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Farm equipment sales down but combine purchases up in June

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MILWAUKEE, Wis. – Farm equipment purchases were down in the first half of the year from the same period in 2025, but combine sales were a bright spot in June, according to the Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM).

Sales of all two-wheel-drive farm tractors dropped 13.5 percent. Two-wheel-drive tractors under 40 HP fell 15.7 percent, while those 40-100 HP dipped 6.1 percent. Those 100 HP and over fell 16.8 percent. All four-wheel-drive tractors dropped 24.6 percent, AEM said.

For the first half of the year, sales of self-propelled combines were down 11.4 percent. Sales in June 2026 were up 3.9 percent over June 2025.

AEM released its latest monthly sales numbers July 10.

"This June data reflects a market that is still navigating significant economic headwinds," Curt Blades, AEM senior vice president, said in a release. "Although tractor sales remain below last year's levels, the increase in combine sales is a welcome development and demonstrates that farmers continue to invest where it makes the most sense for their operations.

"Greater certainty around market conditions and long-term farm policy remains critical to supporting confidence across rural America."

Brett Davis, CEO of the North American Equipment Dealers Association (NAEDA), said cash crop equipment continues to be locked in a down market.

"We are treading water at the trough," he told Farm World. "I do not foresee much change unless commodity prices go up and inputs go down.

Only essential replacement equipment will be purchased."

Factors that may be impacting the purchase of new farm equipment include an over supply of soybeans, high input costs and high equipment pricing, Davis noted.

"Tariffs are creating very expensive equipment, the OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) can no longer eat the tariff impact," he explained. "(Those costs) must be passed up to consumers."

Dairy and hay and forage markets are performing better than cash crops, Davis added.

NAEDA represents more than 3,500 equipment dealers across North America in agriculture, industrial, forestry and outdoor power sectors, according to its website.

Michael Langemeier, director of the Purdue University Center for Commercial Agriculture, discussed farmers' interest in investing in new equipment during the center's July 10 AgBrief. The AgBrief included information gleaned from the latest Purdue/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer, released July 7.

The barometer's farm capital investment index declined one point in June to 40, Langemeier said, putting it at its lowest level since September 2024. The index measures producers' willingness to make large purchases such as machinery, buildings and other capital improvements, excluding land, he said.

"A weaker investment index suggests that many producers are taking a more cautious approach in evaluating whether major purchases fit their current financial position," Langemeier said. "For many operations, this type of environment increases the importance of knowing your cost structure and understanding which investments will improve efficiency or profitability, and of course, depends on what prices do the rest of this year."

In another video sharing the results of the June barometer, Langemeier said an index of 40 "obviously means a lot of people aren't particularly enthused about making machinery, equipment and building purchases in the current economic environment."

Twenty-two percent of respondents to the barometer survey said they expect their farms' financial performance to improve over the next 12 months, he said.

The percentage of respondents who

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Above: Members of the Parke Heritage FFA (Rockville, Ind.) braved a heat index of almost 100 to participate in the Parke County Fair parade. Photo by Connie Swaim

Corteva consolidates four seed brands under Hoegemeyer label

By Richard Junger
Michigan Correspondent

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, Ohio – Indiana-based Corteva Agriscience has consolidated four of its brands under the name of Hoegemeyer Seeds. The change was made in early July.

Hoegemeyer Seeds, headquartered in Hooper, Neb.; Seed Consultants, Inc. (SCI), based in Washington Court House; Wisconsin-based Dairyland; and Illinois and Iowa-based NuTech, are all owned by Corteva. The consolidation was viewed as part of a larger merging trend in the seed industry over the past 10 or so years that has drawn negative attention from agricultural experts and lawmakers.

Field signs noting the consolidation were to be switched over for the remainder of the 2026 growing season. The consolidation was announced in a single, short Facebook post on May 7.

"Products offered today will continue to be offered in the future," a spokesperson told Farm World. "This transition will allow more agility in supply management, especially in-season as acreage swings and grower needs change.

"Hoegemeyer Master Plot events are taking place across the U.S. in July, August and September," the spokesperson continued. "These are hosted and managed by local Hoegemeyer agronomists and dealers. Growers can contact their local Hoegemeyer representative to learn about upcoming event details happening near them."

Corteva would not comment on or provide numbers on Seed Consultant job losses due to the consolidation, and no former employees would speak to Farm World. With an estimated SCI Washington Court House office and

warehouse workforce of between 10 and 20 and more office and sales workers in other parts of its former territory, SCI employees were given severance pay or early retirement, a source said.

SCI began as a locally owned brand in Washington Court House in 1990. Founders Chris Jeffries and Dan Fox said they started the company to bring advanced seed genetics directly to the farmer without middlemen. Jeffries, an Indiana native, was a one-time high school agriculture teacher and Fox, an Ohio native, a seed salesman.

SCI grew to become the largest independent Ohio seed company in 2010 with gross sales of \$42 million. In 2000, the company built a state-of-the-art conditioning facility on the outskirts of Washington Court House, with a capacity of one million soybean and wheat units. It bought another warehouse in Sabina, Ohio, in 2009, to provide additional storage space.

The firm also purchased the retail seed sales of Warner Seeds of Bradford, Ohio, in 2001, and entered into a long-term agreement with Warner for irrigated production of hybrid seed corn, including spending \$3.5 million in new construction and renovation of their seed corn plants.

Jeffries and Fox sold the company in late 2010 to DuPont through its Pioneer Hi-Bred seed business. Jeffries and Fox, who passed away in 2020, continued to operate SCI in Washington Court House until about 2015, selling seed in 15 states, including Indiana and Ohio.

Corteva was spun off from DowDuPont as an independent publicly traded company in 2019. DowDuPont is itself the result of the merger of DuPont/Pio-

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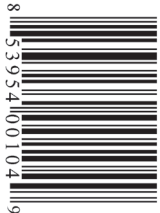


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John Deere settlement with FTC means farmers can now repair

(AP) — It looks like John Deere owners can soon feel free to fix their own machines.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and attorneys general from several states secured a right-to-repair settlement July 8 with agriculture equipment giant Deere & Co. – commonly known as John Deere – that requires the company to let farmers and independent shops fix their own equipment.

The Illinois-based manufacturer has faced complaints for years for withholding the software needed for repairs and forcing customers to use authorized dealers instead of independent ones.

This marks the second right-to-repair settlement Deere has reached this year, following a separate \$99 million class-action settlement with farmers in April. Though the class-action compensated consumers, the FTC's settlement instead requires Deere to make its repair services available to equipment owners and independent shops.

The FTC and attorneys general from Arizona, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin brought the antitrust lawsuit in January 2025, arguing that Deere had illegally restricted farmers and independent shops that might otherwise service them from repairing farm equipment such as tractors. Deere also makes engines and equipment for forestry, landscaping and construction.

Under the order filed in Illinois, Deere will now be required to make diagnostic and repair tools available to equipment owners and independent repair shops, not only its own network of authorized dealers. It also prevents Deere dealers from retaliating against

equipment owners or repair shops who choose to fix their own equipment instead of paying for Deere's services. The order is headed to Judge Iain D. Johnston for his approval.

"For too long, Arizona farmers and independent mechanics have been at the mercy of Deere's monopoly over repair tools, forced to wait – and pay – for authorized dealers just to fix broken tractors and other equipment," Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes said in a statement.

Deere must pay \$1 million collectively to the five states for antitrust enforcement costs and will be subject to strict compliance oversight for the next 10 years.

In the complaint, the FTC argued that Deere provides a service software tool to authorized dealers but does not provide the full version to equipment owners or independent shops. Deere had said the lawsuit was baseless, denied that its distribution of service tools was anticompetitive and argued that it could not monopolize services since it does not directly provide them.

Deere maintained its commitment to independent repair in a statement, adding that the agreement with the FTC reinforces its innovation of more flexible repair options.

"This is good news for our customers and for the future of how Deere equipment is supported," said Denver Caldwell, vice president of aftermarket and customer support.

Right-to-repair has become an increasingly common issue over the years, especially for tech products, with consumers complaining that even simple repairs can only be done by company-authorized dealers.

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neer and Dow Chemical Co. in 2015.

"The consolidation of the agrochemical and seed industries, especially in the last few years, has raised a number of concerns about this growing concentration of power," Michigan State University Community Sustainability Professor Philip Howard has said.

"This is corporate capture of the very first link in our food chain," U.S. Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) told a Senate hearing on seed combinations last October. "When you control the seed, you have unjust control over farmers, and ultimately you control the food."

Corteva announced last October that

it was splitting into two publicly traded entities. A "new" Corteva would concentrate on crop protection products including herbicides, fungicides, insecticides and biologicals. Meanwhile, the company's seed genetics business would be switched to a then-unnamed spinoff company.

The consolidation involving SCI has led to some confusion.

"People in other parts (of Ohio) are asking what's going on," said Ken Ford, Fayette County Extension educator and agent. "It's been like a big secret that even people around here don't know about."

Kimberly Penwell, Washington Court House-based AIM Media Midwest market director, said, "Not everybody looks at Facebook. As far as I know, it's still Seed Consultants."

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thought the country was headed in the right direction dipped from 48 percent in May to 47 percent in June, Lange-meier said. As recently as March, 65 percent thought the country was headed in the right direction; in December, 75 percent thought so.

"I think this question is important to think about when you're thinking

about the long-run policy environment and specifically, the long-run future expectations index," Langemeier said. "The future expectations index is likely lower in May and June, particularly this month, because of the answer to this question. (If) people are more pessimistic about the direction of the country, they're probably going to be more pessimistic about their future expectations."

Langemeier said the barometer's index of future expectations fell seven points in June.



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Commodity demand increases

No changes were made to the production side of domestic corn balance sheets this month. We did see a 125 million bu increase to old crop demand from the June stocks data, which lowered 2025/26 carryout to 2.02 billion bu. This filtered through to a 120 mbu decline in new crop carryin. New crop exports were bumped up 50 mbu given recent demand. The result was a 170 mbu decline in 2026/27 ending stocks, taking them to 1.79 bbu. This was 100 mbu less than the average trade guess. The new crop stocks-to-use ratio is now 11 percent and right at a rationing level.

As with corn, no significant changes were made to domestic soybean production numbers. Old crop exports were bumped up 10 mbu, cutting ending stocks to 330 mbu. This partially offset 40 mbu of added production due to added acres. The 30-mbu gain in production was fully offset by an equal increase in new crop exports. The net result was a 2026/27 carryout of 310 mbu, unchanged from June but 20 mbu less than trade expected. The soybean stocks to use is now 6.9 percent and in rationing territory.

Several small changes were made to U.S. old crop wheat balance sheets as that marketing year came to a close. The end result was a 920 mbu old crop carryout, 14 mbu less than the prior estimate. Total U.S. wheat production for 2026/27 was trimmed 7 mbu, putting it at 1.536 bbu. This is the smallest U.S. wheat crop since 1970. A winter wheat yield of just 54.9 bushels per acre, the lowest since 2015, was a primary factor for this drop. The U.S. new crop wheat carryout is now estimated



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

at 722 mbu, a 38.6 percent stocks to use.

More changes were seen in global balance sheets. For the 2025/26 marketing year the world corn carryout is estimated at 298.67 million metric tons compared to 303.36 mmt in June. World soybean stocks for this year are now at 125.33 mmt compared to 125.52 mmt last month. The world wheat supply is estimated at 279.04 mmt, down slightly from last month's 279.95 mmt.

As for the 2026/27 marketing year, most numbers came in below expectations. The new crop corn carryout is now forecast at 275.26 mmt compared to 281.22 mmt in June. Global soybean ending stocks are estimated at 124.17 mmt, down from 124.88 mmt a month ago. The world wheat carryout is projected at 272.84 mmt, 2.6 mmt less than the June estimate.

Several changes were made to red meat balance sheets. Beef production for 2026 is estimated at 25.29 billion pounds, 150 million fewer than in June. Production for 2027 is estimated at 25.2 billion pounds, down 190 million from last month. Beef exports for this year were lowered 10 million pounds to total 2.33 billion, while 2027 exports were left unchanged at 2.325 billion pounds. Beef imports for this year were lowered by 50 million pounds to 6.06 billion pounds total, and 2027 imports were held at 6 billion pounds. The average steer value is now \$251.10 per hundredweight for 2026 and \$254.25 per cwt for 2027.

On pork, production for this year was cut 40 million pounds to total 27.96 bil-

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Police asking for help locating driver after crash involving chickens

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

LAKE STATION, Ind. – Indiana State Police turned to the public for help in locating a semi-truck driver who fled after losing over 200 chickens during a crash. The chickens were inside 28 fallen crates from what was described as possibly a Volvo truck. Police said on July 14 the truck was merging from the eastbound lanes of Interstate 80/94 to the Indiana Toll Road in Lake County when it struck a concrete median wall. The impact caused the crates to fall from the trailer. Police said responding troopers located the crates with each containing about eight chickens scattered on the ramp, along with some birds out of their crates



free ranging on the ramp. Dozens of chickens died. Police said the crates of live chickens were moved to the right shoulder to clear the roadway while additional troopers were called to help safely catch the loose chickens. Indiana Toll Road crews transported the surviving chickens to a shaded area at one of their facilities for pick-up later by Lake County Animal Control, the Humane Society and the Indiana Region 1 Animal Rescue Team for proper care and handling. Anyone with information about the owner and/or the chickens was asked to contact the ISP Lowell Post at (219) 696-6242. Bill Field, a farm safety expert and professor in agricultural engineering at Purdue University, said truck drivers hauling farm animals or any commercial products hardly ever leave accident scenes. If they do, Field said there's a chance the operator may have been undocumented, especially now, since the country is cracking down on illegal migrants in the truck driving industry. "If something bad happens, they're gone," he said. Field, a veteran investigator of numerous farm-related accidents, said the fleeing driver also could have been without the required commercial driver's license and insurance. He said an effort to find the driver should start by locating chicken processors nearest to the crash site where the truck could have possibly been going. Field said processors will know if any trucks they were expecting never showed

Left: An Indiana State Police officer helps round up chickens running loose after a truck hauling them crashed near the Indiana Toll Road.

up or had fewer chickens than anticipated. Processors will also know the origin of the animals in the load. Field said crates of chickens on flatbeds are stacked on top of each other and secured by wide nylon by straps holding them in place. The impact could

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lion pounds. Pork production for 2027 now stands at 28.14 billion pounds, down 150 million pounds from last month. Pork exports were trimmed 15 million pounds for 2026, putting them at 7.237 billion pounds. Pork exports for 2027 were left unchanged at 7.33 billion pounds. The average hog value is now estimated at \$64.82 per cwt for 2026 and \$64.75 per cwt for 2027. The Rosario Grain Exchange has updated its Argentine production estimates. Rosario left its soybean crop unchanged this month at 51.5 mmt compared to the USDA's 55 mmt. The group's corn crop estimate was also steady this month at 68 mmt, well above the USDA's 61 mmt. This difference is also being seen in wheat with an Argentine crop estimate of 20.5 mmt, up 500,000 mt from before. This is still well below the USDA's 27.9 mmt estimate. A difference in planted acreage is the primary reason for the production discrepancies on these crops. Ukraine is maintaining large grain crop production estimates despite recent weather stress. Ukraine officials still believe the country will produce a 30 mmt crop this year. The country's wheat crop estimate was actually bumped up to 23 mmt which is at the top end of the previous estimate range. The USDA is using Ukraine crop sizes

have packed enough force to rip one of the straps loose and compromise the security of the load. "If you're doing 50 to 60 miles per hour and you hit something, whatever you got on that truck is potentially going to go somewhere," he said. of 30.9 mmt on corn and 24.1 mmt of wheat in global balance sheets. Weather stress also continues to impact European Union crops. The firm COCERAL is stating that EU and United Kingdom grain production has been lost from the extreme heat and lack of rainfall. Total soft wheat production for this region is forecast at 140.8 mmt, a decrease of 3 mmt from the last estimate. Corn production is forecast at 52.7 mmt, down from the prior 57.2 mmt projection. France has also cut its crop ratings from adverse weather, with wheat now rated 65 percent Good/Excellent, down 3 percent, and the corn crop rated 47 percent G/E, down 10 percent in the past week. RISK DISCLAIMER: The risk of loss in trading commodity futures and options is substantial. Before trading, you should carefully consider your financial position to determine if futures trading is appropriate. When trading futures and/or options, it is possible to lose more than the full value of your account. All funds committed should be risk capital. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results. The information contained in this report is collected from a variety of sources and is believed to be reliable but is not guaranteed to be accurate. This report is provided for informational purposes only and is not furnished for the purpose of, nor is it intended to be relied upon for specific trading in commodities herein named.

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MARKETS

Blue Grass Stockyards Lexington, KY

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 7/13/2026 - Final AUCTION			
	This Week	Last Reported 7/6/2026	Last Year
Total Receipts:	830	479	1,689
Feeder Cattle:	700(84.3%)	427(89.1%)	1,593(94.3%)
Slaughter Cattle:	109(13.1%)	50(10.4%)	90(5.3%)
Replacement Cattle:	21(2.5%)	2(0.4%)	6(0.4%)

Special Note: Baby Calf: 975.00-1400.00 Beef

BeefCompared to last Monday: Feeder steers under 400 lbs steady, 400-500 lbs were 12.00-15.00 lower, 500-600 lbs were 12.00-15.00 higher, 700 and up steady. Feeder heifers steady except 300-500 lbs they were 12.00-15.00 lower, Good demand for the high quality feeders and moderate demand for the plainer fleshier feeders. Slaughter cows and bulls steady. Good demand for slaughter classes. Supply included: 84% Feeder Cattle (45% Steers, 40% Heifers, 15% Bulls); 13% Slaughter Cattle (1% Heifers, 89% Cows, 9% Bulls, 1% Dairy Heifers); 3% Replacement Cattle (24% Bred Cows, 76% Cow-Calf Pairs). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 43%.

Groups of 20 Head or More.

Steers	Heifers
22 BLK/BWF 655 LBS 444.00	36 BLK/CHARX 581 LBS 430.00
70 BLK 768 LBS 380.00 Not Weaned	24 BLK 610 LBS 430.00
26 BLK/BWF 711 LBS 346.00	

FEEDER CATTLE

STEERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
4	255	255	510.00	510.00	
1	330	330	522.50	522.50	
4	322	322	595.00	595.00 Fancy	
1	365	365	532.50	532.50	
3	400	400	462.50	462.50	
8	435-446	443	500.00-502.50	500.61 Fancy	
2	462	462	499.00	499.00 Fancy	
11	510-544	535	463.00-477.50	469.56	
32	509-537	524	495.50-507.00	500.74 Value Added	
8	555-575	569	433.00-460.00	438.36	
17	550-584	572	467.00-482.50	475.36 Value Added	
3	630	630	425.00	425.00	
29	600-618	607	477.00-482.00	480.07 Fancy	
5	605-641	634	440.00-462.50	455.22 Value Added	
32	650-693	687	400.00-419.00	406.83	
24	655-657	655	440.00-444.00	443.67 Value Added	
5	715-723	720	373.00-403.00	393.42	
70	768	768	380.00	380.00 Value Added	

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	390	390	487.50	487.50	
3	496	496	443.00	443.00	
1	525	525	442.50	442.50	
5	585-593	591	390.00-429.00	412.85	
1	690	690	370.00	370.00	
2	775-795	785	312.50-336.00	324.10	
1	810	810	293.00	293.00	
1	1080	1080	277.50	277.50	

STEERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	417	417	405.00	405.00	
1	500	500	370.00	370.00	
1	670	670	281.00	281.00	
2	745	745	320.00	320.00	

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	610	610	375.00	375.00	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	215	215	452.50	452.50	
2	207	207	520.00	520.00 Fancy	
4	250-295	280	450.00-480.00	461.08	
3	268	268	542.50	542.50 Fancy	
6	317-335	323	515.00-525.00	521.54 Fancy	
7	370-392	384	440.00-472.50	451.82	
10	406-448	428	415.00-440.00	429.00	
6	415	415	465.00	465.00 Fancy	
17	450-495	489	425.00-451.00	440.91	
26	476-478	477	465.00-495.00	487.76 Fancy	
5	512-545	530	385.00-402.50	394.71	
5	548	548	447.50	447.50 Value Added	
23	575-598	594	374.00-400.00	393.60	
36	581	581	430.00	430.00 Value Added	
1	615	615	337.50	337.50	
31	606-610	609	430.00	430.00 Value Added	
8	650-686	674	345.00-375.00	355.92	
1	715	715	327.50	327.50	
26	711	711	346.00	346.00 Value Added	
1	770	770	320.00	320.00	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	290	290	400.00	400.00	
2	390-395	393	380.00-430.00	405.16	
1	420	420	410.00	410.00	
10	452-495	475	400.00-415.00	403.54	
1	515	515	372.50	372.50	
1	575	575	345.00	345.00	
1	625	625	340.00	340.00	
3	680-697	691	330.00	330.00	
1	735	735	320.00	320.00	
3	750-797	781	300.00-307.50	302.40	

HEIFERS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
3	431	431	355.00	355.00	
2	535	535	330.00	330.00	
1	605	605	265.00	265.00	

BULLS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	230	230	517.50	517.50	
3	310-335	320	481.00-515.00	500.67	
1	300	300	550.00	550.00 Fancy	
5	357-395	380	522.50-530.00	525.32 Fancy	
12	415-436	434	470.00-496.00	490.34	
4	410-425	414	515.00-525.00	517.57 Fancy	
12	460-490	477	477.50-497.50	489.23	
4	505-540	531	425.00-445.00	435.67	
2	537	537	457.50	457.50 Fancy	
1	585	585	447.50	447.50	
5	600-635	622	382.50-400.00	394.10	
1	655	655	370.00	370.00	
1	735	735	352.50	352.50	

BULLS - Medium and Large 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	310-345	328	447.50-460.00	453.42	
3	388	388	440.00	440.00	
4	440	440	460.00-462.00	461.50	
6	471-495	481	412.50-457.50	422.27	
6	500-540	532	365.00-392.50	380.52	
8	560-592	574	382.50-422.50	407.61	
2	770-785	778	317.50-320.00	318.74	
1	835	835	280.00	280.00	
1	885	885	310.00	310.00	

BULLS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
1	475	475	352.50	352.50	
4	570-595	586	350.00-375.00	363.69	
1	700	700	285.00	285.00	
1	775	775	280.00	280.00	
2	865-895	880	250.00-255.00	252.54	
1	1075	1075	231.00	231.00	

BULLS - Small 2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	
2	515-525	520	270.00-305.00	287.33	

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

HEIFERS - Select and Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price Dressing	
1	1195	1195	212.00	212.00 Average	

DAIRY HEIFERS - Select and Choice 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price Dressing	
1	995	995	218.00	218.00 Average	

COWS - Breaker 75-80% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price Dressing	
16	1460-1725	1622	171.00-205.00	184.75 High	

COWS - Boner 80-85% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price Dressing	
14	1170-1355	1242	152.00-169.00	161.61 Average	
39	1130-1630	1348	170.00-203.00	184.97 High	

COWS - Lean 85-90% (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price Dressing	
23	900-1195	1063	152.00-168.00	159.95 Average	
10	1020-1140	1082	170.00-201.00	180.16 High	
1	960	960	142.00	142.00 Low	

BULLS - 1-2 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)					
Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price Dressing	
4	1170-1725	1531	208.00-218.00	211.59 Average	
5	1640-2270	1822	221.00-228.00	224.13 High	
2	1095-1475	1285	193.00-203.00	198.74 Low	

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 1-2 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T2	1	1445	1445	3600.00	3600.00
2-4	T3	1	1490	1490	3975.00	3975.00
5-8	T2	2	1565-1820	1693	3275.00-3600.00	3425.26
5-8	T3	1	1615	1615	3950.00	3950.00

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
5-8	O	1	1445	1445	2700.00	2700.00
>8	O	1	1565	1565	3550.00	3550.00

COW-CALF PAIRS - Medium and Large 1-2 w/ 150-300 lbs calf (Per Unit / Actual Wt)						
Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	O	1	1410	1410	5000.00	5000.00
5-8	O	4	1667-1770	1702	4500.00-5050.00	4686.69
>8	O	1	1210	1210	2700.00	2700.00

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MARKETS

Weekly Combined Regional Shell Egg Report

Report for: 07/05/2026 - 07/11/2026

National Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen				
				Last
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Reported (7/3/2026)
Extra Large	61.00 - 91.00	79.00	14.75	64.25
Large	60.00 - 82.00	72.94	14.75	58.19
Medium	37.00 - 57.00	47.75	-3.00	50.75

Midwest Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen				
				Last
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Reported (7/3/2026)
Extra Large	61.00 - 70.00	65.50	14.00	51.50
Large	60.00 - 69.00	64.50	14.00	50.50
Medium	37.00 - 46.00	41.50	-3.00	44.50

Delivered Store Door, White, Cents Per Dozen

				Last
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Reported (7/3/2026)
Extra Large	68.00 - 76.00	72.00	14.00	58.00
Large	66.00 - 74.00	70.00	14.00	56.00
Medium	43.00 - 51.00	47.00	-3.00	50.00

Paid to Producers - FOB, White, Cents Per Dozen

				Last
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Reported (7/3/2026)
Large	42.00 - 52.00	47.00	14.00	33.00
Medium	19.00 - 23.00	21.00	-3.00	24.00
Small	10.00 - 16.00	13.00	-1.00	14.00

Northeast Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen				
				Last
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Reported (7/3/2026)
Extra Large	59.00 - 76.00	67.50	2.00	65.50
Large	53.00 - 67.00	60.00	2.00	58.00
Medium	43.00 - 56.00	49.50	0.00	49.50

South Central Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen				
				Last
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Reported (7/3/2026)
Extra Large	79.50 - 88.00	83.75	15.00	68.75
Large	72.50 - 81.00	76.75	15.00	61.75
Medium	48.50 - 57.00	52.75	-3.00	55.75

Southeast Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen				
				Last
Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Reported (7/3/2026)
Extra Large	80.50 - 88.00	84.25	15.00	69.25
Large	72.00 - 79.00	75.50	15.00	60.50
Medium	46.50 - 54.00	50.25	-3.00	53.25

Explanatory Notes: Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, white eggs in cartons.

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

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Kentucky Daily Grain Bids

Grain Report for Thursday, July 16, 2026 - Final

FUTURE SETTLEMENTS

Exchange	Commodity	Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 7/16/26							
CBOT	Corn	441.50 (Sep 26)	464.00 (Dec 26)	479.50 (Mar 27)	488.25 (May 27)	493.25 (Jul 27)	481.25 (Sep 27)	487.25 (Dec 27)	
CBOT	Soybeans	1195.00 (Aug 26)	1185.25 (Sep 26)	1195.00 (Nov 26)	1209.50 (Jan 27)	1213.50 (Mar 27)	1219.25 (May 27)	1224.75 (Jul 27)	
CBOT	Wheat	674.75 (Sep 26)	691.00 (Dec 26)	704.25 (Mar 27)	709.75 (May 27)	708.00 (Jul 27)	714.00 (Sep 27)	725.25 (Dec 27)	
CBOT	White Oats	345.50 (Sep 26)	351.50 (Dec 26)	361.25 (Mar 27)	367.25 (May 27)	358.50 (Jul 27)	352.75 (Sep 27)	363.75 (Dec 27)	
KCBT	Wheat	716.50 (Sep 26)	731.25 (Dec 26)	742.75 (Mar 27)	748.00 (May 27)	746.00 (Jul 27)	750.25 (Sep 27)	760.00 (Dec 27)	
MGE	Wheat	685.25 (Sep 26)	708.50 (Dec 26)	725.75 (Mar 27)	735.25 (May 27)	737.00 (Jul 27)	725.00 (Sep 27)	727.50 (Dec 27)	

US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile		75.00U	UNCH-DN 85.00	5.1650	DN 0.0600-DN 0.9100	5.1650
Pennyrile		75.00Z	UNCH	5.3900	DN 0.0550	5.3900

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	70.00Z	UNCH	5.3400	DN 0.0550	5.3400
Purchase	140.00U	UNCH	5.8150	DN 0.0600	5.8150
Purchase	70.00Z	DN 5.00	5.3400	DN 0.1050	5.3400

US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase		15.00U	UNCH	4.5650	DN 0.0600	4.5650
Purchase		-18.00Z	UNCH	4.4600	DN 0.0550	4.4600
Green River		15.00U	DN 5.00	4.5650	DN 0.1100	4.5650
Green River		-10.00Z	DN 5.00	4.5400	DN 0.1050	4.5400
Pennyrile		-10.00U to 35.00U	UNCH-DN 1.00	4.3150-4.7650	DN 0.0600-DN 0.0700	4.4317
Pennyrile		-35.00Z to 0.00Z	UNCH-DN 2.00	4.2900-4.6400	DN 0.0550-DN 0.0750	4.4067
Louisville		-29.00U to 3.00U	UNCH	4.1250-4.4450	DN 0.0600	4.2850
Louisville		9.00Z	UNCH	4.7300	DN 0.0550	4.7300
Bluegrass		15.00U	UNCH	4.5650	DN 0.0600	4.5650
Bluegrass		-30.00Z	UNCH	4.3400	DN 0.0550	4.3400

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	2.00U to 23.00U	UP 1.00-UNCH	4.4350-4.6450	DN 0.0500-DN 0.0600	4.5400
Ohio River - Upper KY	-32.00Z to -30.00Z	UNCH-DN 4.00	4.3200-4.3400	DN 0.0550-DN 0.0950	4.3300
Ohio River - Lower KY	12.00U to 33.00U	DN 2.00-UNCH	4.5350-4.7450	DN 0.0800-DN 0.0600	4.6530
Ohio River - Lower KY	-18.00Z to -8.00Z	UNCH-DN 2.00	4.4600-4.5600	DN 0.0550-DN 0.0750	4.5150
Purchase	12.00U to 30.00U	DN 3.00-UNCH	4.5350-4.7150	DN 0.0900-DN 0.0600	4.6050
Purchase	5.00U to -15.00Z	UNCH	4.4650-4.4900	DN 0.0600-DN 0.0550	4.4775

US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase		15.00Q	UNCH	12.1000	DN 0.0725	12.1000
Purchase		-10.00X	UNCH	11.8500	DN 0.0675	11.8500
Green River		-25.00Q	UNCH	11.7000	DN 0.0725	11.7000
Green River		-40.00X	UNCH	11.5500	DN 0.0675	11.5500
Pennyrile		-45.00X to 38.00Q	UNCH	11.5000-12.3300	DN 0.0675-DN 0.0725	11.6829
Pennyrile		-50.00X to -7.00X	UNCH	11.4500-11.8800	DN 0.0675	11.5614
Louisville		-53.00Q	UNCH	11.4200	DN 0.0725	11.4200
Louisville		-92.00X	UNCH	11.0300	DN 0.0675	11.0300
Bluegrass		-30.00Q	UP 10.00	11.6500	UP 0.0275	11.6500
Bluegrass		-75.00X	UNCH	11.2000	DN 0.0675	11.2000

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	13.00Q to 22.00Q	UP 8.00-UNCH	12.0800-12.1700	UP 0.0075-DN 0.0725	12.1250
Ohio River - Upper KY	-32.00X to -30.00X	UP 6.00-DN 4.00	11.6300-11.6500	DN 0.0075-DN 0.1075	11.6400
Ohio River - Lower KY	25.00Q to 40.00Q	UP 13.00-UNCH	12.2000-12.3500	UP 0.0575-DN 0.0725	12.2925
Ohio River - Lower KY	-22.00X to 25.00X	UP 3.00-UNCH	11.7300-12.2000	DN 0.0375-DN 0.0675	11.9883
Purchase	-5.00Q to 5.00Q	DN 10.00-DN 20.00	11.9000-12.0000	DN 0.1725-DN 0.2725	11.9500
Purchase	-10.00X to 14.00X	UNCH	11.8500-12.0900	DN 0.0675	11.9300

US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile		-25.00U	DN 5.00	6.4975	DN 0.0775	6.4975
Pennyrile		-20.00U	DN 5.00	6.5475	DN 0.0775	6.5475

US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional	Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase		-20.00U	UNCH	6.5475	DN 0.0275	6.5475
Pennyrile		-75.00U to -20.00U	DN 10.00	5.9975-6.5475	DN 0.1275	6.1689
Pennyrile		-70.00U to -30.00U	DN 10.00	6.0475-6.4475	DN 0.1275	6.1475
Louisville		-60.00U to -24.00U	UNCH	6.1475-6.5075	DN 0.0275	6.3275
Louisville		-60.00U	UNCH	6.1475	DN 0.0275	6.1475
Bluegrass		-60.00U	UNCH	6.1475	DN 0.0275	6.1475

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price (\$/Bu)	Price Change	Average
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Boars:	N/A		
Feeder Pigs:	6	\$45	\$31.25
Beef & X Veal #1:	39	\$1850	\$1741.15
Beef & X Veal #2:	42	\$1325	\$926.19
Dairy Veal #1:	39	\$1220	\$1151.02
Dairy Veal #2:	16	\$925	\$503.13
Jersey Cross:	4	\$525	\$300
Beef Fdrs 200#-550#	5	\$3.20	\$2.73
Beef Fdrs 551#-1000#	8	\$3.60	\$2.85
Beef Feeders HD	2	\$400	\$345
Dairy Fdrs 200#-550#	2	\$2.50	\$2.50
Dairy Fdrs HD	NA		
Cull Cows #1:	2	\$1.60	\$1.40
Cull Cows #2:	8	\$1.32	\$1.12
Fat Cattle Colored:	N/A		
Fat Cattle Holstein:	N/A		
Bulls:	2	\$2.00	\$1.98
Cow/Calf Pair:	N/A		
Breed Cows Colored:	N/A		
Milk Cows:	N/A		
Dairy Fdrs Hd	2	\$400	\$345
Springers:	N/A		
Sheep Ram:	12	\$3.50	\$1.56
Sheep Ewe:	36	\$1.60	\$1.33
Lamb 0-60:	228	\$3.30	\$3.07
Lamb 61-85:	228	\$2.90	\$2.76
Lamb 86-100:	41	\$2.78	\$2.63
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Farm Science Review honors 3 Hall of Fame inductee

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

LONDON, Ohio – If you’ve ever attended Farm Science Review (FSR) and taken a wagon ride to the 67-acre Gwynne Conservation Area, your driver just might have been David Greer, a FSR volunteer who has driven attendees across the 67-acre site the past 10 years.

“Those tractor rides go at a snail’s pace and the trip takes only about 12 minutes,” Greer said. “I love to talk and I’ll admit I’m a motor mouth. This volunteer position never gets old. You gotta keep your conversation fresh and stimulative, and the fun part is you see new people every year. You can’t tell them everything you know, but you hope the visitors take notice to what you have to say.”

Take notice, indeed. Those at FSR have taken notice of Greer’s dedication to FSR and inducted him into the Farm Science Review Hall of Fame. Others inducted into the FSR Hall of Fame this year include exhibitor representative Dan Fanger and ag communication specialist Joe Cornely. The trio were inducted into the FSR Hall of Fame on June 10 at the Farm Science Review Recognition Banquet in Plain City, Ohio.

Greer’s volunteer service to FSR spans 25 years, 10 of those years as a wagon driver who educated attendees at the “living lab” for agriculture and natural resources management where students, educators and the public receive hands-on learning.

“Once I started driving the wagons I was hooked,” Greer said. “I’ve even trained future ag teachers on how to do these tours and telling them to enlighten attendees about conservation practices, habitat management and natural resource happenings going on here.”

Greer has also worked with students in Ohio State University’s College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences’ (CFAES) Department of Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership, helping them to serve as guides and communicate conservation topics.

Greer is a retired science teacher from Danville High School in Ohio, where he taught physics, chemistry and earth science.

“Earth science coincided with my study of conservation principles,” said Greer, who also farmed in Knox County.

Greer taught State 4-H Conservation Camp (1991-2006), served as adjunct instructor for environmental science for Central Ohio Technical College, was the lead instructor



Above: David Greer has served as a volunteer with FSR for 25 years. Here he conducts a tour on conservation at the Gwynne Conservation Area at FSR. (courtesy of FSR)

for the inaugural Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist program (2007-08), and served on the 4-H Camp Ohio board for six years and coordi-

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Above: From the left (Hall of Famers with plaques) are Dan Fanger, David Greer and Joe Cornely. The trio were inducted into the Farm Science Review Hall of Fame on June 10 at the Farm Science Review Recognition Banquet in Plain City, Ohio. (courtesy of OSU CFAES)

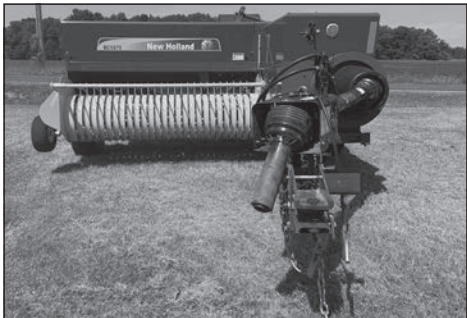
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He was also named Marketer of the Year by the National Agri-Marketing Association.

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Above: Joe Cornely, an ag journalist and broadcaster, has been instrumental in spreading the word of the happenings at FSR over the years. (courtesy of FSR).

“Each of these honorees has been a trusted partner to Farm Science Review in very different but equally important ways, from telling our story across Ohio, to strengthening relationships with exhibitors, to welcoming visitors to the Gwynne

Conservation Area year after year," said Nick Zachrich, FSR manager. "Their dedication has helped make the show what it is today, and we're honored to recognize them in the Hall of Fame."

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Above: A second greenhouse is being erected on the farm. (photo submitted)

Indiana farm provides inmates with employment, hope, second chance

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

MOORES HILL, Ind. – In the heart of Dearborn County, Ind., rests a small hydroponic farm called Victory Acres. Those at this 10-acre farm, owned by Tom and Helen Vickroy, are busy growing microgreens in a small greenhouse and two outbuildings. Also at work here are people aiming to get a second chance in life and to atone for the mistakes they’ve made in the past.

The farm is 42 miles west of Cincinnati. A house at this farm is where cli-



Above: Thomas Vickroy started Victory Acres with the intention of restoring the lives of those who have been incarcerated and wanted a second chance. (photo submitted)

ents share a common area where they can prepare their own food, have their own restroom and bedroom. Here the inmates are taught skills in hydroponics and conventional farming. Tom is president of Victory Acres.

“No one on staff is paid, each and everyone here is a volunteer,” he said.

Vickroy started the program after his stepson was incarcerated.

“He told us he wanted to make a difference in the lives of people who society often discards,” Vickroy said. “Oftentimes when someone commits a crime their families don’t want anything to do with them. Here, we try to instill that love for one another. We believe in giving people a second chance at life and in work, and we’re working in that direction.”

The staff at Victory Acres includes Tom and his wife, Helen, John Erickson (vice president), Savannah Wade (handles Facebook), Clifford Hammoor (IT

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Victory Farm

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and web work), Aaron Kistner (GM and horticulturist) and Jeanne Akeman (RN, safety adviser).

Vickroy has a strong farming background. He grew up on a dairy farm, where he tended to 70 head of cattle on 80 acres. His family eventually expanded their operation to 300 acres.

After Tom and Helen married they settled on 10 acres in Moores Hill, Ind., where they began their hydroponics effort in a one-car garage in 2019.

“Helen and I purchased the property and a few years later transferred it to Victory Acres, so legally Victory Acres owns the property and Helen and I have a life estate here,” Vickroy said.

Vickroy’s hydroponics operation has proven successful in more ways than one. First, the three types of lettuce grown at Victory Acres are sold to Aurora Market, Dillsboro, Vevay’s IGA Foodliner and three restaurants in southeast Indiana. Just recently the farm added purple radish and broccoli to its list of hydroponic veggies. They’re presently building a tower system for strawberries, radishes and beets.

“The tower system should be operating before all with first planting of berries and others in the spring,” Vickroy said.

The vegetables grown are consumed by the staff and residents, and some is



Above: Ami, a volunteer at Victory Acres, prepares to work with growing microgreens. (photo submitted)

sold off the farm.

“One hundred percent of all monies received from sales, donations and gifts are retained by Victory Acres and used to advance our goal,” Vickroy said. “Any product which is considered overstock is donated to the Heart House or the Clearing House.”

Hydronics is the main draw at this farm, but Vickroy has intentions of expanding his operation.

“We have two grocery stores that are on hold for our produce because we don’t have the capacity to supply them yet,” Vickroy said. “We also sell to individuals.”

Inmates benefit by farming, learning a work ethic and making a little money. Kistner, for example, tends to two grow rooms and a greenhouse. Many of these residents are forever grateful for the second-chance opportunity.

“I grow these micro greens and it’s



Above: Kris and Aaron are current clients of the farm who work on the farm and have jobs in town. Both pay rent to stay at Victory Acres. (photo submitted)

rewarding knowing I’m helping someone put food on their supper table,” he said. “This organization puts its trust in me and it’s an honor to work with these people. I can’t put a monetary value on that.”

Kistner is one of Vickroy’s “many success stories.”

“Aaron started studying horticulture and he became a certified horticulturist,” Vickroy said. “I’m slowly stepping aside and letting him operate our hydroponics more and more.”

To this point, Victory Acres has helped revive the lives of many individuals, but not all who come to the farm buy in to the mission.

“Through this program some have found success while others not so much,” Vickroy said. “Some are gonna manage well and some not very well at



Above: Two cargo boxes are in place at Victory Acres, one for another microgreen operation and one will be used for a mushroom operation. (photo submitted)

all.”

John Erickson does a lot of visitation and ministry for two jails in the southern part of the state, where he conducts Bible studies with inmates. Through Erickson’s prison ministry work, they began connecting with clients seeking second opportunities.

“So many of these people are abused and neglected, leaving them with no hope,” Erickson said. “We’re giving them something that is real and this farm is life changing. Many employers won’t give a person who’s been incarcerated a second chance, and if they can’t get a job to earn money to live what choices do they have? We’re trying to give them that choice.”

The efforts of the Vickroys and Erickson have proven successful, so much so that they’re eyeing expansion in the years to come.

“Right now, we’re working with hydroponics, but we plan on expanding,” Vickroy said. “We do have plans to add chickens and goats, but we are quite a ways from doing that. We have a greenhouse under construction so our goal in this process is to get the greenhouse up and running and once we do that, we’ll move the operation from the basement of the house and refinish that facility so we have housing for individuals.

“I’d like to continue to expand until we have all 10 acres working. I’d like the opportunity to move into other counties and even across the state lines into Ohio and Kentucky. These are plans down the road. As with other non-profits, our biggest struggle is with funding.”

Victory Acres, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit.

“Our goal is to help these people in various ways by providing low-cost housing, increased work ethic, pride, self-esteem, provide advice from monetary accounts and even life questions on any subject,” Vickroy said. “At times we teach them how to prepare meals, how to operate and maintain equipment, or even just be a friend they can talk to. And we strongly encourage faith in God.”

Victory Acres is open to tours by appointment. Victory Acres can be found on Facebook and is at 14805 Schoft Lane, Moores Hill, Ind., 47032. Contact the farm at 812-532-9008 or victoriyacres20@gmail.com.

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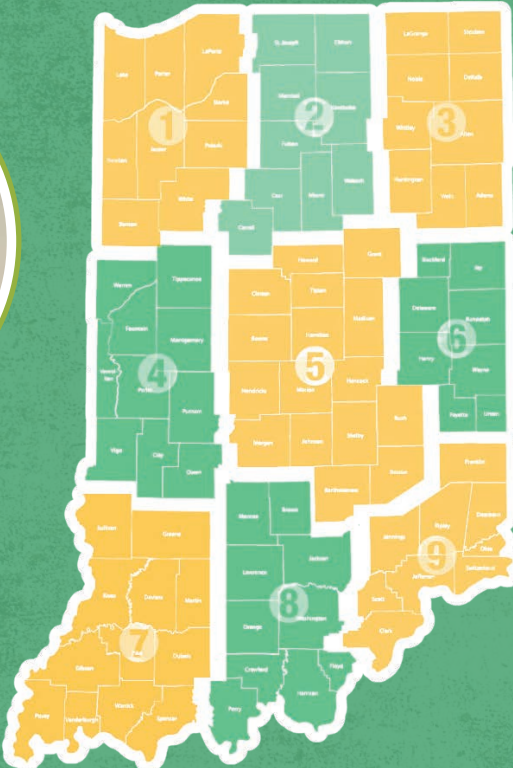
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USDA: \$500 million for fertilizer investment, expansion program

By **TIM ALEXANDER**
Illinois Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The USDA announced a \$500 million effort to increase fertilizer access – which is restricted due to the ongoing military turmoil in the Middle East and Strait of Hormuz – for American farmers. USDA’s Fertilizer Investment & Expansion for Long-Term Domestic Supply (FIELDS) Program is designed to expand domestic fertilizer manufacturing, strengthen America’s fertilizer supply chain, and improve long-term affordability for American farmers.

A July 1 USDA news release stated that utilizing the authorities of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), USDA will make \$500 million available through the FIELDS Program to support construction and expansion of domestic fertilizer production facilities. The program prioritizes shovel-ready, financially viable projects capable of increasing production of critical crop nutrients.

In the news release, Ag Secretary Brooke Rollins blamed the most recent spike in fertilizer prices – which began following the Feb. 28 launch of rockets by the U.S. and Israel into Iran – on unstable trade partnerships and the previous presidential administration.

“For decades, American farmers were forced to rely on unstable foreign suppliers for one of the most important inputs needed to feed our nation. Today we are announcing a plan to end this consolidation and bring competition back to the American fertilizer industry,” Rollins stated. “The previous administration chose to prioritize their radical climate agenda when searching for fertilizer projects, and as result let this problem exacerbate by not getting shovels in the ground and only building six percent of their stated goal. The Trump administration’s FIELDS program is solely focused on producing fertilizer leading to lower costs for American farmers and consumers, as well as restoring a critical supply chain for our country. Farm security is national security.”

The announcement came, ironically, as prices for most fertilizers had stabilized or fallen.

“We’re seeing some major downward shifts in key agricultural inputs. The most notable change is a sharp decline in urea prices, which dropped by \$106.25 per ton (a 12.4 percent drop). Anhydrous ammonia also saw a helpful decrease, falling \$76.00 per ton (-6.7 percent),” reported the University of Illinois farmdoc team in their Illinois Fuel and Fertilizer Cost

Report for June 26, 2026 (the full report can be accessed at <https://my-marketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/3195>).

Phosphate fertilizers (DAP and MAP) saw slight increases of +1.1 percent and +1.8 percent, respectively, according to the report, which noted that fuel prices were providing additional relief with both No. 2 diesel and biodiesel dropping by over 13 percent compared to the previous reporting period. The drop in fuel prices may be credited to announcements by both Saudi Arabia and Russia that the nations plan to increase crude oil production in the coming months to help bring down the cost of gasoline. This is according to ABC News and other major news outlets that reported that both nations will increase their targeted output by 62,000 barrels of oil per day, building upon previous incremental increases to help stabilize energy markets following the recent conflict and market volatility in the Middle East.

The purported agreement between the two nations to increase oil production occurred at a recent energy summit in St. Petersburg, Russia. Following the summit, Reuters reported that five other OPEC+ countries would also likely agree to a further hike in their output target for July.

A study of prices for eight farm fertilizers compared to one year ago by Progressive Farmer showed that while prices have fallen since the first of June, they remained higher than last summer as of June 17, 2026. “All eight fertilizers are now higher in price compared to one year earlier: Potash (by 4 percent), 10-34-0 (8 percent), DAP (13 percent), both MAP and UAN32 (15 percent), urea (16 percent), UAN32 (27 percent) and anhydrous (41 percent),” the ag news source reported.

On June 30, President Donald Trump issued an executive order suspending phosphate duties. That move could cut fertilizer prices by about 22 percent, saving U.S. farmers an estimated \$1.82 billion annually across 97 million planted acres, according to Rollins.

Josh Linville, vice president of fertilizer at StoneX Group, said the impact on fertilizer prices by the suspension of phosphate duties is far from certain, however. In an interview with Tyne Morgan at AgWeb, he questioned why the administration waited until now to suspend the duties.

“If (Trump) had this capacity, why is he waiting until today to do it?” Linville said, adding that phosphate prices were substantially higher during last summer and ahead of the 2026 spring planting season.



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Port groups positioning for funding

By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

PEORIA, Ill. – Maritime and farm groups agree that a healthy, navigable and robust inland river system is vital to the transportation of agricultural goods and the economic health of farm country, as well as a national defense priority. Throughout America’s inland waterway system, groups of business operators, port authorities and community leaders have come together to promote and encourage economic growth by forming regional commissions and boards to address river commerce and environmental needs. Finding funding sources for infrastructure maintenance and improvements is among these committees’ top priorities.

Agriculture, the No. 1 economic engine in many states, including Illinois, has an important seat at the table with nearly all these commissions and boards. Corn Belt Ports, headquartered in Peoria, is fighting to bring awareness to its marketing brand, profile and identity in order to attract more federal funding to ports and port communities on the Illinois River waterway system. This will help them better serve farmers, agribusinesses and other industries that rely on river transportation.

“The Corn Belt Ports marketing brand is the best (and only) thing we have to regionally raise our profile and identity, and get us out of ‘fly-over country’ in the minds of decision-makers, so we can more effectively compete and win at the national level (and globally) in a wide variety of infrastructure areas – multimodal transportation, natural, communications, energy, flood risk reduction, and more,” said Corn Belt Ports Executive Director Robert “Bob” Sinkler, in an email. Sinkler compared the Illinois River waterway to a virtual “black hole” of economic opportunity in the minds of many federal decision mak-



Above: Robert “Bob” Sinkler, Corn Belt Ports executive director, sees this summer’s National Waterways Conference as a “coming out party” to raise awareness and attract federal grant money for infrastructure improvements on the Illinois River. (T. Alexander photo)

ers and politicians. He is searching for ways to increase the visibility of the Illinois Waterway – which drains into the upper Mississippi River near St. Louis before connecting with the Gulf of Mexico – to fund improvements and upgrades to locks, dams, docks and other business, tourism and environmental infrastructure.

The branding of “America’s Ag Coast” on the Middle Mississippi River in 2019 (www.thefreightway.com/ag-coast-of-america-now-has-all-the-ingredients-in-place-to-feed-the-world) was a brilliant marketing move by regional planners in the Metro St. Louis area, Sinkler said. He also noted other successful regional brandings.

“The Illinois International Port Dis-

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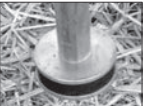
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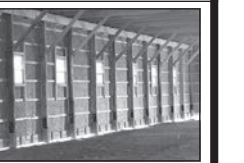
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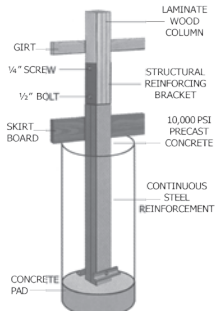


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trict in Chicago successfully markets itself as The Greatest Multimodal Facility in North America. The Minneapolis-St. Paul port region area doesn't have an integrated common marketing brand currently, but we would like to see that, and would enthusiastically support that," he said. "Corn Belt Ports created a successful, complimentary marketing counterpart to the above three large urban metro ports on a rural scale, and focused on uniting for marketing and other common purposes four rural, regional, multimodal ports centered on the intersection of major ag production areas and existing supply chain infrastructure."

Various port regions are adapting

to changing business models and taking advantage of increased defense funding to attract federal grant money. Northern Grain Belt Ports, which spans 11 Mississippi River counties across Wisconsin and Minnesota, is adopting some of the innovative organizing already successfully put in place by some of the other Corn Belt Port regions. "NGBP took what was going on in other rural port regions, and significantly improved upon it in several ways," according to Sinkler.

Corn Belt Ports comprises four modern, sustainable, rural, regional, multimodal, inland partnership ports inside the lock and dam system on the Upper Mississippi River (Marine Highway 35) and the Illinois River (Marine Highway 55 North). The increase in the federal defense budget is having a \$1 billion impact in each of the four port regions, Sinkler said.

"The Greater Peoria Area Defense

Manufacturing Concentration, The Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in Burlington, Iowa, the Rock Island (Illinois) Arsenal and surrounding region, and the Ft. McCoy, Wis., area(s) are booming. The Corn Belt Ports tie to National Security is foundationally important," said Sinkler, who sees this summer's National Waterways Conference and annual meeting (Aug. 25-27 in the Quad Cities) as Corn Belt Ports' "coming out party" on the national stage.

"We consider it a once in a generational opportunity for the Corn Belt Ports to host a national conference like this," he said. "We have spent over five years getting the Corn Belt Ports multi-state foundation in place. We still have some work to do, but we have a good, solid foundation in place."

The Illinois River Carriers Network reported Illinois Waterway barge traf-

fic surged 12 percent in the first quarter of 2026 compared to the same period last year, driven by record soybean exports to Asian markets and strong domestic corn demand. According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lock Performance Monitoring System, total tonnage through La-Grange Lock – the southernmost lock before the Mississippi River – reached 9.2 million tons in the first quarter, the highest quarterly total in over a decade.

"Industry analysts attribute the growth to favorable exchange rates, strong harvest yields in the Illinois River basin, and competitive barge freight rates. The cost advantage of barge transport – at roughly \$0.97 per ton-mile compared to \$2.53 for rail and \$5.01 for truck – has made the Illinois Waterway increasingly attractive for agricultural shippers," the report stated.

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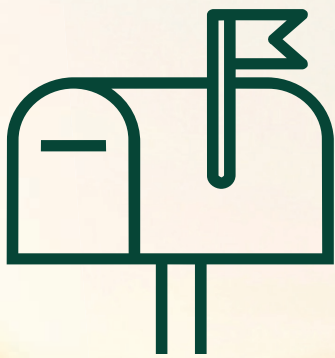
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Gorman Heritage Farm showcasing ag with Farm Day Camps

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

EVENDALE, Ohio – Gorman Heritage Farm in Evendale is a 122-acre nonprofit working farm and outdoor education center. It is operated by the Gorman Heritage Farm Foundation and is recognized on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. The farm's mission is to educate the public about nutrition, sustainability, the environment, and more importantly, about agriculture.

To educate a much younger au-

dience, farm staff and volunteers of Gorman Heritage Farm conduct Farm Summer Day Camps for young children in Hamilton County. This summer Gorman Heritage Farm held its Farm Apprentice camps for ages 10-12.

"We host a variety of educational programs for youth, and each summer we now hold a Farm Summer Day Camp that lasts 10 weeks," said Gorman Heritage Farm Executive Director Ryan Mooney-Bullock. "Children can opt to attend a week at a time. Some attend three or four of the camps."

In years past, farm camp topics have included Chicken Camp (ages 5-7), Farm Adventures (ages 9-12), Farm Apprentice (ages 10-12), Farm Chef (ages 9-12), Little Homesteaders (ages 7-9), Seedlings (ages 5-7), Vet Science (ages 10-12), Young Farm Chef (ages 6-8) and Mini-Horse Camp (ages 6-8).

Each farm camp combines farm life, nature, art, cooking and science.

"During these camps the children take over our animal chores for the summer," Bullock said. "Here we have educational animals and production animals. They feed them, water them, cleanout their enclosures, collect eggs from the chicken coops and other chores related to these animals."

This farm rests roughly 13 miles north of downtown Cincinnati. The farm has neighbors, but not the rural kind. Close by is GE Aviation, the largest manufacturer in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. Also nearby are Formica Corporation, Gold Medal Products and



Above: A Gorman Heritage Farm volunteer shows young camp attendees how to plant seeds in a garden bed. (photo submitted)



Above: Gorman Heritage Farm's Farm Summer Day Camps allow attendees to not only get their hands in the soil but harvest a few items along the way. (photo submitted)

20 other large-scale businesses.

In a county with the fewest farms in the state, Gorman Heritage Farm has 30 tillable acres. Here you will find a farmyard, gardens, five miles of hiking trails, a wildflower preserve, an abundance of livestock and a wide array of produce. The farm offers many educational programs, such as school field trips, summer day camps, summer farm tours, farm-to-school programs, scout programs, preschool story hour and family programs.

Through the year the farm conducts adult and family programs, such as

Wildlife Conservation, Pollinators, Gardening, Chickens and Composting.

"One thing we hold each year is the Agriculture Education Day," Bullock said. "We hold this in conjunction with the Hamilton County Farm Bureau and other organizations. We'll have hundreds of kids on the farm from a large number of schools. It's designed to introduce to them what agriculture is, tell them about farm life, where their food comes from and hopefully get them interested in exploring agri-

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Above: Stormy, Gorman Farm’s small donkey, grazes while waiting for young visitors. (photo submitted)

Gorman Farm

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culture and just maybe it’s something they’d like to get into.”

According to Bullock, Agriculture Education Day (Sept. 16) is a free educational field trip designed for 3rd and 4th grade students in Hamilton County. Students will be taught about food production, farm animals, water quality, soil science, composting and more. Stations will be in place which will have interactive exhibits with expert instructors.

Gorman Heritage Farm has many additional activities, including with the May Farm Fest; Row By Row (Sept. 12), an annual farm-to-table fundraiser with a focus on farm fresh food; and Sunflower Festival (Oct. 3-4), where visitors can roam among the sunflowers and cut-your-own for just \$1 per stem. Visitors can explore education stations, listen to live music or take a hayride. Finally, there are Fall Farm Fun Days (Oct. 10, 17 and 24), where visitors pick pumpkins, hike, pick sunflowers, take hayrides, tackle a crop maze or simply pet the animals.

Gorman Heritage Farm is a significant example of historic agricultural production and farming practices that spanned 160 years in Hamilton County and embodies the era of diversified family farms.

From a peak in 1880, when there were 4,064 farms in Hamilton County, there has been a steep attrition of the county’s agricultural land, such that

by the turn of the 21st century there were a scant number of remaining farms in the county.

Visitors to Gorman farm are treated to the landscape at it was nearly 170 years ago. The original farm dwelling is an early version of a “pre-classic I house” type. The four-bay, two-story, stone house was constructed in 1835 and banked into a slope at the rear. Around 1858, a stone kitchen ell was added to one corner of the house and by the early 1900s, the limestone bearing exterior walls and walnut lintels that were stuccoed were in place.

The large Pennsylvania-type barn was built concurrently with the stone house and was constructed on a rubble limestone foundation. The heavy timber oak framing of the barn is the original. Barn scholars have traced this building tradition to central Europe, knowing that German and Swiss immigrants were the influence of bi-level barns of that time.

In addition to the barn, the farmstead retains two 19th-century stone springhouses, one built in 1835, the second one in 1890. Also remaining is an early-20th century alfalfa barn, a 1920 limestone smokehouse and a 1930s rabbit house.

The farm has been owned and managed by five generations of the Brown and Gorman families from 1835 until 1996, when it was deeded to the Cincinnati Nature Center to preserve it from encroaching residential, commercial and industrial development.

The farm is open to the public Monday through Saturday. It is at 10052 Reading Road in Evendale.

Apple Farm Service to host 2026 Combine and Header Clinics

COVINGTON, Ohio – As harvest approaches, Apple Farm Service is helping farmers prepare their equipment with their annual Combine & Header Clinics, Aug. 4 in Covington and Aug. 5 in West College Corner, Ind.

Designed for both seasoned operators and newer owners, the clinics provide attendees with valuable information to help maximize machine performance, reduce downtime, and prepare for a productive harvest. The clinics will feature equipment brand specialists that will cover maintenance recommendations, calibration procedures, machine updates, new parts and technology, field startup tips, and best harvest practices.

Equipment featured during the clinics includes Case IH and New Holland combines, along with MacDon Draper Heads, Drago Corn Heads, and Geringhoff Corn Heads. Attendees will also be able to ask questions and receive advice directly.

“We want our customers to head into harvest with confidence,” said Bill Apple, president of Apple Farm Service. “These clinics are an opportunity to learn more about your equipment, pick up maintenance and operating tips, and ask questions before harvesting begins.”

The Covington location will host a full day of combine and header clinics, including sessions for Geringhoff, Case IH, MacDon, Drago and New Holland equipment. The West College Corner location will feature Case IH, MacDon and Drago clinics.

Farmers planning to attend are encouraged to RSVP by July 28 to ensure adequate seating and meal accommodations. For additional information, the complete clinic schedule, or to reserve your spot, visit AppleFarmService.com/CombineClinics2026, or call in to your nearest Apple Farm Service location.

New York attorney general sues over use of ‘forever chemicals’

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) – New York’s attorney general sued several large chemical and agricultural companies on July 9, alleging they knowingly sold harmful so-called forever chemicals used in cosmetics, non-stick cookware and other products.

The lawsuit against 3M, DuPont de Nemours, The Chemours Co. and Corteva and other manufacturers is the latest legal action over PFAS, which have been linked to an increased risk of certain cancers and developmental delays in children.

“Big companies like 3M and DuPont knowingly sold toxic products that threatened New Yorkers’ health and polluted our environment for decades. It’s time for them to pay for the damage they caused,” New York Attorney General Letitia James said in a statement.

Filed in state court in Albany, the lawsuit seeks to force the companies to fund environmental cleanup efforts

in New York and to warn consumers about their products. It argues that, in some cases, the companies were aware that the chemicals were toxic or could cause environmental damage.

DuPont, 3M, Corteva and Chemours didn’t immediately respond to messages seeking comment.

Last year, DuPont, Chemours and Corteva, agreed to pay New Jersey up to \$2 billion to settle environmental claims stemming from PFAS.

PFAS, or perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are a group of chemicals that have been around for decades and have now spread into the nation’s air, water and soil.

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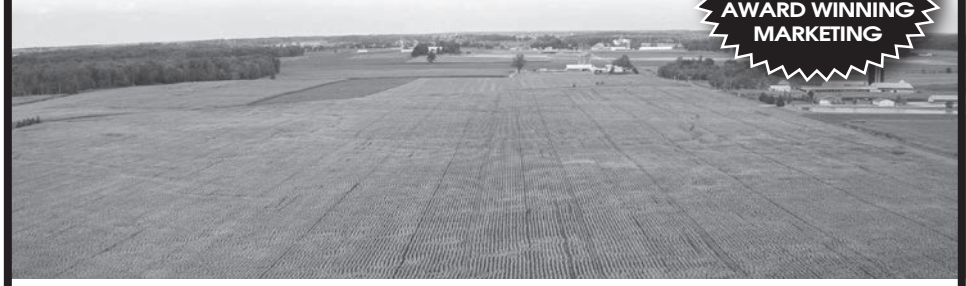
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- Massey Harris 22 - #72881950, with factory 3 pt. Hitch, original and nice
- Unstyled AC WC
- JD 620 - restored, new rubber
- JD 60 - original with 801 hitch
- Model E - 1.5 hp, hit & miss motor on JD cart, does run
- M-M 670 Super LP
- M-M 302 - gas, WF, nice
- JD L - restored
- Front weights for JD 430 tractors

COMBINES, HEADERS, HEAD HAULERS

- JD 6620 Titan II - 4x4, 30.5-32, estate combine
- IH 1460 - rotor combine
- MF - 540 diesel combine, nice
- EZ trail header trailer
- JD 643 oil bath corn head
- Several nice Killbros and Unverferth header trailers
- JD 918 flex head - poly
- JD 693 corn head - hyd plates
- IH 17 ft. flex platform
- IH 6-30 corn head
- 2 - JD 893 poly corn head
- JD 922 flex platform
- Many header trailers
- MF 1143 - 4-30 corn head
- MF 1859 - 13 ft. header
- MF 9115 - 15 ft. header
- Harvestec 830 corn head - hyd plates, for MF or Gleaner
- AC 72 - PTO, auger pull-type combine

TRUCKS, SEMIS, SEMI TRAILERS, LIVESTOCK TRAILERS, TRAILERS OF ALL TYPE, AUTOS

- 2005 Freightliner Tandem - 9 speed, air ride, cat diesel with Scott aluminum grain bed, cargo doors, Shur-lok tarp, 303,400 miles, very nice
- 2019 Trail King semi hopper bottom - electric tarp, 36 ft., nice
- Tri-Star gooseneck - frameless dump semi trailer, new tarp, new bed liner, 40 ft.
- 2001 Mack Tandem semi - model 600
- 2007 Mack Vision semi - single axle
- 2007 Freightliner semi - day cab, tandem axle
- Corn Pro - 22 ft., gooseneck livestock trailer
- Corn Pro - 12 ft. bumper hitch livestock trailer, like new
- Tri-star gooseneck - 13 ft., tandem axle, grain electric dump trailer, new tarp
- Pioneer - 30 ft. camping trailer, with bath, kitchen, bed room, bumper hitch, kept excellent
- 1986 GMC 7000 - 16 ft., Scott tarp 427 gas engine
- Fleetneck gooseneck - 12 ft. tandem electric dump, steel trailer
- Kiefer - 20 ft. gooseneck livestock trailer, very nice
- Interstate semi equipment hauler - Low Boy with ramp, 38 ft. overall, 17 ft. wood deck, nice
- 1975 Ford F600 - gas grain truck, 75,000 miles, 1 owner
- 1997 International 4900 twin screw tandem - 20 ft. Kamn Bed, 10 speed, nice
- 1984 GMC - 4x4 pickup
- 1976 Chevy crane lift truck
- Fruehoff - 24 ft. semi aluminum dump trailer with tarp
- 40 ft. gooseneck flat bed trailer, 5 ft. dove tail
- 1976 Chevy grain truck - 18 ft. bed
- 1976 GMC grain truck - 18 ft. bed
- 16 ft. bumper hitch - livestock trailer
- 1987 Chevy C70 - single axle steel dump truck
- 2003 F250 - V-10, 4 door, around 197,000 miles
- 2007 Pontiac - 4 door Grand Prix
- 2007 Chevy Tahoe - 4 door, 4x4
- 10 ft. bumper hitch lawn mower trailer
- 2004 Ford F250 - 4x4, 190,000 miles
- JD 28 ft. and Donahue 30 ft. implement trailers
- Gooseneck 20 ft. - 3 axle flatbed trailer
- 2006 Honda Civic - 4 door, 149,000 miles
- SKID LOADER, INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT
- JD CT322 - skid loader, with cab, on tracks, nice
- Premier M440 Trencher - with hoe and back fill blade
- Soil Mover - 5 yard dirt scoop with dolly
- Backhoe for skid loader
- Tree Spade for skid loader

PLANTERS, DRILLS

- Great plains - 7ft. Pull type seeder, no-till, like new
- JD 7000 - 6-30, no-till planter
- (2) - TYE 2015 no-till drill
- JD 750 - no-till 15 ft. drill with dolly
- Case IH 900 - 6-30 planter
- IH 5100 - 10 ft. drill
- 2 Drill Houck hitch with markers for JD 750 drills
- Great Plains - 3pt. 5 row splitter planter, w/ hitch to pull 6 row planter - Great for food plot planter
- 15 ft. rotary hoe
- 6 row cultivator
- IH 800 - 6 row planter
- Black Machine - 12-30, 13-15in. Planter with Kinze units
- (2) - Case IH 5100 soybean drill
- JD 7200 - 12-30, conservation no-till front fold planter
- JD 8300 - 21-7 drill
- MF 33 - 12 ft. drill

MANURE SPREADERS, GRINDERS, LIVESTOCK ITEMS

- Arts-Way PM30 - grinder with scales
- Supreme TMR mixer 450, nice
- New Holland 516 manure spreader
- New Idea 3632 manure spreader
- Knight 8141 manure spreader
- JD H - ground drive spreader
- Hog Feeders
- Arts-Way 425A feed grinder
- Arts-Way 325 grinder
- Peerless roller grinder
- Irrigation reel on cart for 6 in. hose

HAY AND FORAGE EQUIPMENT

- (2) - New Holland 1411 disc MoCo with rollers
- JD 350 - 3 pt. bar mower
- Gehl 970 - tandem silage wagon
- Heston 1120 haybine
- New Holland super 717 - 1 row chopper
- New Holland 890 - chopper with 2-30 head
- (2) - New Holland bar rakes
- Dion silage wagons
- Dion silage blower
- AC -belt conveyor blower
- MF - 10 ft. 3 pt. disc mower
- AGCO 3 pt. 10 ft. disc mower
- Hesston 5530 round baler
- (2) - JD 125 forage wagons
- JD 716 forage wagon
- (2) - Gehl 99 forage blowers
- Vermeer 605L baler
- New Idea 5209 haybine
- Kasten tandem silage wagon
- New Holland 707 3 pt., 1 row chopper, very rare
- 40 ft. hay elevator

TILLAGE

- JD 714 - disc chisel 15 ft.
- JD 980 - C-shank, 36 ft. field cultivator
- Hutch Master - 12 ft. offset disk, like new
- Unverferth - 26 ft. double rolling crumbler
- JD 980 - 24 ft. field cultivator
- Krause 6200 - 45 ft. 5 fold mulch finisher
- Case IH 4300 - 24 ft. field cultivator

- Land Pride - #160, 3pt. Ditcher, like new
- Unverferth - 31 ft. rolling double basket crumbler
- Remlinger 33 - rolling crumbler
- Case IH 496 - 30 ft. disk
- AC 9-7 shank ripper
- Sunflower - 31 ft., #5431 field cultivator
- JD 1710 Disk Chisel
- DMI - 21 ft. single basket crumbler
- IH 4500 - 28 ft. field cultivator
- Kewanee - 18 ft. 1010 disk
- Kewanee - 15 ft. disk
- JD 12 ft. disk
- Bear Cat 16 ft. roller
- IH 470 - 18 ft. disk
- Krause - 3 pt. Chisel plow
- (2) - JD 950 cultimulcher
- Blu-Jet - 17 shank, NH 3 pull-type bar with no-till opener and closers, Raven monitor
- White - 18 ft. disk
- JD 960 - 32 ft. field cultivator with harrow
- (2) - Landoll 18 ft. till-all
- IH - 25 ft. cultimulcher
- JD 1600 - 12-14 ft. chisel plows, 3 pt.
- Sunflower - 14 ft. disk chisel
- IH 5 bottom semi plow
- Kewanee - 15 ft. cultimulcher
- IH 490 - 24 ft. disk
- IH 12 ft. disk chisel
- Blu-Jet - walking tandem caddy for 3 pt. tools
- JD - 12 ft. cultimulcher
- Big OX - 7 shank 3 pt. Ripper with coulters

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- Polaris Ranger - 4x4, estate item
- MF 1040 compact tractor and loader - 4x4, 32 hp
- SIL-Air - portable air compressor
- JD 550 - 3 pt. tiller, heavy duty, like new
- Portable log splitter
- Wind power 45/25 PTO generator
- JD LA115 - lawn tractor
- Cub Cadet zero turn and vacuum
- 3 phase 1000 RPM generator
- JD 755 compact tractor - hydro 60 in mow deck, 982 hrs.
- Husqvarna garden tractor

SPRAYERS, WATER TANKS, FERT SPREADERS, BLADES, ROTARY MOWERS

- Chandler Fertilizer Spreader - stainless steel, used very little
- JD HX15 - 540 rpm, rotary cutter, 8 wheel
- 1000 gal poly tank, pump and hose
- Rhino - 15 ft. folding rotary mower
- 1000 gal poly tank
- 1600 gal cone bottom water tank with frame
- 6 ft. 3 pt. Cutters
- Frontier - 10 ft. 2410 blade, used very little
- (2) - heavy duty 10 ft. hydro blade, like new
- Woods - 15ft. Bat wing cutter

AUGERS, GRAIN BIN ITEMS, BULK TANKS, GRAIN DRYER, GRAIN WAGONS, GRAIN CARTS

- Westfield - 7x41 auger

- Westfield - 61 ft. 10 in. auger
- AB 180A - portable batch dryer
- (2) - 500 bu bulk bins
- Grain bin doors and frames
- Thor - 6006 Conveyair grain vac
- Hutchinson 8x52 ft swing away
- Maywrath - 71 ft. x 10 in. swing away
- EZ Flow 475 grain cart - hydro drive
- (2) EZ Trail 3400 gravity wagons with tarps, nice
- Brett 644 grain wagon
- Brent 640 wagon
- 30 gravity wagons - many with augers
- New 8 in 30 ft. and 40 ft. auger
- MW 425 wagon
- EZ Flow - 400 bu, 2 compartment wagon with auger
- Harvest 8in 32 ft PTO auger
- Westfield 61 ft. 8 in. swing away
- JM - 400 wagon with tarp
- JD 400 bu grain cart
- Clipper Eclipse 327 fan mill

ANTIQUE EQUIPMENT AND MISC.

- 1920 Avery Hay Hawk - hay loader, original and nice
- Oliver No. 5 - 1 row picker
- Oliver 4240 - 3 - plow
- McCormick big 6 horse mower
- 2 pt. Post hole digger
- Clipper fan mill
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Average prices for Class III and IV milk are lowered for 2026, 2027

The Agriculture Department again raised its 2026 and 2027 milk production estimates in its latest World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, based on the latest Milk Production report and raised cow inventories for both years. Output per cow was reduced slightly for 2026 but unchanged for 2027.

2026 production and marketings were projected at 236.6 and 235.6 billion pounds respectively, up 200 million pounds on both from a month ago. If realized, both would be up 4.9 billion pounds or 2.1 percent from 2025.

2027 production and marketings were projected at 238.1 and 237.1 billion pounds respectively, up 1.1 billion on both. If realized, both would be up 1.5 billion pounds or 0.6 percent from 2026.

Price forecasts for 2026 were lowered for nonfat dry milk (NDM), cheese and butter due to continuing strong growth in the milk supply. The whey price was unchanged from last month. The Class III and Class IV milk price forecasts were both lowered.

Forecasts for 2027 were lowered on NDM, cheese and butter, while the price of whey was unchanged. As a result, the Class III and Class IV price forecasts were both lowered as well.

Look for the 2026 Class III price to average \$16.15 per hundredweight (cwt.), down 45 cents from last month's projection, and compares to \$18.01 in 2025 and \$18.89 in 2024. The 2027 average was lowered 50 cents to \$17.05.

The 2026 Class IV average was projected at \$18.40, down 95 cents from a month ago, and compares to \$17.38 in 2025 and \$20.75 in 2024. The 2027 average was projected at \$17.40, down \$1.20 from last month's report.

Summer heat is taking a toll on milk production and its components, but the Daily Dairy Report's Monica Ganley Quarterra stated in the July 10 Milk Producer Council newsletter that U.S. cows aren't the only ones suffering.

"Record high temperatures and dry conditions are also weighing on milk production in Europe," wrote Sharp. "While monthly data won't be available for some time, weekly collection data is beginning to show dramatic declines, particularly in places like France and the UK where the heat wave has been severe. Yet, even as heat stress accelerates the typical seasonal decline in production in

the Northern Hemisphere, global milk production remains robust. Producers in South America and Oceania continue to post volume gains, further contributing to global supply," according to Sharp.

U.S. fluid milk sales headed south in May, likely impacted by some school closings for summer, after inching up 0.3 percent in April. The USDA's latest data showed packaged sales at 3.5 billion pounds, down 2.1 percent from May 2025.

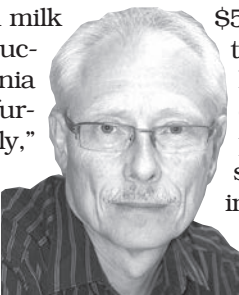
Conventional product sales came in at 3.2 billion pounds, down 2.2 percent from a year ago. Organic sales, at 250 million, were down 1.0 percent from a year ago, and represented a typical 7.2 percent of total milk sales in the month.

Whole milk sales totaled 1.3 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from a year ago, and up 2.4 percent for the five month period. Whole milk represented 37.1 percent of total sales for the month. Skim milk sales, at 134 million pounds, were down 11.3 percent from a year ago and down 8.9 percent year to date.

Packaged fluid sales, January to May, totaled 17.8 billion pounds, down 0.5 percent from 2025. Conventional product sales totaled 16.5 billion pounds, off 0.4 percent from a year ago. Organic products, at 1.3 billion pounds, were down 0.9 percent, and represented 7.1 percent of total milk sales for the year so far. The figures represent consumption in Federal market orders which account for about 92 percent of total fluid sales in the U.S. About 7.5 percent of U.S. fluid sales are consumed in schools.

Block Cheddar climbed to \$1.6050 per pound Tuesday, highest CME price since May 13, but it lost a penny Thursday, and was trading Thursday at \$1.60, 4.25 cents below a year ago, after closing Friday at \$1.5475. The barrels were at \$1.6025 Thursday, highest since May 6, and 5.75 cents below a year ago, following a Friday finish at \$1.56.

High temperatures in the Central region continue to negatively impact cow comfort and milk output, according to Dairy Market News. Spot milk offers were light in most of the region this week, though some cheesemakers secured loads at below-Class prices from plants with unscheduled downtime. Spot prices at mid-week ranged from \$2.00-under to



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY
By Lee Mielke

\$5-over Class. Cheese production was lighter this week as lighter milk output and limited spot availability had an impact. Demand for cheese was steady in both domestic and international markets. Barrel availability was tighter than blocks. Some cheesemakers anticipate that lighter production will cause spot inventories to tighten in the coming weeks.

Peak spring milk production is in the rearview mirror as temperatures also heated up in the West this week. Idaho handlers said they hit the hottest weekend of the year thus far.

Cheese manufacturers received contractual milk, but Class III spot loads were tighter. Spot demand is moderate from cheesemakers. Cheese output was stable and on pace or somewhat ahead of demand for most types. Demand from domestic and international buyers was steady. Retail demand remains heavier than food service demand, according to DMN.

Cash butter was at \$1.5875 per pound Thursday, 92.50 cents below a year ago, with 46 loads sold on the week so far. It closed Friday at \$1.65.

Central region contacts report that milk component levels and cream pro-

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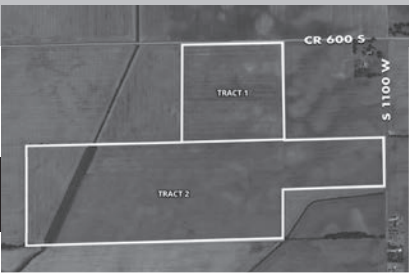
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The first county fair in the United States was held in 1765 in Pennsylvania's York County to promote agriculture. The first Ferris wheel is credited to George Washington Gale Ferris Jr., as a landmark for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. The first corn dog was invented at the Texas State Fair in 1942.

The Monroe County fair, Aug. 2-8, is terrific because everything is here – all kinds of animals, crops, plants, produce, baking, arts and crafts, old and new farm machinery and 4-H youth projects are on display to the public. This is also a community fair with a fair history museum, Little Red Schoolhouse/Eby Log Cabin, Mid-America Shows Midway carnival rides and game booths, a wide variety of food vendors, paid grandstand performances, free entertainment, "Little Smokey" steam engine train rides, auto dealers, and commercial vendors and exhibits of all kinds.

Monroe County is somewhat unique in that all the barns and buildings have something different, whether an-

imals, arts and crafts, fruits and vegetable produce, crops, flowers and horticulture, sewing, drawings, paintings, photography or baked and canned goods. The diversity of exhibits allows everyone to see and learn about something.

If you attend a large livestock animal judging show, it is always interesting to listen to the judge's comments. Notice that they always start by saying something positive about the animal, regardless of where it is being placed. Then they always have a constructive suggestion or comment, even for the champion. The judge finishes with another positive statement. This is a great lesson in personal relations in any field.

A judge's wording is unique to the profession of livestock judging. Watching a livestock show or seeing animals in pens can be a new experience that helps if you understand some of the language and terminology used. Here is a brief outline of some of the lingo used around the fairgrounds. Livestock is shown by species, either by breed, age or weight for purebred animals; or by age or weight for animals going to market.

Sheep animals used for their wool and meat. Sheep are one of the first domesticated animals that have been identified over 6,000 years ago, coming from the Middle East. There are more than 29 different grades of wool used for blankets to socks. There are more than 200 distinct breeds of sheep worldwide. A lamb is a young sheep, either male or female. Sheep shown at the fair as wethers (males that cannot breed and are raised for meat and wool) or ewes (females).

Cattle (dairy) cattle have been found in the region of Asia Minor, now known as Turkey, from around 6,500 years ago. A mature dairy cow can weigh 1,500 pounds and produce over 100 pounds of milk per day. (Beef) cattle

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were originally used for meat, milk and labor, though "draft" horses replaced them for drafting (pulling) implements used in farming later replaced by steam engines, then internal combustion engine tractors. It is generally agreed that the domestication of cattle followed the domestication of sheep, goats, pigs and dogs.

Pigs (or hogs) are either barrows (males that cannot be used for breeding and are used for meat) or gilts (a young female that has not had a litter of piglets). Male animals (boars) are generally not shown due to their testosterone levels making their temperament unpredictable and therefore not safe for this type of environment.

The above only scratches the surface of ag terms and lingo. Talk to the youth, parents and superintendents about 4-H projects. Other animals shown at the Monroe County fairgrounds include horses, goats, rabbits, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, caviaes and pocket pets. They even have a cat show and a dog show.

Growing up one of my favorite things to watch was the Heinold pig races. Young pigs, wearing different colored and numbered belts, race around a track for the prize of an Oreo cookie. And then there was the greased pig contest, the calf roping contest and the combine and car demolition derbies. The figure 8 demolition derby featured schools buses racing around the track or cars pulling boat trailers all trying to win the race without getting smashed up.



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Donald L. Boyer (1932-2026)

Donald L. Boyer, 94, died July 12 at Mason Health and Rehabilitation Center of Warsaw, Ind.

Boyer was born on May 10, 1932, in Claypool, Ind., to the late Lawrence and Mary (Black) Boyer. He graduated from Mentone High School in 1950. On May 3, 1968, he was united in marriage to Carol E. Rathbun in Bourbon, Ind., and she survives. In recent years, he attended South Pleasant Church near Silver Lake.

A lifelong farmer, Boyer began buying cattle in 1959 and built a career that spanned decades. In his earlier years, he worked as an auctioneer at the Liberty Mills Sale and in Sturgis, Mich. His work took him across the Midwest, from Chicago to Indianapolis and St. Louis to Nebraska, purchasing cattle. In 1998, he established Boyer Cattle Co., which he owned and operated, continuing his work in buying and selling cattle.

He is survived by his wife Carol Boyer; daughters Judy Cardwell, of Mentone, Cathy and husband Morris Folk, of Warsaw, and Barb and husband Bill Hardses-ty, of Warsaw; sons Dan and wife Kassie Boyer, of Tippecanoe, and Kevin Boyer, of Mentone; son-in-law Doug Westen-



dorf; stepchildren Phil and wife Royale Smith, David and wife Amy Smith, and Michael and wife Penny Smith; 22 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; and sister Darlene and husband Burdell Blackburn, of Seymour, Tenn.

The interment was in Mentone Cemetery, Mentone, Ind.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the IWMF (International Waldenstrom’s Macroglobulinemia Foundation) 1449 S. Michigan Ave., STE 13329, Chicago, Ill. 60605.

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duction are declining at a more rapid pace than expected.

Spot cream offers were limited, and Class II purchasers were securing most of it. Some butter makers were looking for additional cream to keep churns active. Butter output was steady to lighter, as some plants had downtime this week. Domestic butter demand is unchanged and export interest is strong, says DMN.

Western butter manufacturers report that cream production is keeping up with contractual expectations and spot demand. Butter production is strong. A few butter makers noted that demand for unsalted butter was outpacing production. Butter demand from domestic and international buyers is steady, says DMN.

Dry whey lost a penny Monday but regained 2 cents Tuesday and was trading at 69.50 cents per pound Thursday, 13.75 cents above a year ago, after closing Friday at 69 cents per pound.

A new quarterly report from CoBank warns that “Price increases across most food and beverage categories are tightening household budgets and prompting consumers to make wholesale changes in how they shop. A growing number of Americans are trading down to lower cost food options, reducing discretionary purchases or buying fewer groceries altogether.”

“Inflationary pressures and shifting consumer buying patterns are rippling through the US food chain,” says Co-Bank, “Reshaping strategies for retailers, manufacturers and suppliers.”

Billy Roberts, food and beverage economist with CoBank, said, “While May’s increase in the food price index was tepid, overall food prices are up 2.7 percent from May 2025 and roughly 26 percent higher than five years ago. Cumulatively, food price increases are proving to be the definitive, everyday stressor for consumers and they’re responding decisively by choosing lower cost options like private label brands, shopping at discount retailers or simply buying less.”

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