The respondents who expect land values to decline over the next 12 months are less optimistic about land values five years from now, the authors said. They also tend to be less optimistic about the direction the U.S. is headed.

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# IDFA's Project Diversify to target high-growth global dairy markets

By **DOUG SCHMITZ**  
Iowa Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA) has launched its new initiative, Project Diversify, which officials said is designed to identify high-growth global markets, and expand U.S. dairy export opportunities. The initiative began May 1.

"Market diversification is central to the future of U.S. dairy exports, opening new avenues for growth, expanding global reach, and ensuring American dairy remains competitive in an evolving global marketplace," said Michael Dykes, DVM, IDFA president and CEO.

According to IDFA, U.S. dairy exports reached nearly \$9.51 billion in 2025, a 15 percent increase over the previous year, underscoring the industry's expanding global footprint and rising international demand for American dairy products.

Officials said Project Diversify builds on this momentum by helping exporters target the next generation of growth markets and strengthen long-term market expansion strategies: "A diversified export and trade strategy that includes both market and product expansion creates opportunity, and positions the industry for continued growth," Dykes said.

Officially added that its inaugural report applies a consistent framework for evaluating new markets based on demand growth, import reliance, market stability, trade dynamics and regulatory environment. The initiative also reflects a broader effort by IDFA to equip exporters with actionable insights and tools to support more strategic, resilient global expansion.

In addition to the data-backed guidance, officials said Project Diversify will expand over time to include interactive tools that allow users to explore emerging and high-potential markets across regions and product categories.

Becky Rasdall Vargas, IDFA senior vice president, trade, and workforce policy, told Farm World U.S. dairy exports have been growing steadily for more than two decades, becoming an increasingly important part of the industry and a larger share of how U.S. milk production is utilized - while at the same time, that growth has been concentrated in a relatively small number of key markets.

"Over the last year, disruptions in other sectors like soy, where exports to China dropped off sharply, real-

ly highlighted the need for greater diversification," she said. "IDFA developed Project Diversify in consultation with our members and the U.S. government to take a more strategic, data-driven approach to identifying new markets, and broadening the industry's export footprint, while also supporting U.S. negotiations."

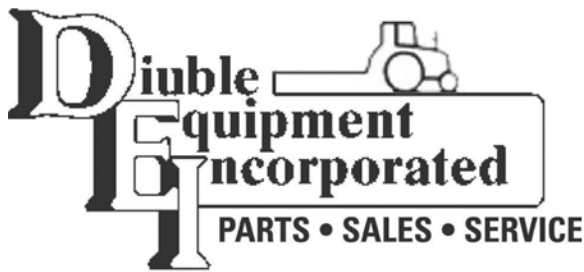
She added, "When we look at new markets, U.S. exporters need basic thresholds in place. For instance, reliable transportation methods, import demand and population size. We look at those factors and standardize the metrics across all markets to create a clearer picture for U.S. dairy exporters when evaluating markets, as well as for U.S. negotiators when engaging in negotiations with foreign markets."

She said Project Diversify applies that consistent, data-driven framework across different global markets to evaluate those factors, which include demand growth, import needs, market stability, regulatory environment and trade dynamics: "Collectively, this gives U.S. dairy exporters and policymakers a clearer view of where the strongest opportunity is for growth and diversification."

In this first report, she said IDFA looked at the 16 countries that make

up western Africa, evaluating each market using both quantitative and qualitative indicators: "The analysis revealed particularly strong demand growth and import needs in Nigeria, with Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal also emerging as leading markets, showing where U.S. dairy might grow next. We intend to expand our reporting to other regions in the months ahead."

She added that identifying markets with strong demand and import needs can help position U.S. dairy for long term growth. "Project Diversify applies a consistent, data-backed framework to identify where diversification opportunities are strongest. We look forward to working with our members and policymakers to turn those insights into strategic action."



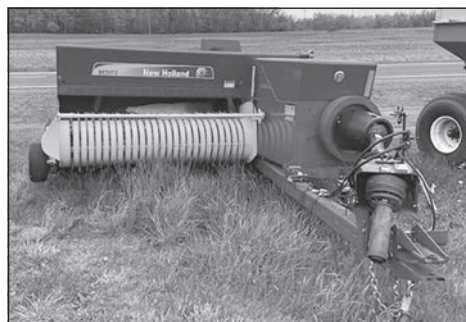
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Unverferth 1060 Grain Cart		
Unverferth 630 Gravity Wagon		
Kuhn GF5203THA tedder		

### DEMO EQUIPMENT IN STOCK

- Arts-Way 664 Top Spread Bale Spreader
- Kuhn GA 4231 T Rake
- Kuhn SR112 Speed Rake
- Kuhn GMD280 Mower
- Danuser CM40 Concrete Breaker
- Summers Mfg. Rock Picker
- Summers 3RT Samurai 3 pt vertical tillage
- KUHN VB560 ROUND BALER (5X6)**

### ATTACHMENTS IN STOCK

- Cammond 7ft. Grading Scraper
- All Danuser, Legend, & Maxilator Equipment
- Danuser Mega-Mixer
- Danuser Intimidator
- Danuser SM40 Post Driver
- Legend Double Bale Spear
- Legend 72" Grapple Bucket
- Legend 72" Open Brush Cutter #33252
- Maxilator Accumaggrapple, 10 Bale

### USED EQUIPMENT

- 07 Kuhn GA 7822 Twin Rotor Rake
- Kuhn Knight 8141 Slinger Manure Spreader
- Kuhn Knight 3ft chain & slat discharge for mixer. Complete kit... Nice!
- Knight 8132 Manure Spreader
- New Holland F62B Silage Blower, Nice
- New Idea 60" Forage Blower
- Unverferth 1225 Dbl. Rolling Harrow 28ft w/Cover Crop Seeder
- Unverferth 14' Brush Tip Gravity Box Auger Kit
- 20 ft VanDale / Jamesway Magnum 2 Surface Drive Silo Unloader
- 24 ft VanDale / Jamesway Magnum 2 Surface Drive Silo Unloader
- 2010 Agco 1745 round Baler. Exc Cond
- Hayrite 54ft Bale Elevator With Chute, Nice
- Kuhn Knight 8124 spreader NICE
- CLARKS AG SUPPLY EASIOLOAD 4 BOX SEED TENDER WITH GOOSENECK HITCH & TALC APPLICATOR EXCELLENT CONDITION



# China to buy billions of dollars of US ag products, trade rep says

After several weeks of uncertainty, the U.S. and China have come to an outline for future trade. U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer has stated that China would be buying "billions" of dollars of ag products, not just soybeans, over the next three years. According to the White House fact sheet, China has agreed to purchase \$17 billion of ag products between 2026 and 2028. This is above and beyond the \$25 billion in soybeans China has already agreed to purchase over the same period, and a welcome relief for U.S. exporters.

Several private analysts have updated their global grain production numbers. One of these was AgResource who projected a 2026 U.S. wheat crop of 1.62 billion bu, down 18 percent from 2025. The group also lowered its EU/UK production to 138 million metric tons, down 5 percent from 2025. On corn, AgResource is predicting a U.S. crop of 16.09 bbu, 5.5 percent decline from 2025. Their Brazil crop estimate is 136 mmt, down 0.7 percent from last year, and for Argentina it's 58 mmt, down 6.5 percent on the year.

The South American group Safras also updated its wheat production forecasts. For Brazil, Safras is expecting

a 6.16 mmt crop, just below the prior 6.85 mmt estimate. For Argentina, Safras sees a wheat crop of 28.2 mmt, down 5 percent from last year. This is the result of a 5 percent drop in wheat acreage.

The Rosario Grain Exchange has released its revised Argentine crop estimates. Rosario is now predicting a 2025/26 Argentine corn crop of 68 mmt, up 1 mmt from their prior estimate. The soybean crop is estimated at 50 mmt, 2 mmt more than the prior estimate. Rosario is also predicting a 2026/27 Argentine wheat crop from 18 mmt to 19 mmt. If accurate, this is a considerable decline in wheat production from this year's 29.5 mmt crop. The USDA is currently predicting Argentine crops of 59 mmt on corn, 48 mmt for soybeans, and 21 mmt on wheat.

The Brazilian firm CONAB released its updated 2025/26 production numbers as well. CONAB has the country's soybean crop at 180.13 mmt, up 1 mmt from last month. Brazil's soybean exports are estimated at 116 mmt, just above the 115.4 mmt last month. The group's corn crop estimate is now 140.17 mmt, compared to 139.57 mmt in April. CONAB sees a Brazil wheat crop of 6.4 mmt, down from the April

6.61 mmt estimate. The USDA has Brazil's crops at 180 mmt on soybeans, 135 mmt on corn and 6.7 mmt for wheat.

Not to be left out, the research firm Datagro is predicting a 1.7 percent expansion to Brazil soybean production this year. This would put Brazil soybean plantings for the 2026/27 year at 123.5 million acres. Even with this small expansion, Datagro is forecasting a soybean crop of 187 mmt compared to 183 mmt for this year. The current USDA forecast for Brazil's 2026/27 soybean crop is 186 mmt.

The recent rally in corn futures has been welcomed by farmers, but for corn processors, margins have been squeezed. Right now, this is mostly the case for feed and the rally in energy is supporting ethanol margins. The rally in corn has combined with poor pasture ratings and high replacement costs to deter feeder cattle interest at today's levels.

High priced feed is not just an issue in the United States. China has cut back its corn inclusion in feed rations to 43 percent, down from 47 percent to start the year. China has access to feed wheat and barley, and when combined with U.S. sorghum imports, it is allowing the country to limit high priced corn usage.

The Consumer Price Index data for

April was released with negative numbers. The CPI reading for April, which is the gauge of inflation, was a three-year high at 3.8 percent. This was an increase of 0.6 percent from March. Core inflation, which excludes food and energy costs, was above expectations at 2.8 percent, an increase of 0.2 percent from March. Energy prices increased 3.8 percent in April, which was better than the 10.9 percent spike seen a month ago. Food inflation was 0.5 percent in April after a steady reading the prior month. What was most concerning in this data was that inflation outpaced wage growth, indicating more stress for the U.S. economy.

Another set of economic figures added to the negativity from the inflation report. The Producer Price Index in April was up 1.4 percent from March, well above the 0.6 percent that was expected. The producer inflation reading for April when excluding food and energy was 1 percent, also above the 0.4 percent that was expected. Total producer inflation is now 6 percent above last year, the highest reading since 2022. These added production expenses will eventually be passed to consumers.

The Climate Prediction Center has revised its El Nino forecast. The CPC now sees an 82 percent chance of an El Nino weather event being in place by the end of July. The CPC also sees the El Nino lasting through the winter months, with a 96 percent chance of the event lasting through February 2027. If correct, not only will this be a factor for U.S. production, but the start of the Brazil soybean growing season as well. The question is how strong the event will be, with some forecasters seeing it rivaling the 2015/16 El Nino that was the strongest in 145 years.

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**MARKET ANALYSIS**  
By Karl Setzer

 <p><b>2004 Gehl DL10L-44</b>, EROPS w/Heat, Missing Upper Door, JD Dsl. 4 Spd., PS, 10K Capacity, 44' Reach, Foam Filled Tires, 48" Forks, Work Rdy... <b>\$24,500</b></p>	 <p><b>2015 Sunflower 5056-45</b> Field Cultivator, 45" VG 9" Sweeps, 3 Bar Spike, Drag w/Baskets, Shank Protectors, Very Nice... <b>\$37,500</b></p>	 <p><b>2008 Case IH ADX 2230</b>, Cart Fill Auger, Stored Inside, Good Condition... <b>\$5,450</b></p>	 <p><b>1996 John Deere 8300</b>, CAH, PS, 3 Pt., 1000PTO, 4 Rem., 9100 Hrs., Very Nice... <b>\$57,500</b></p>	 <p><b>2013 Case IH Magnum 290</b>, CAH, PS, 3 Pt., PTO, 3330 Hrs., Very Nice, 1 Owner Tractor, Has Been Deleted... <b>\$122,500</b></p>
 <p><b>2015 Steiger 580</b>, Quad Track, CAH, PS, 3 Pt., w/Quick Hitch, 6 Rem., 4500 Hrs... <b>\$144,500</b></p>	 <p><b>2020 EZ-LOAD 4B</b>, 4 Box Tender, Tandem Axle, Lo-Pro, Honda Engine, Good Condition... <b>\$11,500</b></p>	 <p><b>2016 Allistar SSL580</b>, Gas Pilot Controls, Canopy Rubber Tracks, Ready for Your Projects... <b>\$4,450</b></p>	 <p><b>2012 Case IH IH 500</b>, Quad Track, CAH, PS, 4 Rem., Drawbar, Auto Steer, 4100 Hrs... <b>\$139,500</b></p>	 <p><b>1981 Allis-Chalmers 7020</b>, 6636 Hrs., CAH, Power Director, 3 Pt PTO, 18.4x38, Stadium Lights, Original Seat... <b>\$12,500</b></p>
 <p><b>NH 565 Small Square Baler</b>, 540PTO, Rear Bale Chute, Good Cond., Field Ready... <b>\$6,750</b></p>	 <p><b>2012 Bobcat S175</b> EROPS, Kubota Dsl., Foot Controls, Aux. Hyds., Q Tach, 2340 Hrs... <b>\$14,500</b></p>	 <p><b>Hesston 8200</b> Cummins 3.9 Hydro, 12' Cut, 21.5L-16.1 Tires, 1785 Hrs... <b>\$10,500</b></p>	 <p><b>2012 New Holland 195</b>, Tandem Axle, Double Beater, Slop Gate, Double Chain, Needs TLC But Works Good... <b>\$10,500</b></p>	 <p><b>IH 706</b>, Dsl., WF 3 Pt., Dual PTO, 16.9x34 Tires, Runs &amp; Works... <b>\$6,450</b></p>
 <p><b>Easiload 3 Box Tender</b>, Tandem Axle, Honda Engine, Good Cond... <b>\$9,500</b></p>	 <p><b>AgChem 544</b> Cummins Dsl., Hydro, 90' Boom, 4900 Hrs., Farmer Owned... <b>\$12,500</b></p>	 <p><b>Gehl 175 Manure Spreader</b>, Single Axle, Slop Gate, Single Beater, 540 PTO... <b>\$4,250</b></p>	 <p><b>John Deere 750</b> 10' No-Till Drill, 7.5" Spacing, Draw Bar Pull, Good Condition... <b>\$12,500</b></p>	 <p><b>2024 John Deere FC20R</b>, 20' Batwing, Like New, 1000 PTO, Stump Jumpers, Work Ready... <b>\$29,500</b></p>
 <p><b>Case 2390</b> CAH, PS, 3 Pt. PTO, 2 Remotes, 5300 Orig. Hrs., Local Farmer Retirement, Sharp... <b>\$17,500</b></p>	 <p><b>2015 H&amp;S 3127 Manure Spreader</b>, 540PTO, 270 Bu., Slop Gate, Like New, Only Done 5 Loads of Saw Dust, No Manure... <b>\$16,500</b></p>	 <p><b>2003 Case 621D</b>, Enclosed Cab, AC, Ride Control, AutoShift, Hyd Coupler, 102 in Multi-Purpose Bucket, 20.5R25 Tires... <b>\$29,500</b></p>	 <p><b>Case 930</b> Dsl, WF, 3 Pt., 540 PTO, 2 Remotes, 5421 Hrs., Local All Orig. Farmer Retirement... <b>\$7,450</b></p>	 <p><b>2008 John Deere 1790</b>, 12/23, Bulk Fill, No Till, Coulters, Pneumatic Down Pressure, Rear Fill Auger, Very Nice, Farmer Retirement... <b>\$38,500</b></p>

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# MARKETS

## Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 5/18/2026 - Final AUCTION

	This Week	Last Reported 5/11/2026	Last Year
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	1,184	624	862
<b>Feeder Cattle:</b>	1,047(88.4%)	508(81.4%)	726(84.2%)
<b>Slaughter Cattle:</b>	105(8.9%)	94(15.1%)	118(13.7%)
<b>Replacement Cattle:</b>	32(2.7%)	22(3.5%)	18(2.1%)

Special Note: \*\*\*\* Blue Grass Stockyards will be CLOSED next Monday 5/25/2026 for Memorial Day \*\*\*\*

\*\* Not included in the above totals or this report: The Kentucky Hereford Association's Hereford-Influenced Feeder Calf Sale with 300 Head The report can be found at Special Graded Feeder Sales, Lexington, KY

Compared to last Monday the feeder market was mixed with an average quality offering. Feeder steers 300-600 lbs were steady to 5.00 higher in spots with a good supply, while the 600-700 lbs steers were 6.00 to 8.00 higher with a good demand for weaned packages and groups. Feeder heifers 500 lbs and under were 3.00 to 6.00 lower with a good supply and spotty demand, while the yearling heifers appeared stronger with a good supply and good demand. Slaughter cows were 3.00 to 6.00 higher with strong demand and slaughter bulls were steady with a good supply. Supply included: 88% Feeder Cattle (45% Steers, 43% Heifers, 12% Bulls); 9% Slaughter Cattle (1% Steers, 85% Cows, 14% Bulls); 3% Replacement Cattle (21% Stock Cows, 50% Bred Cows, 29% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 58%.

Groups of 20 Head or More.

STEERS		HEIFERS	
24 Hd Black/BWF 504 lbs 503.00	33 Hd Black/BWF 494 lbs 436.50		
25 Hd Black/CHRX 504 lbs 516.00	76 Hd Black/IREDD 675 lbs 395.50		
20 Hd Char/FWBLK 536 lbs 506.00	66 Hd 90% Black/XBRD 730 lbs 360.50		
79 Hd 80% Black/XBRD 631 lbs 467.00			
26 Hd Char/FWBLK 677 lbs 435.00			
52 Hd Black/FWCHRX 815 lbs 371.00			
66 Hd Hereford/RWF 830 lbs 364.75			
57 Hd Black/BWF 923 lbs 358.90			

### FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	237	237	695.00	695.00 Thin Fleshed
2	250-290	270	580.00-610.00	593.89
1	335	335	560.00	560.00
1	360	360	522.50	522.50
2	415	415	489.00	489.00
1	490	490	505.00	505.00
3	461	461	540.00	540.00 Fancy
2	535-545	540	460.00-471.00	465.45
73	500-536	513	500.00-516.00	508.48 Value Added
2	577	577	420.00	420.00
30	555-586	572	472.50-494.00	487.22 Value Added
10	600-640	614	420.00-440.00	428.63
81	612-631	631	452.50-467.00	466.65 Value Added
2	655-665	660	411.00-417.00	413.98
26	677	677	435.00	435.00 Value Added
3	728	728	372.00	372.00
2	845	845	351.00	351.00
128	815-830	823	364.75-371.00	367.75 Value Added
1	865	865	330.00	330.00
57	923	923	358.90	358.90 Value Added
1	1100	1100	250.00	250.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	425	425	460.00	460.00
1	490	490	452.50	452.50
2	542	542	445.00	445.00
2	637	637	405.00	405.00
2	750	750	347.00	347.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	520-535	528	380.00-385.00	382.54

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	280-285	283	510.00-515.00	512.48
4	338	338	490.00	490.00
1	310	310	540.00	540.00 Fancy
1	345	345	560.00	560.00 Thin Fleshed
8	360-395	376	455.00-482.50	468.36
21	367-393	384	497.50-512.50	505.91 Fancy
5	405-425	415	455.00-477.50	469.01
11	431-440	435	481.00-494.00	489.18 Fancy
67	460-495	485	415.00-440.00	431.80
9	457-475	468	460.00-487.50	469.57 Fancy
7	502-522	515	390.00-410.00	402.51
8	500-508	503	419.00-420.00	419.38 Value Added
8	575-595	584	388.00-400.00	391.61
30	551-581	568	407.00-412.00	409.73 Value Added
21	612-615	615	379.00-397.50	380.75
4	670-690	685	365.00-379.00	368.42
85	675-677	677	395.50-396.00	395.55 Value Added
5	705-725	720	327.50-346.00	335.96
9	705-710	709	357.00-372.50	360.43 Guaranteed Open
66	730	730	360.50	360.50 Value Added
1	750	750	333.00	333.00
6	790	790	349.00	349.00 Guaranteed Open
2	820-835	828	307.50-329.00	318.15

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	277	277	467.50	467.50
2	320-335	328	435.00-445.00	439.89
1	430	430	410.00	410.00
4	470-490	479	402.50-412.50	408.69
6	565-570	566	355.00-370.00	367.48
5	615-627	621	339.00-350.00	345.22
1	695	695	350.00	350.00
1	780	780	302.00	302.00
1	940	940	203.00	203.00
1	1040	1040	200.00	200.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	190	190	415.00	415.00
1	305	305	405.00	405.00
4	446	446	385.00	385.00
2	480-485	483	380.00-382.50	381.24
3	541	541	351.00	351.00
1	575	575	340.00	340.00
1	665	665	267.50	267.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	370	370	387.50	387.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	290	290	600.00	600.00
6	310-345	326	530.00-560.00	538.99
4	362-385	374	510.00-530.00	520.31
5	415	415	550.00-552.50	552.00 Fancy
3	455-495	468	479.00-509.00	498.43
1	450	450	525.00	525.00 Fancy
5	530-545	535	439.00-460.00	451.26
12	501-515	508	490.00-517.50	498.41 Fancy

7	565-595	584	420.00-450.00	434.25
6	618-625	620	388.00-405.00	394.35
6	669	669	351.00	351.00
11	650-655	651	387.00-395.00	393.54 Fancy
4	705-735	725	340.00-355.00	348.21
3	700-727	718	369.00-380.00	376.43 Fancy
1	770	770	332.00	332.00
6	807-840	813	297.50-302.00	301.22
2	825	825	325.00	325.00 Fancy
1	870	870	270.00	270.00
2	905	905	266.00	266.00
1	1045	1045	240.00	240.00
1	1130	1130	219.00	219.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	390-395	392	497.50-500.00	499.16
3	422-440	428	462.50-475.00	466.78
2	450-460	455	450.00	450.00
3	541	541	419.00	419.00
8	560-595	577	399.00-417.00	413.80
1	615	615	363.00	363.00
1	835	835	264.00	264.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	220	220	425.00	425.00
1	385	385	400.00	400.00
2	455-475	465	352.50-370.00	361.06
1	575	575	360.00	360.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	452	452	407.50	407.50

### SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1310	1310	203.00	203.00	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
17	1375-1945	1579	170.00-186.00	180.44	Average
13	1320-1710	1511	188.00-210.00	196.14	High

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
15	1035-1585	1267	170.00-185.00	178.11	Average
8	1210-1470	1295	190.00-205.00	195.46	High

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
8	730-1180	971	140.00-156.00	150.58	Average
8	935-1185	1090	159.00-174.00	162.25	High
2	695-1075	885	125.00	125.00	Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
3	1075-2275	1522	207.00-210.00	209.03	Average
9	1410-2355	1903	217.00-239.00	221.65	High

### REPLACEMENT CATTLE

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	O	4	855-1145	994	232.00-237.50	235.52
>5	O	1	1330	1330	212.50	212.50

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5	T2	9	940-1625	1279	2850.00-3500.00	3219.31
>5	T3	1	1370	1370	2950.00	2950.00
>8	T2	1	1130	1130	1800.00	1800.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5	T2	1	1190	1190	1975.00	1975.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5	O	1	1475	1475	4350.00	4350.00

#### COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

# MARKETS

## Kentucky Daily Grain Bids

Grain Report for Thursday, May 21, 2026 - Final

### FUTURE SETTLEMENTS

Exchange	Commodity	Closing Settlement Prices (¢/Bu) as of 5/21/26						
CBOT	Corn	462.25 (Jul 26)	468.50 (Sep 26)	485.00 (Dec 26)	499.25 (Mar 27)	506.75 (May 27)	510.75 (Jul 27)	491.25 (Sep 27)
CBOT	Soybeans	1194.25 (Jul 26)	1193.50 (Aug 26)	1179.25 (Sep 26)	1186.75 (Nov 26)	1198.75 (Jan 27)	1197.25 (Mar 27)	1199.50 (May 27)
CBOT	Wheat	647.50 (Jul 26)	661.00 (Sep 26)	680.75 (Dec 26)	696.75 (Mar 27)	704.75 (May 27)	704.75 (Jul 27)	711.00 (Sep 27)
CBOT	White Oats	360.50 (Jul 26)	368.75 (Sep 26)	366.00 (Dec 26)	369.50 (Mar 27)	375.50 (May 27)	366.75 (Jul 27)	361.00 (Sep 27)
KCBT	Wheat	687.00 (Jul 26)	697.75 (Sep 26)	713.25 (Dec 26)	724.50 (Mar 27)	729.50 (May 27)	727.25 (Jul 27)	731.75 (Sep 27)
MGE	Wheat	690.25 (Jul 26)	711.00 (Sep 26)	728.75 (Dec 26)	742.25 (Mar 27)	744.50 (May 27)	749.50 (Jul 27)	725.00 (Sep 27)

### US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrille	75.00N to 160.00N		UNCH-UP 5.00	5.3725-6.2225	DN 0.0350-UP 0.0150	5.7975
Pennyrille	75.00Z		UNCH	5.6000	DN 0.0425	5.6000

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	210.00N		UNCH	6.7225	DN 0.0350	6.7225
Ohio River - Lower KY	75.00Z		UNCH	5.6000	DN 0.0425	5.6000
Purchase	184.00N		UP 14.00	6.4625	UP 0.1050	6.4625
Purchase	60.00Z		UNCH	5.4500	DN 0.0425	5.4500

### US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	10.00N		UNCH	4.7225	DN 0.0350	4.7225
Purchase	-25.00Z		UNCH	4.6000	DN 0.0425	4.6000
Green River	25.00N		UNCH	4.8725	DN 0.0350	4.8725
Green River	-10.00Z		UNCH	4.7500	DN 0.0425	4.7500
Pennyrille	-25.00N to 27.00N		UNCH-UP 2.00	4.3725-4.8925	DN 0.0350-DN 0.0150	4.5258
Pennyrille	-30.00Z to -12.00Z		UNCH	4.5500-4.7300	DN 0.0425	4.6300
Louisville	5.00N		UNCH	4.6725	DN 0.0350	4.6725
Louisville	5.00N		UNCH	4.6725	DN 0.0350	4.6725
Bluegrass	10.00N		UNCH	4.7225	DN 0.0350	4.7225
Bluegrass	-30.00Z		UNCH	4.5500	DN 0.0425	4.5500

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	13.00N to 15.00N		DN 1.00-UNCH	4.7525-4.7725	DN 0.0450-DN 0.0350	4.7625
Ohio River - Upper KY	-30.00Z to -27.00Z		UNCH	4.5500-4.5800	DN 0.0425	4.5650
Ohio River - Lower KY	15.00N to 30.00N		UP 1.00-UNCH	4.7725-4.9225	DN 0.0250-DN 0.0350	4.8675
Ohio River - Lower KY	-28.00Z to 0.00Z		UNCH	4.5700-4.8500	DN 0.0425	4.6875
Purchase	15.00N to 17.00N		UP 1.00-DN 3.00	4.7725-4.7925	DN 0.0250-DN 0.0650	4.7792
Purchase	-25.00Z to -5.00Z		UNCH	4.6000-4.6350	DN 0.0425-DN 0.0400	4.6125

### US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	10.00N		UNCH	12.0425	DN 0.0550	12.0425
Purchase	-20.00X		UNCH	11.6675	DN 0.0675	11.6675
Green River	-25.00N		UNCH	11.6925	DN 0.0550	11.6925
Green River	-40.00X		UNCH	11.4675	DN 0.0675	11.4675
Pennyrille	-50.00N to 22.00N		UNCH	11.4425-12.1625	DN 0.0550	11.6282
Pennyrille	-60.00X to -16.00X		UNCH	11.2675-11.7075	DN 0.0675	11.3946
Louisville	-50.00N		UNCH	11.4425	DN 0.0550	11.4425
Louisville	-50.00N		UNCH	11.4425	DN 0.0550	11.4425
Bluegrass	-15.00N		UNCH	11.7925	DN 0.0550	11.7925
Bluegrass	-75.00X		UNCH	11.1175	DN 0.0675	11.1175

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	12.00N to 13.00N		UP 1.00	12.0625-12.0725	DN 0.0450	12.0675
Ohio River - Upper KY	-35.00X to -30.00X		UNCH	11.5175-11.5675	DN 0.0675	11.5425
Ohio River - Lower KY	20.00N to 39.00N		UNCH	12.1425-12.3325	DN 0.0550	12.2225
Ohio River - Lower KY	-24.00X to 15.00X		UNCH	11.6275-12.0175	DN 0.0675	11.8092
Purchase	9.00N to 11.00N		UNCH	12.0325-12.0525	DN 0.0550	12.0425
Purchase	-24.00X to -5.00X		UNCH	11.6275-11.8175	DN 0.0675	11.6900

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

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrille	-15.00N		UNCH	6.3250	DN 0.1300	6.3250
Pennyrille	0.00N		UNCH	6.4750	DN 0.1300	6.4750

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

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	-10.00N		UNCH	6.3750	DN 0.1300	6.3750
Green River	-75.00N		UNCH	5.7250	DN 0.1300	5.7250
Pennyrille	-55.00N to -30.00N		UNCH	5.9250-6.1750	DN 0.1300	6.0050
Pennyrille	-55.00N to -4.00N		UNCH	5.9250-6.4350	DN 0.1300	6.1100
Louisville	-8.00N		UNCH	6.3950	DN 0.1300	6.3950
Louisville	-72.00N to -8.00N		UNCH	5.7550-6.3950	DN 0.1300	6.0750
Bluegrass	-55.00N		UNCH	5.9250	DN 0.1300	5.9250

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basis (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-32.00N		UNCH	6.1550	DN 0.1300	6.1550
Ohio River - Lower KY	-10.00N to 0.00N		UNCH-UP 7.00	6.3750-6.4750	DN 0.1300-DN 0.0600	6.4190
Purchase	-20.00N to -15.00N		UNCH	6.2750-6.3250	DN 0.1300	6.3000
Purchase	-20.00N to -5.00N		UNCH	6.2750-6.4250	DN 0.1300	6.3625

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

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## Weekly National Sheep Summary

For Week Ending Friday, May 15, 2026

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs 5.00 to 15.00 lower. Slaughter ewes 5.00 to 10.00 lower.

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

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-3

San Angelo: 60-70 lbs 351.00-371.00.  
New Holland: No test.

Billings: No test.  
Ft. Collins: 70-80 lbs 360.00-375.00; 80-90 lbs 365.00-375.00; 90-100 lbs 362.50-380.00; 100-110 lbs 365.00-400.00; 110-120 lbs 340.00-375.00.

Mount Hope: 40-50 lbs 350.00-395.00; 50-60 lbs 330.00-390.00; 60-70 lbs 335.00-400.00; 70-80 lbs 350.00-395.00; 80-90 lbs 362.50-422.50; 90-100 lbs 387.50-430.00; 100-110 lbs 390.00-425.00.

Kalona: 40-50 lbs 345.00-380.00; 50-60 lbs 325.00-385.00; 60-70 lbs 330.00-370.00; 70-80 lbs 330.00-370.00; 80-90 lbs 350.00-390.00; 90-100 lbs 355.00-390.00.

Equity Coop: No test.  
Sioux Falls: 50-60 lbs 365.00-400.00; 60-50 lbs 355.00-405.00; 70-80 lbs 350.00-385.00; 80-90 lbs 335.00-385.00; 90-100 lbs 345.00-381.00; 100-110 lbs 364.00-375.00; 120-130 lbs 355.00-360.00; 130-140 lbs 350.00-370.00; 140-150 lbs 357.50-366.00.

Buffalo, MO: No test.  
Missouri: 50-60 lbs 342.50-355.00; 60-70 lbs 350.00-375.00; 70-80 lbs 350.00-370.00.

Equity Coop: No test.  
Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3: 150.00-195.00.  
San Angelo: 150.00-195.00.  
New Holland: No test.

Billings: No test.  
Ft. Collins: 110.00-195.00.  
Mount Hope: 140.00-225.00.  
Kalona: 150.00-220.00.

Equity Coop: No test.

Sioux Falls: 130.00-195.00.

Buffalo, MO: No test.

Missouri: 174.00-185.00.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1:

San Angelo: No test.

Billings: No test.

Sioux Falls: 40-50 lbs 455.00-535.00; 50-60 lbs 405.00-465.00.

Buffalo, MO: No test.

Missouri: 40-50 lbs 340.00-360.00.

Ft. Collins: No test.

Kalona: No test.

Equity Coop: 90-100 lbs 299.50.

Arkansas: No test.

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: No test.

Billings: No test.

Ft. Collins: No test.

South Dakota: No test.

Kalona: No test.

Missouri: No test.

Arkansas: No test.

Sioux Falls: No test.

Buffalo, MO: No test.

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 34,000 compared to 33,000 last week and 36,000 last year.

Source: USDA Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News

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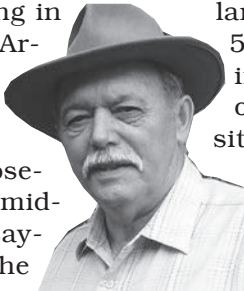
May 20, 2026

**This Report is the Actual High and Average**

	Hd. Ct.	High	Avg.
Fat Hogs:	24	\$ .85	\$ .76
Sows:	N/A		
Boars:	N/A		
Feeder Pigs:	N/A		
Beef & X Veal #1:	49	\$2125	\$1798.47
Beef & X Veal #2:	11	\$1350	\$1240.91
Dairy Veal #1:	58	\$1600	\$1474.05
Dairy Veal #2:	9	\$1025	\$644.44
Jersey Cross:	7	\$475	\$392.86
Beef Fdrs 200#-550#	12	\$5.25	\$4.08
Beef Fdrs 551#-1000#	7	\$4.50	\$3.49
Dairy Fdrs 200#-550#	7	\$3.70	\$2.63
Dairy Fdrs 551#-1000#	6	\$3.80	\$3.64
Cull Cows #1:	5	\$1.53	\$1.53
Cull Cows #2:	2	\$1.05	\$0.91
Fat Cattle Colored:	N/A		
Fat Cattle Holstein:	N/A		
Bulls:	1	\$1.94	\$1.94
Cow/Calf Pair:	2	\$4300	\$4050
Breed Cows Colored:	N/A		
Milk Cows:	3	\$2150	\$1591.67
Springers:	N/A		
Sheep Ram:	3	\$3.60	\$3.56
Sheep Ewe:	6	\$1.40	\$1.36
Lamb 0-60:	7	\$4.00	\$3.49

# Barn owls produce eggs; progress may be watched online

A pair of barn owls staying in Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area's nest box has produced eggs. You can watch the couple as they prepare for the hatch at [on.IN.gov/goosepondfwa](http://on.IN.gov/goosepondfwa), then scroll to the middle of the page to the link saying, "view live feed from the Visitors Center."



**SPAULDING OUTDOORS**  
By Jack Spaulding

The laying season for barn owls can begin as early as March, and their clutch usually contains four to seven eggs, according to state ornithologist Allisyn Gillet. Barn owls usually lay their eggs once every two to three days and start incubating their eggs right away. Once the barn owl chick is fully developed, after 29-34 days, the chick will use an egg tooth to break through the shell in a process called pipping. It can take more than 12 hours for the chick to hatch completely from the egg after pipping. The eggs at Goose Pond started to appear around mid-April, so their hatch date would be sometime in mid-May.

Once the eggs have hatched, a male will bring in small mammals the female then tears into small pieces to feed their owlets. Because the hatching doesn't happen all at once, the older owlets hatching first are usually stronger. If there are plenty of resources, all the owlets in a clutch have a good chance of survival, but if resources are scarce, only the stronger, older owlets may survive. DNR does not interfere in these routine natural events.

Barn owls are an endangered species in Indiana due to grass-

land habitat loss. Fewer than 50 nests are found annually in Indiana. To provide barn owls with secure nesting sites protected from predators, the DNR has built more than 400 nest boxes and erected them in barns and other structures with suitable habitat over the last 30 years.

The nest box at Goose Pond was first completed in March 2022 and first occupied in February 2024.

## IDNR Meeting for public comment on Liberty Mine permit application

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Reclamation will conduct an informal conference from 1 to 2 p.m. CT on June 8, 2026, at the Boonville-Warrick County Public Library, for the purpose of receiving public comments concerning the S-366-4 Liberty Mine permit application. The application seeks a permit for expanding the mining area.

The informal conference will be livestreamed at the following link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/297970017733486?p=yX-N755irps6lqbUgem>

Meeting ID: 297 970 017 733 486 and Passcode: BC2uL66j

## High water facility impacts at Monroe Lake

The public needs to be aware Monroe Lake is a flood control reservoir. Holding excess water to minimize flooding impacts on downstream homes, businesses and farms is

why the reservoir was built. During high water periods, fulfilling this purpose sometimes results in reduced access to recreation facilities and backwater areas. As Memorial Day weekend approaches, please be aware the below areas are impacted by high water as of May 18.

High water completely covered the swimming beach at Paynetown SRA on May 18.

The swimming beaches at Paynetown and Fairfax SRA will NOT open for Memorial Day weekend. They are completely underwater. Beaches will remain closed through at least the end of May, but property managers cannot make any further predictions.

The main boat ramp at Cutright SRA is closed; however, the high-water boat ramp at Cutright SRA is open. All other boat ramps are open.

Fishing piers at Paynetown and Cutright SRAs are inaccessible.

Sections of the Tree Trek Trail at Paynetown SRA and the Osprey Trail and Homestead Trail at Fairfax SRA are currently underwater. Be aware you may need to back-track or reroute.

Road closures: McGowan Road (including access to the observation platform at Stillwater Marsh), Friendship Road (from hunter check station to Gross Road) and Stipp Road (on the east side of Car-top SRA).

The privately owned and operated Two Herons Marina, Lake Monroe Boat Rental, Lake Monroe Sailing Association, and FourWinds Lakeside Inn and Marina are open.

## Flora Field Days at Monroe Lake

Want to work on your flora identification skills? Practice with a naturalist. Field Day emphasis is on proper use and application of an ID key, which opens the door to identifying thousands of species. The naturalist will work with each attendee based on their prior experience. If you've never worked with flower ID before, it is a great way to learn. If you have prior experience, it is a fun way to practice your skills (and maybe add some new blooms to your life list).

One of the plants found at Lake Monroe is Sweet Cicely which grows on the forest floor. The plant has broad, fern-like green leaves and small white flowers.

Flora Field Days are offered at Monroe Lake during the first week of each month from May through October. Sessions are free (but may require a park entrance fee, depending on the location). Registration is required, so the naturalist can email directions to the meeting location and other information.

Sign up and register for all sessions at [tinyurl.com/florafielddays](http://tinyurl.com/florafielddays). For the session on June 3 at 9 a.m. at Underwood Park you must register by June 1.

'till next time,  
Jack

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# Do not grow weary in doing good: A lesson from a slow-blooming lilac

Galatians 6:9 "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary."



VERSES FROM MAMA  
By Sandra Sheridan

It never ceases to amaze me when God uses His creation to speak.

This is not some kind of new or mysterious word from Him, but a gentle reminder of what He has already told us in His Word.

It happened again today.

Discouragement had found an un-guarded pathway into my mind, and

I was struggling, wondering if my efforts toward certain hoped-for outcomes were making any difference at all. My spirit felt withered, and I was overwhelmed with weariness.

So, I decided to take a day and do nothing of importance. No striving. No producing. No deep thinking.

Instead of jumping into the usual rat race, I chose to take a relaxing stroll.

As I stepped outside into the balmy air, I breathed deeply and took in the signs of spring. Birds

chirped cheerfully. Trees were beginning to bud.

Then out of the corner of my eye, I noticed something - a bush we planted several years ago near our dinner bell post.

Over the years that bush had grown from a small plant into a tall leafy shrub. But it had been a constant disappointment.

When we planted it, I thought it was a lilac bush. Yet year after year it produced nothing but leaves. I often wondered if it was a completely different plant. More than once, I considered ripping it out and starting over, but I

never got around to it.

So, there it remained, growing larger every year but never blooming.

Or so I thought.

As I walked past, I caught a glimpse of lavender hidden among the leaves.

I leaned closer. Fragrant violet blooms peeked out at me as if to say,

"You shouldn't have been discouraged. It just took us a little longer than most to flower."

Immediately my mind flew to Galatians 6:9.

Sometimes we work hard, sowing seeds for eternity, yet we wonder why nothing seems to change.

We carry one another's burdens in prayer but see no visible fruit.

We choose God's way instead of the world's way and still find the path difficult.

Like Christian in John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, we sometimes feel stuck in the Slough of Despond, afraid we will never get out.

But then God's Word speaks.

Today, He used a single blooming lilac in a large bush.

What a timely reminder that the ones who reap the harvest are the ones who do not grow weary in doing good. They keep going. They keep trusting. They continue doing what is right, even when the results are slow to appear.

I am so glad I did not rip that bush out in a moment of discouragement. Otherwise, I would never have enjoyed the beautiful flowers it finally produced, or heard creation's gentle spiritual reminder.

Are you discouraged in doing good? God's promise still stands.

Keep sowing.

Keep trusting.

And do not grow weary in doing good.

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# UK studies new way to monitor for the equine herpesviruses

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Researchers in the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment have found that air sampling at major equestrian events could offer a new way to monitor for equine herpesviruses.

Published in Equine Veterinary Journal, the study examined temporary stabling facilities at eight international equestrian events in Spain and the United States. Researchers collected 37 air samples and 205 surface samples over 10 months to test for equine herpesvirus (EHV)-1 and EHV-4, two viruses that can spread among horses at competitions and when returning home.

"EHV-1 remains a major concern across the horse industry," said study author Lutz Goehring, professor at the UK Gluck Equine Research Center and holder of the Warren Wright, Sr. - Lucille Wright Markey Professorship. "The virus can cause respiratory disease, abortion and equine herpesvirus-associated myeloencephalopathy, a neurologic condition that can leave horses unable to stand."

Recent outbreaks at major events, including the 2021 outbreak in Valencia, Spain, prompted the International Equestrian Federation to fund the study which would seek to find earlier ways to detect viral activity during competitions.

"Our goal was to find out whether there are other options besides daily nasal swab sampling," Goehring said. "Air sampling gives you a way to look at a group environment without going horse to horse."

Air samples were collected over a period of six hours. The team found EHV-1 in 20 of 28 air samples collected in Spain, three of three air samples in Florida and three of six air samples collected in Kentucky.

EHV-4 also appeared in air samples, but its pattern varied by location and potentially by season. Researchers found no EHV-4 in Florida's three air samples, while in Spain detected it in 12 of 28 and recorded it in five of six Kentucky samples.

Researchers found no significant difference between air samples collected during higher-activity afternoon hours and those collected overnight, suggesting that the timing of sampling may not have had much effect under the conditions studied.

The work does not show how far

the virus can travel through a barn or which horse may have contributed to a positive air sample. The study relied on molecular detection of viral DNA rather than virus isolation, so they could not determine infectivity or measure direct transmission risk.

Still, Goehring said the findings matter because they show viral material may be present in shared event spaces even when no horses are showing obvious warning signs.

"We were surprised by the outcome," Goehring said. "Herpesviruses can reactivate from a sleeper state, similar to the reappearance of a 'cold sore' in people. We thought reactivation in horses would be rare. We were surprised by the frequency of detection. We did not detect the numbers we typically see with induced, experimental infections. Our results suggest a fairly small plume present at event centers or barn areas, even without reported clinical problems at the time."

Traditional surveillance often depends on repeated nasal sampling, which takes time, adds labor and can test the patience of both horses and handlers. Air sampling draws on public-health work used in shared indoor spaces during COVID-19.

"It could offer a practical, noninvasive way to monitor group settings such as a barn aisle, rather than relying only on repeated individual horse testing; however, sampling equipment is currently too pricey to be implemented on a large scale," Goehring said.

The findings do not mean horse owners should raise their anxiety level attending horse events, Goehring said. Instead, he sees the results as a reminder that good biosecurity still matters during and after shows.

"There's no reason to panic, but we need to take this information and find better ways to make sure horses are safe at these events," Goehring said. "That can mean clearer do's and don'ts for horse people, better biosecurity and more thought about how to reduce spread in shared spaces."

Goehring suggested owners can lower risk by keeping vaccinations current, limiting direct contact between unfamiliar horses and avoiding shared equipment, especially at large gatherings where horses travel in from many different places.



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# Kentucky producers offer a crop of different colors

By **DOUG GRAVES**  
Ohio Correspondent

NANCY, Ky. – The Netherlands, the undisputed tulip capital of the world, dominates tulip production with its specialized varieties and premium quality. The country is the global symbol of spring and horticultural excellence.

While Kentucky may be best known for its bourbon production, horse racing and bluegrass music, several producers in the state are out to bring the tulip to the forefront of attention in the Bluegrass State. And they're doing this by holding their own tulip festival.

Wesley and Alicia Logsdon, of Bear Wallow Farm in Nancy, are always adding new attractions to their farm and this spring they decided to try their hands at tulip farming for the first time.

They've discovered that success can come in a variety of ways and colors.

"As we've grown our Bear Wallow Farm market area over the years, we've expanded, starting building new attractions, and knew a spot on our property which would have something special in it one day," Wesley said. "We just didn't know what."

The couple planted two and a half acres of tulips in that spot and for them, it was a perfect tulip paradise.

"We have a huge fall season on the farm but wanted to share something for the warming of spring to help get families back outside and enjoying the weather after a long winter," Wesley said. "So, as farmers, we just felt like the springtime was another good season to bring people out to the farm."

The couple had concerns tackling

this spring venture. Weather and good crop conditions were two of them. Third, they wondered how interested the public would be in such a crop.

"We honestly didn't know what to expect," Alicia said. "I think everybody wanted to be the first to get the tulips."

The Logsdons raise corn, wheat, soybeans, small grains for seed and have a cow-calf, beef cattle operation as well. They also grow pumpkins for their fall market season. Tulips seemed like a natural fit.

"As a farmer and as someone who likes to create, build, and do and try new things, I think that's the most fulfilling part about being in the agritourism business," Wesley said. "Seeing them happy, seeing the kids play and the smiles on people's faces. That makes the labor and all the struggle worth it."

The Logsdons are not saying the tulip venture was a piece of cake.

"It was more stressful for me because we've never grown tulips," Alicia said. "When you look out at a field and know how much time and money that you've spent and you're just hoping and praying that something comes out of the ground – until I saw that first sprout, I was on pins and needles."

Added Wesley, "We've been pleased with the crowds and pleased with everybody's response. They seemed to

**Below:** Wesley and Alicia Logsdon turned their tulip acreage at Bear Wallow Farm into a festival, turning their first-time experience with tulips into something for all to experience. (photo submitted)



**Above:** Tulips stood tall and bright at Trunnell's Family Farm in Utica, Ky. (photo submitted)

have liked it, and we liked seeing people enjoy it."

Their crop included 200,000 tulips grown from bulbs produced in Holland.

And the Logsdons are not alone. Kentucky hosts several vibrant tulip festivals in the spring, including Trunnell's Farm (Utica), Lavender in Bloom (Georgetown) and Front Yard Farm (Glendale).

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# Farm groups anticipate Senate approval after House passes E15 legislation

By DOUG SCHMITZ  
Iowa Correspondent

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa - By a vote of 218 to 203, the U.S. House of Representatives May 14 passed legislation of nationwide, year-round E15 sales, which farm groups are anticipating the U.S. Senate will approve.

According to the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association (IRFA) in West Des Moines, the Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act would offer lower cost options for motorists, while providing a much-needed market for U.S. farmers.

"Today's House passage of year-round E15 is a victory 15 years in the making," said Monte Shaw, IRFA executive director, in a May 14 media statement. "This was a long, hard fight, and the Iowa delegation was in the lead with other Midwestern supporters throughout. Now the fight goes to the Senate. To the naysayers that claim Senate E15 approval is impossible, I'll simply note that's the same thing you said about House passage just days ago."

Currently available at more than 4,800 locations in the United States, E15 is a fuel blend that contains 15 percent ethanol, offering drivers savings of 20 to 40 cents per gallon. In recent days, E15's discount to standard E10 gasoline has averaged over 10 percent, according to E15prices.com.

"Today's passage of year-round E15 legislation is a hard-fought victory for consumers seeking lower prices at the pump, farmers seeking new market opportunities, and American families who want cleaner air and greater energy independence," said Geoff Cooper, president and CEO of the Renewable Fuels Association in St. Louis, Mo.

"At a time of extreme market volatility and higher costs, this bill provides badly needed certainty for fuel retailers, oil refiners, ethanol producers and consumers alike," he added. "The legislation gives Americans the freedom to choose E15 and removes three decades of red

tape that had stifled competition and choice in the marketplace."

U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), a member of the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, called on the U.S. Senate to immediately take up the legislation to drive down prices at the gas pump.

"E15 simply gives consumers another, more affordable price at the pump," she said in a May 14 media statement. "It is about choice. Again, it is not a mandate. It is just another choice at the pump. We've seen it work. Thanks to President Trump's approval of summertime sales of E15, this Memorial Day Weekend, Americans are estimated to save over \$100 million - just by using E15. That's real savings," adding, "The House got it done last night. Now, it's the Senate's turn."

Philip Nelson, Illinois Farm Bureau president and a fourth-generation LaSalle, Ill., farmer, told Farm World, "Passage of E15 out of the House signals strong momentum toward a permanent year-round E15 fix. We are optimistic that the Senate will move this bipartisan legislation forward to ensure American agriculture remains a key part of the nation's energy future."

"Year-round E15 will provide a much-needed economic boost to corn farmers in Illinois by expanding demand for homegrown biofuel," he added. "Consumers also stand to benefit from reliable, year-round access to a fuel option that is cleaner burning and lower in cost."

Shaw told Farm World, "As we have been working to secure nationwide, year-round E15 for over a decade, we know it will not be easy in the Senate. But the same was true of the House, and we ultimately prevailed there."

"With fuel prices skyrocketing and farmers facing tough times, there has never been a better time to unleash E15 in America," he said. "It is time to get this done, and I believe year-round E15 will pass the Senate and be signed into law by the president."

# Kentucky Tulips

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For Trunnell's Farms it was its first-ever Tulip Festival. It featured 100,000 tulips planted in creative designs, including a butterfly shape. The farm offered pick-your-own blooms.

Trunnell's Farm owner Kevin Trunnell said the idea for a tulip festival has been years in the making.

"Every spring, they're just something to look forward to," he said. "We were trying to think of something we could do in the spring, kind of like when we started sunflowers in 2018."

After seeing images of tulip fields in Holland, Trunnell began researching whether the flowers could thrive in Kentucky. His research led to working with a grower in Holland to supply the bulbs, and eventually to a full-scale plan.

"It's actually been three years in the making," Trunnell said. "We almost pulled the trigger earlier, but we felt like we weren't quite ready to move forward until this year."

At the U-pick Lavender in Bloom, the April fields are full of 11 varieties of

eye-catching lavender, but tulips shared the center stage at this farm. This U-pick farm opened in 2018 and is the first commercial lavender farm in Kentucky.

Front Yard Farms typically hosts multiple U-pick sessions and many family friendly events during peak bloom. So popular is this tulip hot spot that visitors are encouraged to reserve spots online for a guaranteed experience. The farm also included Easter egg hunts.

Still more farms in Kentucky that specialize in tulips include Ruby Branch Farm (Franklin), Blackberry Ridge Flower Farm (Ryland Heights), Bi-Water Farm and Greenhouse (Georgetown), Bountiful Blooms Farm (Bloomfield), River Bend Blooms (Scottsville), Smithville Old Mill Farm (Mt. Washington), Phoenix Hill Flower Farm (Louisville), Yew Dell Botanical Gardens (Crestwood), Hidden Lake Gardens (Cub Run), Middle Springs Farm (Paris) and Brian Rose Garden (Bowling Green).


Tulips were introduced to the Netherlands in the 16th century, and by the 17th century the Dutch had perfected cultivation techniques. Today, the Netherlands remains the largest exporter of tulips.

**Below:** While a few Kentucky farms have hosted tulip festivals, others stick to the U-pick theme. (photo submitted)



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# Bunge opens \$550 million soy protein concentrate facility in Morristown, Ind.

By **DOUG SCHMITZ**  
Iowa Correspondent

MORRISTOWN, Ind. – Bunge has opened its new \$550 million soy protein concentrate facility in Morristown, marking the first food-grade plant of its kind built in the United States in more than 40 years, according to company officials.

The facility, which broke ground in 2023, is the nation's largest soy protein concentrate operation, officials said, adding the new plant has created 70 jobs, and reached full capacity to process 4.5 million bushels of soybeans each year.

In addition, roughly 80 percent of the soybeans used are sourced directly from Indiana farms, establishing a highly integrated supply chain that promotes regenerative agriculture, officials added.

"At the heart of Morristown, one thing remains constant: our customers," said Brian Douville, Bunge vice president of emulsifiers and proteins, in a company media statement. "This facility exists because we listened to what customers told us they needed, and built something different to serve them better."

Officials said food manufacturers told the Bunge team their biggest

challenges with plant protein ingredients were "earthy or beany flavors, dull color and inconsistent service," all of which limit how proteins can be used in everyday foods.

"Using advanced processing technology, the facility produces clean-tasting, very light-colored soy protein concentrates that deliver functionality without compromising flavor or appearance," officials added. "These products perform across a wide range of everyday applications, including meat and plant-based meat, cereals, premixes, bakery products and snacks."

Officials said Bunge offers a range of powdered soy proteins to help meet the growing demand for protein rich ingredients: "Our PurePro portfolio of conventional and non-GMO powdered concentrates and isolates provide a range of functional and physical properties that food and beverage manufacturers seek to deliver, pleasing sensory experiences and nutrition benefits."

"We work across a wide range of categories, including meat products, meat alternatives, beverage and nutrition, snack and bakery, dairy alternatives and soups, condiments and dressings, and more," officials added. "In these foods and beverage-



**Above:** Company officials said Bunge's new soy protein concentrate plant (pictured) has created 70 jobs and reached full capacity to process 4.5 million bushels of soybeans each year. (courtesy of Bunge)

es, our plant protein concentrates and isolates provide key sensory, nutrition, labeling and sustainability benefits."

Douville told Farm World the idea for Bunge's Morristown protein facility was driven by a clear market signal: growing global demand for soy

protein concentrate, and "a gap in delivering the neutral flavor and light color customers expect from plant proteins."

"We saw an opportunity to lead with a differentiated solution and designed the Morristown facility to specifically meet those needs," he said. "With PurePro soy protein concentrate, we combine capacity, ultra-clean taste and light color to deliver something truly distinct in the market."

Officials said Morristown also plays a key role in Bunge's mission to connect farmers to consumers: "The facility creates new, value-added markets for Indiana-grown soybeans, processing them ingredients used in foods people eat every day."

"Just as importantly, the facility is built for scale," officials added. "Its size and reliability allow Bunge to support customers of any size – from emerging brands to global food companies – helping them grow with confidence as demand for protein continues to rise."

Douville said Bunge's Morristown facility helps connect farmers to higher-value, growing global markets. "By expanding demand for PurePro soy protein concentrate, we're creating new opportunities to maximize the value of U.S. soybeans at both the local and national level, while providing a resilient supply into premium market channels across foods, beverages, and animal nutrition."

"Morristown is a promise to our customers, our farmer partners, and our communities to deliver great-tasting and great-looking foods, real value, and truly exceptional service," he said.



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# University of Illinois studies use of biochar to help in phosphorus runoff

URBANA, Ill. - Tile drainage is common in U.S. Midwest agricultural fields, helping to remove excess water and aerate the soil. While the practice enhances crop productivity, it can cause phosphorus to leak into nearby waterways, where it contributes to harmful algal blooms. Directing tile-drain runoff through a structure filled with biochar - a form of charcoal produced from organic waste - provides a potential remedy for phosphorus pollution, but the method is novel and not fully explored.

In a new study, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign researchers examined the capacity of specially designed biochar pellets to absorb and release phosphorus under real-world conditions, finding they don't perform as well as they do in laboratory settings.

"The idea was to find out if we can use designer biochar pellets to capture phosphorus from tile drains and later add the pellets to the field as a phosphorus nutrient amendment that reduces subsequent phosphate application," said lead author Agnes Millimouno, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE), part of the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences and The Grainger College of Engineering at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

The designer biochar pellets were made by mixing sawdust with benton-

ite clay and lime sludge, then heating and drying them to create a dense, carbon-rich material with a large surface area.

First, the pellets were placed at the outlet of a tile drain system in a field in Central Illinois for about a year. Then they were removed and dried for lab testing.

The researchers found that when the designer biochar pellets were exposed to a pure solution prepared in the lab, they absorbed the phosphorus as expected. But when the pellets were exposed to effluents from cow manure and other agricultural wastewater, they absorbed and released phosphorus in unpredictable ways.

Wastewater effluents, such as cow manure and other agricultural effluents, contain competing ions and other chemical elements and are rich in diverse microorganisms. This results in a more complex dynamic than pure phosphate solution, thereby reducing the performance of the designer biochar pellets in real-world applications.

"Agricultural effluents contain residues from pesticides, herbicides, metals and biological components, and they are very reactive. The field is exposed to rain and other weather events, and the soil has a very complex composition. Our findings show that it is important to conduct experiments in a realistic setting that more closely mimics real-world conditions," said

co-author Jorge Guzman, research assistant professor in ABE.

The researchers measured pH, mineral salts, phosphorus and dissolved organic carbon concentrations in the effluent.

Guzman noted that pH is particularly important in regulating sorption and desorption because it influences surface charge, ion concentrations, and mineral reactivity. The pH level affects how the biochar reacts, but the pellets can also affect pH and increase alkalinity, so it's a dynamic process.

For the second part of the experiment, both new and used (spent) pellets were added to a cornfield research site in Central Illinois. The goal was to evaluate the capacity of the new pellets to absorb phosphorus and the spent pellets to release it into the soil. Again, the researchers found that pH dynamics were an important factor, and higher pH levels were associated with greater phosphate removal from soil solution, likely driven by phosphorus precipitation.

"Other studies have shown that bio-

char is efficient for removing nutrients in the field. But most of these studies are based on laboratory experiments that use a pure phosphate solution. When you use it in a real-world experiment, you have to consider the soil conditions. You also need to test existing phosphorus levels before applying the pellets," Millimouno said.

Given the dual role of designer biochar pellets in sorption and desorption, assessing soil phosphorus levels prior to use is essential, she explained.

"We need long-term studies to see the potential effects of designer biochar pellets in the field. Understanding the interaction between biochar and phosphorus across soil types and conditions will be crucial in determining their efficacy in phosphorus management."

The paper, "Evaluating Phosphorus Sorption and Desorption in Agricultural Wastewater Using Designer Biochar Pellets," is published in Water Environment Research (DOI: 10.1002/wer.70349).



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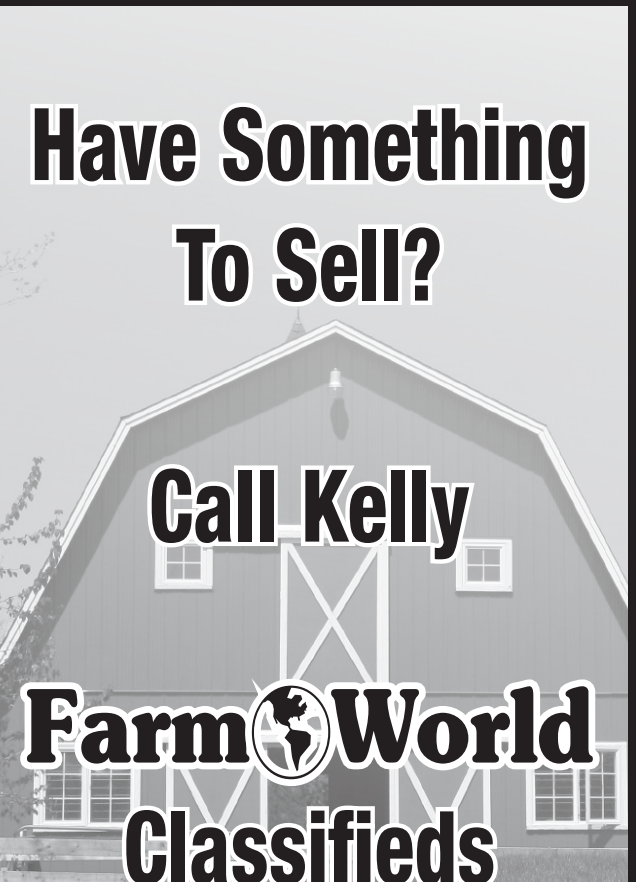


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# Moreland Fruit Farm to have fewer peaches due to spring weather

By Celeste Baumgartner  
Ohio Correspondent

WOOSTER, Ohio - They have everything but pineapples at Moreland Fruit Farm, Emmanuel Miller likes to say. In reality, the greenhouse leads the season with bedding and vegetable plants, hanging baskets, early tomatoes and more. Next come the strawberries, followed by something U-Pick from the last of May until the last of October.

Miller and his wife, Barbara, bought the 92-acre farm in 2018. His brother, Andy, is also involved in the operation. Moreland has been a fruit farm for 91 years. It produces apples, peaches, plums, blueberries, black, red and yellow raspberries, strawberries and elderberries. They also have sweet corn, pumpkins and fall decor, including about 10,000 mums. They have multiple festivals.

They start the tomato plants from seed around New Year's Day, move them to the high tunnel about May 15 and will have ripe tomatoes by the end of May, Andy Miller said.

"Our biggest market is probably strawberries," Emmanuel Miller said. "We tried to prime the pump to have peaches as one of our biggest markets. We put out 1,000 trees. Unfortunately, this year we have hardly any peaches. We have been here since 2018; this is the first year we have had virtually no peaches. This will go down as one



**Above:** The Millers start the tomato plants from seed around New Year's Day and move them to the high tunnel about May 15. They will have ripe tomatoes by the end of May.

of the toughest springs on record for fruit farms because of the weather ups and downs."

The 80-degree days in March and April pushed the buds to swell, and then the temperature plummeted into the teens, Miller said. That was hard on the peaches and blackberries. However, the Millers are expecting a bumper crop of apples.



**Above:** Because of the weather, they will have few peaches. It's the first time since 2018 that has happened. There will be one U-Pick Day on Aug. 8.

This year, the frost killed the king blossoms, Miller said. The king blossom opens first and is the primary target for early pollination. Because it develops first, it typically grows into the largest, highest-quality apple in the cluster. That is the one they harvest.

Usually, when the king blossom reaches about thumbnail size, they apply a thinning spray, which kills off the smaller apples around the main blossom. Normally, there are 10 times more apples than they want on a tree.

"These little guys that were around the edges will take over for the king blossom, but I can't have five apples for one cluster," Miller said. "If I use the thinning spray too early, I will knock them all off. I can't do that. Because I have no peaches, I can't afford to lose all of my apples. We might have to hand-prune some."

"One nice thing about peaches, or farming in general, if I have no peach crop this year, it is all good," he explained. "I was not in control of the weather. The good Lord decides what we want to do. We do our best, and it's all we can do. But, if you have no crop because you made a mistake, that is a hard pill to swallow."

It takes three years to get a peach crop from newly planted trees. This was to be the first crop from those 1,000 peach trees. Yet Miller is grateful he will have a small crop. Their only day for U-Pick peaches will be Aug. 8.

The farm will soon be replacing its apple trees. Currently the varieties are all mixed together.

"Back in the day, it wasn't as critical as it is right now," Miller said. "In this day and age, time is money. If all these varieties of apples are mixed together, I have to pick some of the same apples from different rows."

Also, the people who come for U-Pick want a specific variety, and they need to know where to find it. Plus, apple varieties have changed, Miller said.



**Above:** The greenhouse leads the season at Moreland Fruit Farm with bedding and vegetable plants, hanging baskets, early tomatoes and more.

People want the newer varieties such as Ever Crisp, Honey Crisp, Snap Dragon and Pixie Crisp.

Another change is that people want healthy fruit, Miller said. So, they spray the least amount possible. They are trying to use more environmentally friendly farming practices. Frank Becker, Ohio State University Extension agriculture and natural resources educator, has insect traps throughout the farm, which he checks weekly. If they don't have to spray, they don't.

They are using more biologicals, plus there are five martin houses on the farm. Miller thinks those martins reduce insect pressure in the orchards.

Many changes are happening on the farm, which was started in 1935 by Harry Young, an Ohio State plant pathologist. Miller said he takes it one day at a time and loves the challenge.



**Above:** The Millers are using more environmentally friendly farming practices. They have five purple martin houses and think that the birds reduce insect pressure on the orchards.

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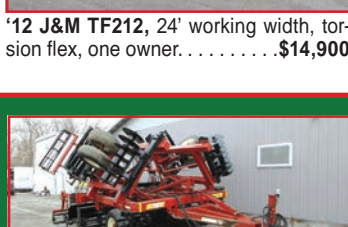
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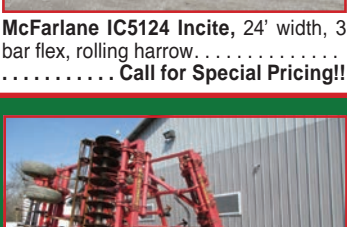
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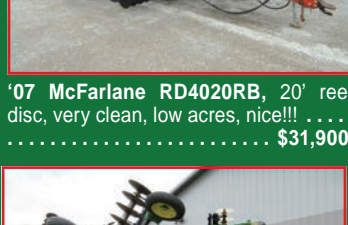
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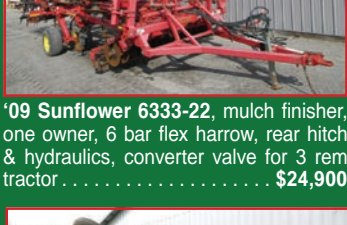
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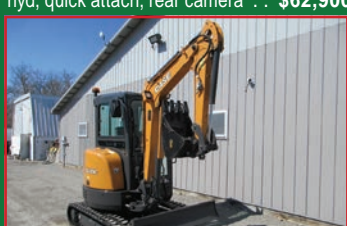
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## New invasive Asian copperleaf weed detected in Illinois fields

By DOUG GRAVES  
Ohio Correspondent

URBANA, Ill. – Illinois farmers are all too familiar with invasive plants like Palmer amaranth, buckthorn species, bush honeysuckles, giant hogweed, garlic mustard, chaff flower and stiltgrass.

Now, add one more weed to that list: Asian copperleaf.

The first confirmed populations of this species were documented in New York in 1990. The next time Asian copperleaf was positively identified in the U.S. was in an Iowa seed corn field in 2016. Since then, it has been confirmed in 10 counties across central and western Iowa.

Like the invasive plants mentioned above, this weed can reduce crop yield, degrade pasture quality and alternative plant communities.

Illinois is the third state with a confirmed population of Asian copperleaf. Asian copperleaf was discovered in a farm field in Stephenson County in northern Illinois following corn harvest last fall. The Asian copperleaf plants observed in Stephenson County ranged from one to two feet tall, though many were smaller.

It's the first confirmed Asian copperleaf population in Illinois but not the only sighting. The weed has since been spotted in fields in the Illinois counties of Calhoun, Humboldt, Boone, Wright, Franklin, Hardin, Grundy and Black Hawk.

Its presence is often noted under crop canopies, particularly during harvest

time, where it can form dense mats that may go unnoticed until the crops are removed.

"It is more advantageous to remain in front of a new weed challenge rather than allow it to get in front of researchers and producers," said Aaron Hager, weed science professor and University of Illinois Extension faculty specialist in the Department of Crop Sciences.

Asian copperleaf is non-native to the United States. It is an invasive plant species native to regions such as Russia, China, Japan and Philippines. It belongs to the spurge family but is notable for lacking the milky sap that many other spurges produce. The plant can grow to heights of two-three feet and features lanceolate to egg-shaped leaves that are two-four inches long, with fine, blunt teeth and deep veins. The bracts beneath its flowers are circular to heart-shaped, which helps distinguish it from other similar species.

Reports of herbicide resistance in Asian copperleaf populations in its native range raise concerns that it could evolve herbicide resistance in U.S. populations as well. Hager said its rapid spread and persistence could quickly become problematic.

"Our goal is to give Illinois farmers and weed management practitioners the information necessary for them to scout and identify populations of Asian copperleaf," Hager said. "We hope this will allow any additional populations to be identified so that management can be implemented to reduce the movement of



Above: Shown is Asian copperleaf that appeared after this corn harvest last fall in Iowa. (photo submitted)

seed to additional fields."

Asian copperleaf is a summer-annual species that reproduces exclusively by seed, but its emergence timing and duration are not known. Weed scientists at Iowa State University have received reports indicating that populations are frequently found at corn harvest, but there have also been reports of emerged seedlings at soybean planting.

According to David Zaya, associate

research scientist and botanist with the Illinois Natural History Survey at the University of Illinois, identifying Asian copperleaf before reproductive structures are present can be difficult.

"Its leaves are alternately arranged on the stem and have serrated margins, pointed tips and slightly to very round-

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# 'Every Acre Counts' is a new resource for many Kentucky woodland owners

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Owning woodland can be a point of pride in Kentucky. It can also raise many questions: Who do you call if invasive plants are moving in? How do you improve habitat for wildlife? What steps make sense if you want to cut timber someday or if you want to leave the land in good shape for your family?

A University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment effort coined Every Acre Counts is working to make those first steps easier, connecting people to the groups that are already providing services to woodland owners across the state.

Developed by the UK Department of Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR) and the Kentucky Division of Forestry, the program will help coordinate and support current statewide efforts to engage woodland owners through partnerships with external organizations. This program will focus on new woodland owners and those without a forest management plan, with the goal of facilitating active management on more Kentucky acres.

"Groups across Kentucky are doing strong work with woodland owners, but a lot of it is scattered," said Logan Baker, project coordinator for Every Acre Counts and FNR Extension associate at Martin-Gatton CAFE. "Every Acre Counts is pulling together the pieces: Who's doing what, where people can plug in and how woodland owners who haven't been reached yet can find a starting point."

Baker said the program is connecting a statewide network of partner organizations that already work with woodland owners. Those groups offer guidance, workshops, technical help or connections to other services, but they do not always operate in one easy-to-find place.

"Every Acre Counts KY is built on the idea that meaningful forest stewardship starts with relationships, both between woodland owners and the organizations that can help those property owners," said Jacob Muller, program project leader and FNR assistant professor. "By bringing together trusted local organizations, agencies, and community partners, we can connect more Kentucky woodland owners with the tools, knowledge and opportunities they need to actively manage and sustain

their forests for future generations."

Baker is meeting with partner organizations across the Commonwealth to learn more about their current work.

"From these conversations, I am creating short partner profiles that explain each group's role and how it connects with woodland owners," Baker said. "I'm also putting together an asset map and a resource list. All of that material will be posted on the Every Acre Counts website, which will be a central place where partners - and eventually woodland owners seeking help - can find information more easily."

The idea is not to replace the work those groups are already doing. Instead, the goal is to help them work more collaboratively so landowners have a clearer path to the help they need.

### Management plans

For many landowners, that help may begin with a forest management plan. A management plan can assist a woodland owner as they think through goals for the land, whether that means improving wildlife habitat, caring for timber, protecting water quality or simply keeping the woods healthy for the next generation.

Baker said Every Acre Counts is paying special attention to landowners who do not yet have management plans and to others who have been difficult to reach through earlier outreach efforts.

The project is also piloting this approach in parts of Appalachian Kentucky while the partner network and website are being built. Baker said that could lead to local events, such as meetings through Extension offices, where partner organizations can connect directly with woodland owners.

Muller and Baker said the team hopes to hold a partner summit on UK's campus in early summer. The meeting would give organizations a chance to sit down together, talk through their goals and look for practical ways to work more closely.

"Every acre that becomes healthier, more resilient, and more productive strengthens not only our forests, but also the communities and economies that depend on them," Muller said.

Learn more about the program at <https://eac-ky.mgcafe.uky.edu/>.

# Asian Copperleaf

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ed bases," he said. "Stems are erect and flowers are not showy. Leafy tissues, called bracts, grow beneath the female flowers. These bracts are important for distinguishing Asian copperleaf from native species such as Virginia copperleaf, rhomboid mercury and the rarer Deam's mercury."

"Asian copperleaf's relatives are native to Illinois, growing in grassy areas, woods, and sometimes as yard weeds. The best way to tell Asian copperleaf apart is the leafy tissue under the flowers. If it looks like a small hand or lopsided star with long 'fingers' it is one of the native species. If it looks like a heart or egg with a pointed tip, it is probably Asian copperleaf. The other clue would be if there are hundreds of thousands of them in an agricultural field, then it is probably Asian copperleaf."

Zaya said farmers are encouraged to keep an eye out for this species while scouting during the upcoming growing season. While initial reports of this weed in Iowa were made during harvest, it is advised to scout for it prior to planting and throughout the growing season. Preventing the spread of seed is crucial to limiting future infestations. Fields containing Asian copperleaf should be harvested last and combines should be cleaned before moving to fields to prevent seed movement.

"Asian copperleaf is a growing concern in Illinois agriculture, and its identifica-



**Above:** A closeup of Asian copperleaf. Note that the flowers are not showy and the leaves are deep-veined. (photo submitted)

tion and management are essential to mitigate its impact on crop production," Zaya said. "The plant can potentially resist certain herbicides, making it a real challenge for farmers. Continued monitoring and research will be vital in developing effective strategies to control this invasive species."

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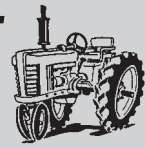
High torque, reduced noise and zero emissions are the attractions with small horsepower sizes. Full power is realized instantly at the drawbar. They are a labor saver in the dairy for feed pushing. Vegetable growers as well as orchards and vineyards are cutting labor costs, with the absence of drivers.

Monarch was the first to produce. Safety features of the Monarch MK-V include technology that will stop the tractor if a human is detected within six feet. The PTO will automatically shut off if a person is within one foot of the PTO.

The European market for these tractors is developing rapidly in orchards, vineyards, olive growers, and the many small farms on that continent.

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ALL ABOUT TRACTORS



BY PAUL WALLEM

sions coming from agriculture, electric tractors provide a meaningful reduction. Most major tractor manufacturers have electric models on the market or under development. To date, the market is mainly for small horsepower.

#### Site offers devices for cabs

The website [www.displaybracket.com](http://www.displaybracket.com) offers devices that might help you while in your tractor or combine cab. A few are: phone holder, monitor

mounts, cup holder, ram mount arms, tablet holders, precision planting seed sense monitor, and more.

#### More early tractor history

1933 - Allis Chalmers joined with Firestone Rubber to develop air-filled rubber tires for agricultural tractors. Nebraska tests reported a 25 percent improvement in fuel economy over steel or solid rubber tires.

1933 - Harry Ferguson patented his 3-point hitch. By 1960, the patent expired and the hitch became the industry standard.

1930-1938 - Massey Harris developed the M-H General Purpose tractor, the industry's first four-wheel-drive tractor.

1935 - International Harvester introduced a diesel engine for farm tractors. 1949 - Richard & L.G. Unverth developed the first bolt-on dual tractor wheels.

1958 - John, Douglas and Maurice Steiger built the first Steiger tractor on their farm.

1960 - International Harvester launched the Cub Cadet, first lawn and garden tractor by a major tractor manufacturer.

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#### Two-cylinder history

I received a reader question about the long life of the two-cylinder John Deere engine, which was produced



Above: The John Deere 9RX

from 1924 till 1960.

The source of the following was Tractor Central Magazine: The two-cylinder engine employed large horizontal pistons and a long stroke, which allowed for high torque at low engine speeds. The engine was simple, durable and easy to maintain. The low-speed high torque nature of these engines allowed them to perform well in tough field conditions despite having fewer cylinders than competitive tractors. The two-cylinder engine was very fuel efficient.

This design, however, faced limitations as agricultural demands grew. By 1960, John Deere shifted to four cycle and six cycle engines. The two-cylinder engine remains iconic and beloved by collectors and enthusiasts for its ruggedness and distinctiveness.

Thought For the Day: Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out.

Paul Wallem was raised on an Illinois dairy farm. He spent 13 years with corporate IH in domestic and foreign assignments. He resigned to own and operate two IH dealerships. He is the author of THE BREAKUP of IH and SUCCESSES & INDUSTRY FIRSTS of IH. See all his books on [www:Paul-Wallem.com](http://www:Paul-Wallem.com). Send comments to [pwalle9@gmail.com](mailto:pwalle9@gmail.com).

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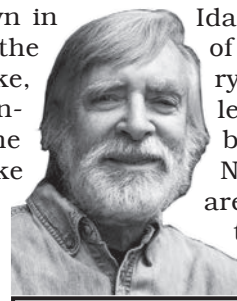


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# Spring pastures are reaching the brightest green of the year

One has only to sit down in the woods or fields or by the shore of the river or lake, and nearly everything of interest will come round. The change of the seasons is like the passage of strange and new countries; the zones of the earth, with all their beauties and marvels, pass one's door. - John Burroughs



POOR WILL'S ALMANACK  
By Bill Felker

### The Phases of the Moon May 31: the Moon is full.

Sun Time: The sun reaches a declination of 21 degrees 54 minutes by the end of May, a little more than 90 percent of the way to solstice

Star Time: Cassiopeia has moved deep into the northern 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.

### Natural Calendar

Spring pasture now reaches its brightest green of the year, and haying moves toward the Canadian border at the rate of about 100 miles a week, will be taking place almost everywhere in the United States by the middle of June. Spring wheat is just about all planted in the North, and all the oats are in the ground between Denver and New York. Potatoes and commercial tomatoes and pickles have all been set out along the Great Lakes. Winter wheat is turning a pale gold below the Mason-Dixon Line. Blueberries are setting fruit in the Northeast. In Southern gardens, squash bugs and Japanese beetles are out in force.

Iris and peonies bloom at elevations near 4,000 feet in southern

Idaho. Aspen leaves are the size of a thumbnail, and the raspberry plants are just getting their leaves in Yellowstone. Blackberries are in full bloom in the Northwest, and dogwood trees are open around Sequoia National Park in California at the same time that the canola and winter wheat crops are about ready to be harvested in the Midwest. In the Southwest, blackberries have set fruit, and wildflowers such as chicory, salsify, moth mullein, great mullein and milkweed are open, marking the full bloom of the sunflower crop in southern California. North of Sacramento, the wheat is darkening, just like it is in Indiana.

### 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 elderberry bushes come into full flower and cottonwood cotton floats in the wind, then the first chiggers bite in the woods and garden.

When the first chiggers bite, all the soybeans are in the ground (except in the wettest years). When acorns form, then almost all the winter wheat is headed.

When damselflies out along the waterways, cherries will be ripe for pie, and the second cut of alfalfa will be underway. When milkweed and pokeweed flower, then the first winter wheat will be ripe.

When quail whistle and mate in the woods, tent caterpillars emerge in the trees, and the first Canadian thistles go to seed. When lizard's tail is in flower along the rivers and lakes, and when black raspberry season ends along the roadsides, then corn borers haunt the corn.

When enchanter's nightshade blooms in the woods, then the first

(Poor Will continued on page 6B)

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# Poor Will

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soybeans are blossoming, too. When blackberries are setting fruit, then the earliest field corn will start to tassel and the canola harvest will be underway.

When potato leafhoppers are getting bad in the alfalfa, blight appears on the tomatoes. When long seedpods have formed on the locust trees, then chinch bugs start leaving brown patches in the lawn.

When mimosa webworms appear on locust trees, potato leafhoppers reach serious levels in alfalfa. When elderberry flowers turn to fruit, dig garlic before the heads break apart, and put in autumn turnips.

## Almanack Literature

### Beep, the co-habiting chicken

Submitted for Poor Will's Funny Animal Story Contest

By Amanda Gunthorp, LaGrange, Ind.

Last spring, my husband decided that we should raise a few chickens. So, he took the boys to the local farm supply store, and they picked out 10 cute little chicks.

By summer, the chicks were big enough to let wander about the yard. They were nice chickens. They'd go back into their coop at night all on their own, let the boys play with them, you know, the nice things that chickens can do.

Well, one morning about 5:30, I

heard a bunch of racket outside. I awoke to find seven chickens dead, lined up on our back porch with our and the neighbor's dog grinning like they'd just done the world a huge favor. Both dogs received some serious discipline and were chained up.

My mother, in the meantime, told me that farmers used to tie the dead chicken to the dog to train them. So, for three days, our dog moped around with a dead chicken fastened to his collar. He would beg for attention, but no one would go near him with that smelly addition attached to him.

As the summer progressed, the dog learned to tolerate chickens, but two more chickens died in car/chicken collisions. That left one chicken the boys named Beep. Beep became a pet. She would follow us around the yard, and she would come to the back door when hungry and cluck to let me know she needed a snack.

Fall quickly was turning to winter, so we insulated a small coop for her. When we put her in it, she'd run at the door and was really upset about being penned up. So, my husband opened the door, thinking she'd come and go. Beep refused to even sleep in her coop. She would go to a bush at sundown and perch there. We noticed that she and the dog were kind of friendly toward each other, so we started paying closer attention. Beep was roosting in the bush until sun-up, and then warming up in the morning with the dog.

As the temperature started dropping, she would get frost on her back

by morning, and I started to worry that she wouldn't survive the winter. When windchills dropped below zero, however, another miracle occurred. The dog and the chicken began living together. Beep no longer roosts in her bush but sleeps under the porch with the dog. Their food dishes are side by side, and they drink from the same bowl. This has been going on for three months now, and we are all quite happy with our co-habiting

pets that should be mortal enemies.

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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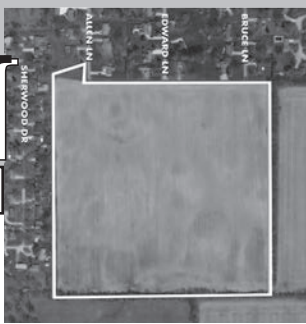
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# Circus World shows the many uses of agriculture under the big top

BARABOO, Wis. – How often do we really think of the agricultural connection with the circus? Scott O'Donnell, of Circus World in Baraboo, made the statement that the circus was like a moving city, "A town without a ZIP code," he quipped.

The circus had their own dentist, doctor, veterinarian, priest and more. So, when looked at that way, it makes sense with all the animals and transportation involved that agriculture would take part in the Biggest Show on Earth. With all the array of circus animals, the amount of grain, meat and farm items needed was enormous. "They used to grow crops to support them," O'Donnell said. With 40 elephants at one time he added, "They needed 350 pounds of food each day."

In the wagon display at Circus World there are examples of 50-pound bags of oats and more that share the needs of the circus animals used for acts,

transport and more.

The father of the Ringling Brothers was August Ringling, a German immigrant and harness maker. August married French immigrant Marie Salomé Juliarco and together the two had seven sons and one daughter. Five brothers ran the shows along with several relatives. They first opened in 1884 as a vaudeville act. Each brother had a different job in the circus.

With Baraboo's "Ringlingville" serving as the winter headquarters, one of the agricultural tasks was to work on the wagons. The Baraboo firm Moeller & Sons, cousins of the Ringlings, did a lot of the work on the circus wagons for both the Ringling Brothers and the Gollamar circuses. The Gollamars were also cousins of the Ringlings. On display in the wagon restoration area, visitors can see some of the tools used on the wagons. At Circus World, they have the largest collection of circus wagons in the world.

In the circus, there are many dif-



**WRENCHING TALES**  
By Cindy Ladage



**Above:** Truck and Caterpillar at work in old photo in Horse Power to Horsepower display.

ferent types of wagons. "Free street parades announced the circus was in town and elaborately carved wagons helped to draw audiences to the showgrounds after the parade," shared a placard in the wagon collection.

Along with the elaborately decorated wagons, many carved by the Moellers, there were also cage wagons that served as transportation, and a home for the

animals in the show. You can still see the building where the Moellers worked on the wagons downtown. There was an office wagon, baggage wagons, cookhouse and rolling restrooms. Part of the agricultural story is in the generator wagons providing power for the showgrounds. There was a blacksmith

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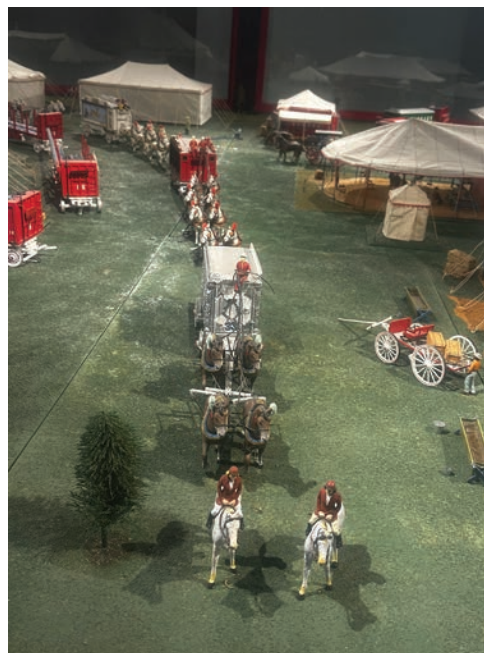
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**Above:** Miniature circus showing some of the horses and movement of the circus.



**Above:** Oats were one of the grains used to feed animals in the circus.

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# Wrenching

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wagon, and more used in the traveling city that was the circus. Some of the tools of the circus included state of the art equipment like a Champion Blower and Forge that was used by large wagon shops for work like shrinking tires and welding axes in the 1910s and 20s.

There is a miniature of the circus that shows all aspects. The horses, wagons and an overview of all the pieces it took to keep this huge operation of 1,400 people moving together. The Ringlings created an art of moving people and machinery. In fact, O'Donnell shared, "The Department of Defense came to study the Ringlings before World War I, and Nazi spies later stud-

ied how they moved from place to place before World War II."

From animal to tractor power, in the wagon display there is a cool exhibit about Caterpillar tractors which they shared was, "The elephant's only power rival." The first Caterpillar Tractor affiliation with a circus took place as early as 1926 at the Al G. Barnes-Ring Wild Animal Circus. They used a 5-ton Caterpillar. The circus, O'Donnell shared, was a place where technology was often unveiled. The exhibit "From Horse Power to Horsepower" says it all.

This includes internal combustion engines promoting self-propelled vehicles. When the crawler came on the scene, it made moving machinery easier and safer. In 1938, John Ringling North, a nephew of the original Ringling brothers, transitioned from horses to tractors. Once they started using the

railway in 1956, the need for crawlers decreased, although they still came in handy setting up and tearing down.

Many items are not on display, but in the archives. Jennifer Cronk, curator of circus history, shared a behind-the-scenes tour and one item was an array of carving tools for an act of the Vegetable King, who did intricate carvings. The agricultural items vary greatly at this amazing museum from animal blankets to generators. You will have to come and see what you can find and maybe take in a circus act and some cotton candy while you are at it.



Above: One of the Caterpillars on display in the wagon exhibit.



Above: One of the ornate wagons that wagon makers worked on for the Ringling Brothers.

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# Dairy herd projected unchanged; milk production to be up in 2027

The June Federal order Class I base milk price was announced by the USDA at \$22.18 per hundred-weight, up \$2.03 from May, \$4.92 above June 2025, and the highest Class I price since November 2024. The six-month average stands at \$17.92, down from \$19.65 at this time a year ago, and compares to \$18.83 in 2024.

The USDA's monthly Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook, issued May 18, mirrored milk price and production projections in the May 12 World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report.

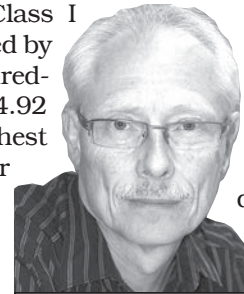
The 2026 average number of dairy cows was raised 10,000 head to 9.620 million. Forecast milk per cow was lowered to 24,470 pounds, 15 pounds lower than last month's forecast. 2026 output is now projected at 235.4 billion pounds, an increase of 100 million pounds from the previous forecast.

The 2027 dairy herd is projected to remain unchanged relative to 2026 at 9.620 million head. Milk per cow is 24,535 pounds, up 65 pounds from the 2026 forecast. Milk production was forecast at 236.0 billion pounds, up 600 million pounds from 2026.

The Outlook also stated that beef steer and heifer marketings for slaughter slowed below expectations from last month's report, as feedlots still appear willing to add weight to cattle while awaiting higher bids from packers.

The latest NASS Cattle on Feed report showed the April 1 feedlot inventory at 11.576 million head, 0.5 percent below a year ago. Feedlot placements in March were more than 7 percent lower year over year at 1.659 million. Following a very slow pace of marketings in February, marketings in March were 1.632 million head, up about 10 percent compared to March 2025, according to the Outlook.

Current pastureland conditions are the worst and most widespread since the last drought period in 2021-22, the Outlook reported. As of May 12, 62 percent of the cattle inventory was in an area experiencing drought, up from 29 percent a year ago, and compares to 55 percent in 2022. The Outlook warned, "This may hamper hay production and forage conditions, limiting producers' ability to expand herds."



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY  
By Lee Mielke

"Weekly slaughter data suggests that farmers are still retaining older dairy cows, and culling rates will likely remain lower in the near term given the high returns from beef-on-dairy calves, tight replacement inventories, and the prospects of higher all-milk prices," the Outlook stated.

USDA data shows 47,100 dairy cows were sent to slaughter the week ending May 2, up 2100 or 4.7 percent from a year ago. Year to date 981,400 had been culled, up 53,700 or 5.8 percent from a year ago.

Meanwhile, the latest Crop Progress report showed 76 percent of U.S. corn was in the ground, as of the week ending May 17, up from 57 percent the previous week, equaling that of a year ago, but 6 percent ahead of the five-year average. 39 percent was emerged, up from 23 percent the previous week, 8 percent behind a year ago but 2 percent ahead of the average. Soybean plantings were at 67 percent, up from 49 percent the previous week, 4 percent ahead of a year ago, and 10 percent ahead of the five-year average. Thirty-two percent was emerged, up from 20 percent the previous week, dead even with a year ago, but 9 percent ahead of the average.

The latest Margin Watch (MW) from Chicago-based Commodity and Ingredient Hedging LLC. says, "Dairy margins deteriorated further over the first half of May with mixed trends in both milk prices and feed costs as Class 3 prices were weaker while Class 4 prices strengthened and corn prices were flat while soybean meal rose sharply."

"There has been a significant diversion in price between milk classes," the MW stated. "As a blistering rally in the powder market with nonfat dairy milk (NDM) hitting fresh highs has supported Class 4 Milk futures while Class 3 Milk has been under pressure. Spot NDM at the CME reached a new all-time high of \$2.295 per pound, and manufacturers' stocks of NDM at the end of March were down 10.3 percent year-over-year but up 6.9 percent from the prior month."

The MW warned, "A sharp unwinding of spread trading between soybean oil and soybean meal has allowed the meal market to catch a bid recently as year-round adoption of E15 may support corn-based ethanol at the expense of biodiesel production from soybean oil, according to a recent CBO report." E15 is a fuel blend that consists of 10.5 percent to 15 percent ethanol mixed with gasoline, and in the United States, nearly all this ethanol is derived from corn.

"The March Dairy Products report showed combined production of NDM and skim milk powder at 212.7 million pounds, up 10 percent from last year. Cheese production of 1.258 billion pounds climbed 1.2 percent from a year ago although a sharp divergence in varieties was noted with Italian-style cheese production up 2.3 percent due to strong Parmesan production while American varieties declined 2.3 percent from 2025, including a 2 percent drop in Cheddar production. Butter production at 231.5 million pounds was also up 1.2 percent. USDA also reported record March exports of 568.3 million pounds in combined dairy products," the MW concluded.

There were lots of pluses in China's April dairy import data. HighGround Dairy stated in its analysis, "The number of bidders from North Asia has remained notably light on the Global Dairy Trade platform throughout 2026."

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# First alfalfa cutting should be large and of good quality

The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center's outlook to June 2 calls for very likely above normal outlook for temperatures and leaning to likely below normal outlook for precipitation. Toledo weather, as

of press time, has 2026 as the fifth wettest spring on record, catching up to the drenched 2024. Researchers at Florida State University say they can forecast winter weather before winter begins by forecasting how the strato-

spheric polar vortex will behave. In Michigan, we never put away all our wool socks and sweaters even in summer. We are always prepared.

Alfalfa or mixed hay should be cut at the 1/10th bloom stage for optimum quality. With a favorable forecast, and lush growth from spring rains, the first cutting should be large and of good quality. Farmers are reminded that legume hay is a heavy user of phosphorus (P) and potassium (K). After the first cutting is a good time to spread fertilizer, including two pounds of actual Boron per acre for established stands. Stands with at least 40 percent alfalfa don't need any nitrogen, which is supplied by the legume.

Soft red and white wheat needs to be carefully managed now for flag leaf and head diseases. Powdery mildew, Septoria, several rusts and head scab are some diseases to scout for, but farmers need to be mindful of various Feekes' growth stage or pre-harvest interval restrictions of fungicide products. The Crop Protection Network has bulletin CPN-302-W Small Grain Management providing unbiased, research-based information to farmers and agricultural personnel. This and other crop disease resources can be

pounds, up 36.4 percent. Most of that was on whole milk powder, as skim milk powder imports were off 0.2 percent. Whey product imports, at 125.3 million pounds, were up 3.5 percent.

Butter and powder nudged this week's Global Dairy Trade higher. The weighted average was up 0.6 percent, following a 1.5 percent rise on May 5. Volume dropped to 28.6 million pounds, down from 30.3 million on May 5. The average metric ton price was \$4,198 US, up from \$4,127 on May 5.

The gains were led by butter, up 2.5 percent, after dropping 2.6 percent on May 5. Anhydrous milkfat was down 1.6 percent however, after advancing 1.1 percent on May 5. Skim milk powder was up 0.2 percent, following a 3.0 percent jump, and whole milk powder was up 1.2 percent, following a 2.2 percent advance. Lactose was up 0.5 percent, after jumping 3.7 percent. Cheddar was down 1.3 percent, after dropping 3.6 percent last time, but GDT Mozzarella was up 2.9 percent, and followed a 4.7 percent rise last time.

## Mielke

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China sourced massive volumes from New Zealand off-platform instead," says HGD, "likely secured late last year when pricing was undeniably favorable. April imports climbed to the highest levels since February 2022 and marked the strongest April in five years. Nearly all the growth came from New Zealand, with volumes up 76 percent from 2025."

Cheese imports totaled 43.9 million pounds, up 16.8 percent from a year ago, and the strongest April volume on record, according to HighGround, which added "Cheese demand continues to prove resilient as consumer preferences evolve, with diets increasingly shifting toward newer dairy formats centered around pizza, foodservice, and convenience-oriented consumption."

Butter imports totaled 19.8 million pounds, up 23.3 percent. Whole milk/skim milk powder hit 197.7 million

**WEEKLY AG UPDATE**  
BY NED BIRKEY  
MSU EXTENSION EDUCATOR EMERITUS  
SPARTAN AG

found at: CropProtectionNetwork.org.

Black cutworm and true armyworm trap counts remain very high in north-west Ohio but decreased from previous weeks. OSU's Andy Michael, Kelley Tilmon and others think peak moth flights have passed though farmers need to still scout fields for the next couple weeks.

Memorial Day, spring and gardening is a time to remember those who died for our freedom and our abundant food supply in this great country. Norman Borlaug is often called "the Father of the Green Revolution," and is credited with saving over a billion people worldwide from starvation by his research into new wheat varieties and adaptive management. He was awarded the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his contributions to world peace through increasing food supply.

### ONLINE AUCTION

#### Tuesday, June 9



**DAVE POWERS**  
RETIREMENT LIQUIDATION  
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**Inspections:**  
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#### Wednesday, June 3



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# LARGE PUBLIC AUCTION

## FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026 AT 9:00 AM

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

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

#### ABSOLUTE AUCTION, EVERYTHING SELLS, NO CONSIGNMENTS

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

**FIRST RING: Compact Tractors, Industrial, Farm Equipment • SECOND RING: Golf Carts, Lawn & Garden, ATV's & Misc. • THIRD RING: 1:00 PM OUTSIDE - Vehicles & Misc.**

#### TRACTORS

JD 9470RT, 5600 HRS W/ 1000 HRS ON ENGINE OVERHAUL  
 JD 8130 W/ FRONT & REAR DUALS, MFWD, ILS, 5300 HRS  
 JD 7410 W/ 740 LDR, 16-SPD POWER QUAD, 3 SVC, MFWD, 4100 HRS (AS IS - TRANSMISSION)  
 JD 6400 W/ LDR, MFWD  
 JD 6310 W/ CAB & TIGER SIDEBOOM MOWER, 2WD, 7100 HRS  
 JD 6200 W/ CANOPY, 2WD  
 JD 5510 W/ CAB & LDR, 2WD, 3900 HRS  
 JD 5225 W/ LDR & CAB, MFWD, 4620 HRS  
 JD 5055E W/ OPEN STATION, MFWD, 1200 HRS  
 JD 5045E, 411 HRS  
 JD 4640 W/ DUALS, 6734 HRS  
 JD 4430 W/ LDR  
 JD 4430  
 JD 4320  
 JD 4310 W/ LDR, MFWD, 1900 HRS (AS IS - HYDRAULIC ISSUES)  
 JD 4210 W/ LDR, MFWD, 1022 HRS  
 JD 4200  
 JD 3720 W/ CAB & LDR, MFWD, 2389 HRS  
 JD 3720 W/ LDR, MFWD (AS IS - FUEL ISSUES)  
 JD 3038E W/ LDR, MFWD, 140 HRS  
 JD 3038E W/ LDR, MFWD (AS IS - ENGINE)  
 JD 3025E W/ LDR, MFWD, 522 HRS  
 JD 3020, WF, GAS  
 JD 3020, WF, DSL  
 JD 2550 W/ LDR, 3642 HRS  
 JD 2210 W/ LDR  
 JD 2210, MFWD  
 JD 2025R W/ LDR, HST, MFWD, 151 HRS  
 JD 2020 W/ JD 146 LDR  
 JD 1025R W/ 60" DECK, HST, MFWD, 630 HRS  
 JD 1025R W/ LDR & DECK  
 JD 1023E W/ LDR, MFWD, 228 HRS  
 JD 950  
 JD 870 W/ HYD BLADE, MFWD  
 JD 855, MFWD, 450 HRS  
 JD 855 W/ LDR & DECK, 350 HRS  
 JD 670 W/ DECK  
 JD 650, MFWD  
 JD 301A W/ LDR, DSL  
 JD 70, LP, 3PT  
 JD 50 (AS IS)  
 JD B (AS IS)  
 AC 200  
 AC WD45, WF, DSL, RESTORED  
 AC C  
 AC B  
 BRANSON 3510 W/ LDR, MFWD, 325 HRS  
 CIH 95 W/ LDR, MFWD, 3300 HRS  
 CIH JX1070 W/ LDR, OPEN STATION, MFWD  
 CIH FARMALL 31 W/ LDR, MFWD  
 CASE 4894, 3PT, PTO, MFWD  
 CAT CHALLENGER CH75, 6600 HRS  
 CAT CHALLENGER CH75C, 7500 HRS  
 CUB CADET 7305 W/ LDR, MFWD  
 FARMALL 95 W/ CAB & LDR, MFWD (AS IS - SYNCHRO IS-SUES)  
 FARMALL 706, NF, GAS  
 FARMALL SUPER A W/ LDR  
 FARMALL A  
 FORD 3600, DSL  
 FORD 120  
 FORD 8N  
 FORD JUBILEE  
 FORD 600 W/ LDR  
 HESSTON 666  
 IH 5288 W/ DUALS  
 IH 966 W/ CAB & DUALS, 540/1000 PTO  
 IH 706, NF, GAS (AS IS)  
 IH CUB LO-BOY (AS IS)  
 KUBOTA M9960 W/ LDR, MFWD, 1237 HRS  
 KUBOTA B7500 W/ LDR & DECK, MFWD  
 KUBOTA B7100 W/ FIMCO 50-GAL SPRAYER, 3PT  
 KUBOTA B2710 W/ LDR, MFWD, HYDRO  
 KUBOTA B20 TLB  
 KUBOTA L5740 W/ CAB & LDR, MFWD, 1000 HRS  
 KUBOTA L3940 W/ LDR, MFWD, 806 HRS  
 KUBOTA L3901 W/ LDR, MFWD, 500 HRS  
 KUBOTA L3240 W/ LDR, MFWD  
 KUBOTA L2900 W/ LDR, MFWD  
 KUBOTA L2800 W/ LDR, MFWD, 638 HRS  
 KUBOTA L2450T, MFWD  
 KUBOTA Bx2680 W/ LDR, MFWD, HST, 120 HRS  
 KUBOTA Bx2670 W/ LDR, DSL, MFWD, 990 HRS  
 KUBOTA Bx2670 W/ DECK, 100 HRS  
 KUBOTA Bx235 TLB, MFWD  
 KUBOTA Bx2350 W/ DECK, MFWD, 1889 HRS  
 KUBOTA Bx2200 W/ LDR & DECK, MFWD  
 KUBOTA Bx1850 W/ LDR & DECK, MFWD  
 MAHINDRA 7035 W/ CAB & LDR, MFWD, 143 HRS  
 MF 4710 W/ LDR, MFWD, 1320 HRS  
 MF 1759 W/ LDR, MFWD, 935 HRS  
 MF GC1725 TLB W/ DECK, MFWD, 216 HRS  
 MF 3680, MFWD, 6600 HRS  
 MF 210-4 W/ LDR, MFWD  
 MF 135 W/ LDR (AS IS)  
 NH T5.120, MFWD, 2650 HRS  
 NH T4-100 W/ CAB & LDR, MFWD, 2848 HRS  
 NH T880 W/ CAB & LDR, MFWD, 3140 HRS  
 NH T775 W/ LDR, MFWD, 1885 HRS  
 NH T700A W/ LDR, MFWD, 980 HRS  
 NH TC35 W/ LDR, MFWD  
 NH TC33D W/ LDR, MFWD (PTO ISSUES)  
 NH TC30 W/ LDR, MFWD, 223 HRS  
 NH 2120 W/ LDR, MFWD, 4100 HRS  
 NH WORKMASTER 33 W/ LDR, MFWD, 600 HRS  
 STEIGER PANTHER ST310, QA  
 WHITE 2-30

#### TOWN OF PLAINFIELD - WILL BE SOLD OUTSIDE AT 1:00 PM.

**FOR QUESTIONS, CALL ERIC LEES AT 317-850-0509**  
 2018 CHEVY TAHOE, 86700 MILES  
 2018 CHEVY TAHOE, 87150 MILES  
 2018 CHEVY TAHOE, 90300 MILES  
 2018 CHEVY TAHOE, 94240 MILES  
 2018 CHEVY TAHOE, 99590 MILES  
 2018 CHEVY TAHOE, 108220 MILES  
 2018 CHEVY TAHOE, 124165 MILES  
 2018 CHEVY TAHOE, 79650 MILES (AS IS - ENGINE)  
 2018 CHEVY TAHOE, 101850 MILES (AS IS - TRANSMISSION)  
 2010 CHEVY TAHOE, 126600 MILES  
 2018 CHEVY IMPALA, 132870 MILES  
**CONSTRUCTION**  
 CAT 299DXHP SKIDSTEER W/ CAB & AIR, HIGH FLOW, 2619 HRS, 1-OWNER  
 2021 CAT 289D3 SKIDSTEER, C/A/H, PILOT CONTROLS, 2808 HRS  
 CAT 289D SKIDSTEER, C/A/H  
 2019 ASV RT65 SKIDSTEER, 2250 HRS  
 NH C345 SKIDSTEER W/ C/A/H, 1524 HRS  
 KUBOTA SVL95 SKIDSTEER (AS IS)  
 BOBCAT T870 SKIDSTEER, 525 HRS  
 2011 BOBCAT T190 SKIDSTEER  
 BOBCAT S250 SKIDSTEER, 2000 HRS  
 BOBCAT S100 SKIDSTEER, 1000 HRS  
 CASE SR210 SKIDSTEER  
 CASE 1816B SKIDSTEER, ROPS  
 CASE 410 SKIDSTEER (AS IS - ENGINE ISSUES)  
 TORO DINGO TXL2000 STAND ON SKIDSTEER, 1302 HRS  
 TORO DINGO TX-825 STAND-ON SKIDSTEER W/ WIDE TRACKS (AS IS - FUEL LEAK)  
 JD 170 SKIDSTEER  
 MASTERCRAFT FORKLIFT  
 2014 CAT 906H2 WHEEL LOADER, 2270 HRS  
 2015 KAWASAKI 65TMV-2 WHEEL LOADER W/ CAB & AIR, PS, 12200 HRS  
 CASE 621B WHEEL LOADER  
 CASE 621 WHEEL LOADER (AS IS - TRANSMISSION)  
 FORD 555A TLB, 6007 HRS  
 FORD 555D TLB, 2WD  
 2013 CASE 580 SUPER N BACKHOE, C/A/H, 4WD, 5500 HRS  
 2006 CASE 580 SUPER M BACKHOE W/ FRONT & BH BUCK-ET, FORKS, 3309 HRS  
 CASE 580K BACKHOE W/ 4-IN-1 BUCKET, EXT-A-HOE, 4WD, 5347 HRS  
 CASE 580K BACKHOE, EXT-A-HOE, 4WD  
 CASE 580 BACKHOE, 2WD, 3882 HRS  
 NH 575E BACKHOE W/ CAB, 2WD, 1900 HRS, 1-OWNER  
 JD 310D BACKHOE W/ CAB, 4WD, TURBO, 9185 HRS  
 JD 310D BACKHOE, EXT-A-HOE, 2WD  
 JD 310D BACKHOE, EXT-A-HOE, 4WD (AS IS - TRANSMIS-SION SLIPS)  
 CAT T863 TELEHANDLER W/ FORKS, EROPS, HYD QC, AUX HYD  
 CAT TL642 TELEHANDLER  
 LULL 844C-4 TELEHANDLER, OPEN STATION  
 2022 BOBCAT E351 EXCAVATOR, PLATINUM EDITION, C/A/H, 835 HRS  
 (2020) YANMAR V107 EXCAVATOR, 1061 HRS  
 2017 JD 35G EXCAVATOR W/ CAB & AIR, THUMB, 2150 HRS  
 KUBOTA KX040-4 EXCAVATOR W/ CAB & AIR, THUMB, 6-WAY BLADE & 3 BKTS  
 KUBOTA KX121-3 EXCAVATOR, OPEN STATION, 1500 HRS  
 KOMATSU PC300LC-6E EXCAVATOR, 14000 HRS  
 CAT D5H LGP DOZER, 9100 HRS  
 IMT 9000 KNUCKLE BOOM CRANE, 3-STAGE  
 EVERSMAN PULL TYPE LEVELER  
 WOODS GSS60P LAND LEVELER  
 LAND PLANE, 8'  
 DIRT PAN  
 CAT Q/A ASPHALT GRINDER  
 JD 8B BACKHOE OFF OF JD 1070  
 WOODS BH100 GROUND BREAKER BACKHOE, 3PT  
 BOBCAT BACKHOE ATTACHMENT, SS MT  
 KUBOTA 3PT BACKHOE  
 FRONTIER 74" ROCK BUCKET  
 (2) 66" SKIDSTEER BUCKET, NEW  
 FFC SKIDSTEER GRAPPLE  
 (10 SETS) Q/A PALLET FORKS, 4000LB CAPACITY  
 SET OF JD FORKS  
**COMBINES**  
 JD 9450 W/ DUALS & CHOPPER, 2WD, 4210/2900 HRS, SN 695161  
 CIH 2388 W/ CHOPPER & ROCK TRAP, MAURER BIN EX-TENSION, 3478/2696 HRS, SN HAJ293843  
 CIH 1680 COMBINE, 2WD, 4702 ENG HRS, SN 103187  
**HEADS**  
 CIH 2062 DRAPER HEAD, 36"  
 JD 922 GRAIN HEAD  
 CIH 1063 GRAIN HEAD  
 CIH 1020 GRAIN HEAD, 20"  
 JD 712F CORN HEAD, SN 807518  
 JD 693 CORN HEAD (FIRE DAMAGE)  
 CIH 864 CORN HEAD, CONVERTED TO 12-ROW W/ 20" SPACING  
 CIH 863 CORN HEAD, CONVERTED TO 9-ROW W/ 20" SPACING  
 CIH 2208 CORN HEAD  
**PLANTERS & DRILLS**  
 KINZE 3500 8/16 SPLITTER PLANTER  
 JD 750 DRILL W/ MARKERS, 15', 7.5" SPACING, REBUILT  
 JD 750 DRILL W/ REMLINGER LOADING AUGER, 15', 7.5" SPACING  
 JD 750 DRILL, NO-TILL, 15', 7.5" SPACING  
 JD B DRILL  
**TILLAGE**  
 JD 2880 HIGH SPEED DISK, 35"  
 BLU JET SUBTILLER II, 5-SHANK, PULL TYPE  
 UNVERFERTH ZONE BUILDER IN-LINE RIPPER, 4-SHANK  
 GP SS1300 SUBTILLER RIPPER, 5-SHANK, SPRING RESET  
 CIH ECOLO-TIGER 530B DISK RIPPER, 12"  
 JD 714 DISK CHISEL, 5-SHANK  
 KENT DISC-O-VATOR, 28"  
 BRILLION XL PACKER, 28"  
 BRILLION X108 PACKER  
 KEWANEE FLAT FOLD CULTIMULCHER, 20"  
 DUNHAM LEHR CULTIMULCHER, 14"  
 CULTIPACKER, 16"  
 UNVERFERTH 24" ROLLING BASKET  
 JD 200 ROLLING BASKET

#### 24' HARROWGATOR

JD 875 CULTIVATOR  
 BRILLION DISK CHISEL, 11-SHANK  
 JD 235 DISK  
 CIH 496 DISK, 22.5"  
 IH DISK  
 AC DISK, 8"  
 3PT DISK  
 JD 3X PLOW  
 FORD 2X PLOW  
 KING KUTTER POTATO PLOW  
**GRAIN CARTS & WAGONS**  
 BRENT 1084 GRAIN CART  
 BRENT 976 GRAIN CART W/ ROLL TARP & SCALES  
 BRENT 776 GRAIN CART W/ TARP  
 KILLBROS GRAVITY WAGON W/ DIGI-STAR EZ400 SCALE & HYD BRAKES  
 DMI BIG LITTLE GRAVITY WAGON  
 PAR-KAN WEIGH WAGON  
**HAY EQUIPMENT**  
 CIH 8575 SILAGE SPECIAL LARGE SQUARE BALER W/ MONITOR, 6800 BALES  
 JD 410 ROUND BALER  
 JD 346 SQUARE BALER  
 CANAG TWISTER 150-BALE WRAPPER, UNUSED  
 JD 946 MOCO  
 KUHN FC283 DISKBINE, 9'  
 KRONE ECR280 DISK MOWER  
 NI 5407 DISC MOWER  
 IBEX TM67 DISK MOWER, 3PT  
 NH 489 HAYBINE  
 NH 256 RAKE W/ DOLLY WHEEL  
 ENROSSI RAKE  
 VICON ANDEX 423T RAKE  
 CLAMP-ON BALE SPEAR  
 3PT BALE SPEAR  
 25' HAY ELEVATOR  
**ROTARY MOWERS**  
 LANDPRIDE RCM5615 BATWING, 15'  
 LANDPRIDE BATWING, 12'  
 BUSH HOG 12815 FLEX-WING BATWING  
 BUSH HOG 12815 BATWING  
 BUSH HOG LEGEND 2615 BATWING  
 (2) WOODS BW180 BATWING  
 WOODS BW180 BATWING, 540 PTO  
 (2) JD M1X10 ROTARY MOWER  
 JD HX10 ROTARY MOWER  
 JD 709 ROTARY MOWER  
 WOODS BRUSHBULL BB72.30 ROTARY MOWER  
 WOODS BRUSHBULL 720 ROTARY MOWER, 6'  
 WOODS ROTARY MOWER  
 RHINO TURBO 96 ROTARY MOWER, PULL TYPE  
 BUSH HOG ROTARY MOWER, 8', 540 PTO  
 BUSH HOG ROTARY MOWER, 6', 3PT  
 LANDPRIDE RCF3096 ROTARY MOWER  
 LANDPRIDE RCR1248 ROTARY MOWER, 4'  
 KING KUTTER ROTARY MOWER, 6', PULL TYPE  
 KING KUTTER ROTARY MOWER, 5'  
 FRONTIER RC2072 ROTARY MOWER  
 HUSKEE ROTARY MOWER, 5'  
 HOWSE ROTARY MOWER, 5', 3PT  
 BEFCO ROTARY MOWER, 5'  
 ROTARY MOWER, 6'  
 (2) 3PT ROTARY MOWER, 5'  
 LANDPRIDE AFM4216 BATWING FINISH MOWER  
 LANDPRIDE FDR3690 FINISH MOWER, 7.5'  
 LANDPRIDE FINISH MOWER, 6'  
 BUSH HOG TD1100 TURF BATWING  
 BUSH HOG FINISH MOWER, 5'  
 WOODS PRD8400 FINISH MOWER W/ REAR DISCHARGE, 7'  
 WOODS RM660 FINISH MOWER, 6'  
 BOBCAT 3FM72 FINISH MOWER  
**OTHER EQUIPMENT**  
 APACHE AS1010 SPRAYER, 2900 HRS  
 ROGATOR 1254 SPRAYER  
 ROGATOR 544 SPRAYER, SS TANK  
 TERRAGATOR 1803 W/ DRY BED  
 YETTER SEED JET II SEED TENDER, HONDA ENGINE  
 AKRON E250 GRAIN BAGGER, 540 PTO, 9' BAG, 16' AUGER  
 JD 350 MANURE SPREADER W/ SLOP GATE & TOP BEATER  
 NEW IDEA 3625 MANURE SPREADER  
 IH 504 MANURE SPREADER, SINGLE BEATER, 540 PTO  
 NH 155 MANURE SPREADER W/ REAR GATE  
 (2) MANURE FORK BUCKET  
 KEWANEE 50' ELEVATOR W/ ELEC ENGINE  
 SPEED KING 16' BELT CONVEYOR  
 WHEATHEART SWING AWAY AUGER, 10'X71"  
 UNVERFERTH HT25 HEAD CART  
 KILLBROS HEAD CART, 20"  
 (2) HEAD CART, 20"  
 FARM TRAILER  
 WESTENDORF XTA400 LOADER W/ 8' BUCKET  
 MF LOADER  
 (4) KUBOTA PIN ON BUCKET  
 (3) LOADER FRAME (AS IS)  
 WOODS GB72 BOX BLADE  
 FRONTIER BOX BLADE  
 BOX BLADE  
 (3) GRADER BLADE  
 WOODS RB72 BLADE, 3PT  
 3PT BLADE  
 KUBOTA RTV SNOWPLOW  
 JD 25A FLAIL MOWER  
 FORD FLAIL MOWER  
 ENROSSI BF210 SICKLE BAR MOWER, 7'  
 NH 456 SICKLE BAR MOWER  
 LMC PT6 TILLER  
 WOODS RTR 60-40 TILLER  
 KUBOTA TILLER, 60"  
 KUBOTA RTV500  
 KUBOTA RTV400  
 KAWASAKI MULE 4010, 4-SEATER, 583 HRS  
 KAWASAKI RIDGE CREW LIMITED, C/A/H, GARMIN GPS, 77 HRS/1256 MILES  
 POLARIS RANGER 900  
 POLARIS RANGER 500 (AS IS)  
 POLARIS OUTLAW 450 (AS IS)  
 TORO WORKMAN HDX, 4WD  
 POLARIS SPORTSMAN 800 4-WHEELER  
 POLARIS SPORTMAN 700 4-WHEELER  
 MICRO SPRINT CAR W/ TRAILER, RUNS ON ALCOHOL

#### JD YARD CART

LEAF BLOWER  
 BILLY GOAT LEAF VAC  
 (2) WEED EATER  
 CHAINSAW  
 LANDPRIDE PD15 PHD  
 PHD  
 3PT CARRY ALL  
 JD GLOBAL QUICK COUPLER  
 JD QUICK HITCH  
 (2) QUICK HITCH  
 GENERATOR  
 FUEL PRO FUEL TRAILER W/ 750-GAL FUEL TANK & 250-GAL DEF TANK, NEW  
 1000-GAL PROPANE TANK  
 L-SHAPED PORTABLE FUEL TANK  
 100-GAL GAS TANK W/ HAND PUMP  
 CIH SPECIALTY ROTOR FOR Z388  
 AC 2900 MOTOR  
 JD 404 MOTOR  
 BRIGGS & STRATTON MOTOR  
 CYLINDERS  
 (5) 40' CONTAINER  
 IH SUITCASE WEIGHTS  
 WHEEL WEIGHTS  
 SET OF DUALS  
 (2) 480/70R34 TIRES & RIMS  
 (2) 38X20-16.1 TIRES/RIMS  
 20.8-38 DUALS  
 (2) 1200-20 TIRES  
 NHS 12.5/80-18 TIRES & RIMS  
 (2) 12-22.5 TIRES  
 (3) 11-22.5 TRUCK TIRES  
 (2) 9.50-24 TIRES/RIMS  
 (4) 320/90R46 TIRES & RIMS  
 (4) MAG WHEEL GOLF CART TIRES  
**VEHICLES**  
 2017 HARLEY DAVIDSON STREET GLIDE, 3200 MILES  
 2004 HARLEY DAVIDSON XL883 SPORTSTER, REBUILT TITLE  
 2003 CHEVY SILVERADO 3500, 4-DOOR, FLAT BED, DU-RAMAX DSL  
 2000 BUICK LESABRE, 196715 MILES  
 2007 IH DURASTAR 4300 SEMI, MAXXFORCE DSL, AIR BRAKES (AS IS)  
 1986 KENWORTH T600 TRI AXLE GRAIN TRUCK W/ KANN ALUM BED  
 1983 CHEVY C30 GRAIN TRUCK W/ 9' DUMP BED, 350 GAS ENGINE, 4-SPD  
 1998 CHEVY KODIAK DUMP TRUCK, CAT DSL, AUTO (AS IS)  
 1969 CHEVY DUMP TRUCK  
 IH SERVICE TRUCK W/ BED, DSL  
 2025 CORN PRO UT-16H TRAILER  
 2005 PEQUEA TRAILER, TANDEM AXLE, 9999 GVWR  
 2004 TRANSCRAFT DTL2100 DROP DECK TRAILER, 53'  
 2001 GUTHRIE WILKENS LIVE FLOOR TRAILER W/ 10' SPREAD AXLE, 45'  
 1988 KIEFER BUILT LIVESTOCK GOOSENECK TRAILER, 7'X22', CENTER DIVIDE GATE, TANDEM AXLE  
 1979 M&W PUP TRAILER  
**GOLF CARTS, ATVs, AND UTVs**  
 2021 EZ-GO TXT GOLF CART, 48V  
 (26) 2019 CLUB CAR TEMPO GOLF CART, 48V COLORS: SAPPHIRE BLUE W/ CAMELLO SEATS & GREEN W/ BEIGE SEATS  
 (53) 2016/2015 YAMAHA GOLF CART, EFI GAS, COLORS: EMERALD, SANDSTONE, TANZANITE, GLACIER WHITE  
 (2) 2011 YAMAHA GOLF CART, GLACIER WHITE, GAS  
 BAD BOY GOLF CART  
 (2) CLUB CAR GOLF CART, ELECTRIC  
 EZ-GO GOLF CART, ELECTRIC  
 GOLF CART, 4X4, ELECTRIC  
 2024 HONDA PIONEER 700  
 2023 POLARIS RANGER XP1000 W/ CREW CAB & MY RIDE, HIVAC, 350 HRS  
 2023 KAWASAKI KRX1000SE, 4-SEATER, 40 HRS/238 MILES  
 2023 CF Moto SXS, 4-SEATER, 154 HRS/840 MILES  
 2023 CAN AM RYKER 600 ACE, 1700 MILES  
 2022 JD XUV839R GATOR  
 2021 YAMAHA YXZ1000R  
 2021 POLARIS RANGER 570 W/ C/A/H, 650 HRS  
 (2) 2021 COLEMAN AT125 YOUTH ATV  
 2020 POLARIS RANGER 1000 W/ CAB, 600 HRS  
 2019 JD XUV839R, 1700 MILES  
 2018 TEXTRON STAMPEDE, 1500 MILES  
 2018 POLARIS RANGER 1000XP  
 2017 POLARIS RANGER 1000XP  
 2016 POLARIS GENERAL 1000 EPS, BLUE  
 2016 MAHINDRA IMPACT 1000 S-DC  
 2014 POLARIS RANGER 570  
 2012 JOHN DEERE XUV550  
 2011 POLARIS RANGER 800XP  
 2011 KAWASAKI MULE KAF400-4  
 2009 SUZUKI KING QUAD 750, 4X4  
 2009 BUSH HOG 4430 UTV, 484 HRS  
 2007 HONDA TRX420FE 4-WHEELER  
 2007 HONDA FOREMAN 4-WHEELER, 300 HRS, 4X4  
 2005 POLARIS SPORTSMAN 800 TWIN EFI, 4X4  
 1999 JD TE105 GATOR, ELECTRIC, 1566 HRS, NEW BAT-TERIES  
 JD XUV875M GATOR, C/A/H, DSL, 228 HRS  
 JD 835M GATOR, 116 HRS  
 JD XUV560  
 JD XUV550 GATOR W/ BLADE  
 JD TX 4X2 GATOR, 194 HRS  
 (2) JD 4X2 GATOR  
 KUBOTA RTV1140, 66 HRS  
 KUBOTA RTV X1100C, 2637 HRS  
 KUBOTA RTV1100  
 KUBOTA RTV1100 W/ SNOW BLADE (AS IS)  
 KUBOTA RTV500  
 KUBOTA RTV400  
 KAWASAKI MULE 4010, 4-SEATER, 583 HRS  
 KAWASAKI RIDGE CREW LIMITED, C/A/H, GARMIN GPS, 77 HRS/1256 MILES  
 POLARIS RANGER 900  
 POLARIS RANGER 500 (AS IS)  
 POLARIS OUTLAW 450 (AS IS)  
 TORO WORKMAN HDX, 4WD  
 POLARIS SPORTSMAN 800 4-WHEELER  
 POLARIS SPORTMAN 700 4-WHEELER  
 MICRO SPRINT CAR W/ TRAILER, RUNS ON ALCOHOL

#### LAWN AND GARDEN

JD 2997R, 72"  
 JD 2970R, 72", 2055 HRS  
 JD 2960M, 72"  
 JD 2960M (AS IS)  
 JD 2960R, 60", 1827 HRS  
 JD 2960R W/ TURF TIRES, 2009 HRS  
 JD 2930M, 60", 162.6 HRS  
 JD 2930M, 675 HRS  
 JD 2930M, 1057 HRS  
 JD 2930M, 1074 HRS  
 JD 2930M (AS IS - BAD ENGINE)  
 JD 2920M, 48", 86 HRS  
 JD 2920M, 60", 419 HRS  
 JD 2850A  
 JD 2830A, 54"  
 JD 2710  
 JD 2530M, 60"  
 JD 2520A, 60"  
 JD 2425, 54"  
 JD 2425, 54" (AS IS - BLOWN MOTOR)  
 (2) JD 2425, 48"  
 JD 2425  
 JD 2355E, 48"  
 (2) JD 2335  
 JD Q850R STAND ON, 431 HRS  
 JD X758, DSL, 60", 814 HRS  
 JD X749  
 JD X739  
 JD X738, 54", 734 HRS  
 JD X730  
 JD X720, 716 HRS  
 JD X584  
 JD X570, 48", HYDRO  
 JD X540  
 JD X530, 668 HRS  
 JD X500, 54"  
 JD X485  
 JD X360, 48", PS  
 JD X330, 42"  
 JD X320  
 (3) JD X300  
 (2) JD STX38  
 (2) JD SST18  
 JD S240, 42", 382 HRS  
 JD S140, 10 HRS  
 JD LX266  
 (2) JD LX172  
 JD LT180  
 JD LT160, 42"  
 JD LT155  
 JD LT155 (AS IS)  
 JD LT133  
 JD LA135  
 JD LA115  
 JD L100  
 JD F725, 54"  
 JD D170, 54"  
 JD D140  
 (2) JD D130  
 JD D130 (AS IS)  
 JD D110  
 (3) JD 757  
 JD 655 ZTR  
 JD 425  
 JD 332  
 (2) JD 325, 48"  
 JD 318  
 JD 318 (AS IS)  
 JD 285  
 JD 160  
 JD 130  
 JD 115, 42"  
 JD 111  
 AC 916, HYDRO, 42"  
 AGCO (AS IS)  
 ALTOZ TRX7661 ON TRACKS W/ PRO & ALL TERRAIN DECK, 97 HRS  
 BAD BOY 2560ZT  
 BAD BOY ELITE, 60"  
 (2) BAD BOY ROGUE, 61", 280-300 HRS  
 BAD BOY  
 BOBCAT ZTR, 60"  
 BUNTON ZTR, 60"  
 BUSH HOG TX2561  
 COUNTRY CLIPPER, 60"  
 COUNTRY CLIPPER, 52"  
 COUNTRY CLIPPER, 48"  
 CRAFTSMAN YS4500 RIDER  
 CRAFTSMAN YTS3000  
 CRAFTSMAN T2400  
 CRAFTSMAN T110  
 CRAFTSMAN W/ FRONT BLADE  
 CUB CADET ZT154P  
 CUB CADET ZFSX, 235 HRS  
 CUB CADET Z-FORCE  
 CUB CADET XT3  
 CUB CADET XT1 LT RIDER, 50"  
 CUB CADET X1 RIDER  
 (2) CUB CADET TANK S260  
 CUB CADET TANK, 54"  
 CUB CADET TANK  
 CUB CADET SLX50  
 CUB CADET RZTSX46  
 CUB CADET PRO X972L  
 CUB CADET PRO Z100, 100 HRS  
 CUB CADET LT50  
 (2) CUB CADET LT42  
 CUB CADET LT1050 RIDER  
 CUB CADET LT1018  
 CUB CADET LT1  
 (2) CUB CADET HH30  
 CUB CADET GT1554  
 CUB CADET ENFORCER ZTR  
 CUB CADET CC760  
 CUB CADET CC30  
 CUB CADET 2130  
 CUB CADET 1082  
 CUB CADET 1046  
 CUB CADET 1040  
 (4) CUB CADET RIDER  
 (4) CUB CADET ZTR

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DIXIE CHOPPER XCALIBER 3366  
 (2) DIXIE CHOPPER XW2503  
 DIXIE CHOPPER XW2200 QUAD  
 (3) DIXIE CHOPPER SILVER EAGLE  
 DIXIE CHOPPER, DSL (AS IS)  
 DIXIE CHOPPER  
 DIXON, 60"  
 EXMARK VERTEX VTS 730EKC52400  
 (2) EXMARK VANTAGE, 60"  
 EXMARK VANTAGE, 52"  
 (4) EXMARK STARIS, 60"  
 EXMARK RADIUS  
 EXMARK QUEST, 50", 257 HRS  
 EXMARK PIONEER, 60"  
 (3) EXMARK LAZER Z  
 EXMARK, 60"  
 (3) EXMARK  
 EXMARK STAND-ON MOWER  
 FERRIS ISX3300  
 (3) FERRIS IS3200Z  
 FERRIS IS3000  
 FERRIS IS2200, 61", 28HP  
 FERRIS IS1500Z, 48", 500 HRS  
 FERRIS ISX800, 71 HRS  
 FERRIS IS600Z  
 FERRIS EVOLUTION, 52"  
 GRASSHOPPER 725 W/ NEW 72" DECK  
 GRASSHOPPER 723K  
 GRASSHOPPER 720K  
 GRAVELLY, 60"  
 GREAT DANE CHARIOT  
 HUSKEE LT4200  
 (2) HUSQVARNA MZ61  
 HUSQVARNA G748 DVLX, 212 HRS  
 HUSQVARNA ZTR, 60"  
 (6) HUSQVARNA  
 (2) HUSTLER HYPER DRIVE, 72"  
 HUSTLER HYPER DRIVE, 60"  
 HUSTLER SUPER Z, 72", DSL  
 HUSTLER SUPER Z, 60"  
 HUSTLER SPORT  
 HUSTLER RAPTOR FLIP-UP  
 (2) HUSTLER RAPTOR  
 (2) HUSTLER FASTRACK, 42"  
 HUSTLER FASTRAK  
 HUSTLER MINI Z, 52"  
 KUBOTA F2560, 72", 1964 HRS  
 (2) KUBOTA ZD1211, 72"  
 (2) KUBOTA ZD1211, 60"  
 KUBOTA ZD1211  
 KUBOTA ZD1021, DSL, 60"  
 KUBOTA T1400  
 (2) KUBOTA Z421  
 KUBOTA ZD326  
 KUBOTA ZD323, 60", DSL  
 KUBOTA Z231  
 KUBOTA Z125  
 KUBOTA Z121, 48"  
 (2) KUBOTA ZD28  
 KUBOTA ZD25  
 KUBOTA ZD21  
 KUBOTA ZG20  
 MURRAY  
 POLIAN PRO PP19A42  
 SCAG PATRIOT, 473 HRS  
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