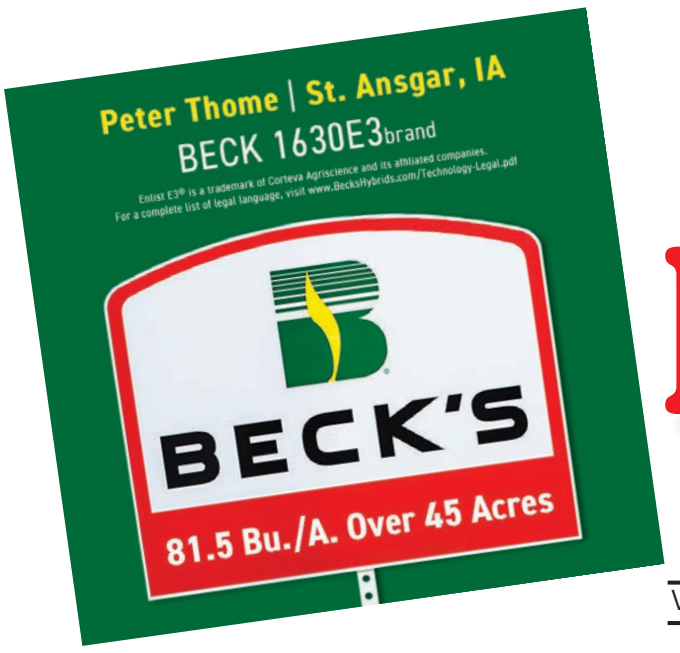

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Illinois announces loan program for grain storage, diesel tax deferral

By TIM ALEXANDER
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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — With the 2026 corn harvest not expected to be a "bin-buster" like 2025s record crop, privately-owned and cooperative elevator grain storage capacity may be adequate to handle this year's crops. With fuel and transportation costs soaring, however, the cost to deliver harvested crops to elevators is causing financial stress for many producers. In response, the state of Illinois is making available to farmers low-interest loans to construct on-farm grain storage facilities for the purpose of mitigating harvest transportation costs.

"Through the Illinois Finance Authority, we are providing low-interest loans to finance grain storage facilities and the equipment needed to operate them, giving farmers the flexibility to navigate the market and compete on their own terms. Our farmers need all the support we can give, and we're doing exactly that," said Gov. JB Pritzker.

Under the program, the Illinois Finance Authority, with offices in Mt. Vernon and Chicago, will participate in portions of loans made by private lenders, sharing lending risk and reducing the lender's capital commitment. The program anticipates an interest rate of approximately 2 percent, according to a release from the governor's office.

"We appreciate Governor Pritzker's efforts to support Illinois farmers and help them make important investments in their equipment and operations," said Illinois Department of Agriculture Director Jerry Costello II. "Making financing more accessible for grain storage, facilities, and equipment will help farmers grow their businesses and strengthen our state's number one industry."

While all indications point to this year's crop being slightly smaller than recent years, with storage capacity, grain stocks, and production distributed unevenly across the country there may still be a grain storage crunch in specific locations. This is according to the University of Illinois farmdoc team, which issued a report ("Enough Room for the Harvest? Grain Storage Pressure in the Corn Belt") on October 7 stating that based on current production expectations, there is unlikely to be a wide-ranging storage capacity crisis in 2026.

"However, reduced investment in new storage capacity suggests the system is being pushed harder than in the past. A future bumper crop may require severe market conditions – large differences between source and destination prices – to balance the supply and demand for grain storage space," noted the study's authors, Joe Janzen and Aayush Raj Dhakal, from the U of I Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics.

In addition to the pilot loan program, Pritzker issued a disaster proclamation covering all 102 Illinois counties for 30 days along with an executive order addressing rising diesel costs during harvest. The Oct. 6 directive instructed the Illinois Department of Revenue and Illinois State Police to waive state penalties when dyed diesel — diesel fuel dyed red intended for agricultural and construction use — from bulk storage is sold or used on highways and state roads through Dec. 31.

As farmers awaited the Department of Revenue's final approval and guidance related to the waiver, the Illinois Corn Growers Association (ICGA) urged farmers to continue using taxed, on-road diesel in registered highway vehicles to avoid unknown potential penalties. Meanwhile, Soy Transportation Coalition Executive Director Mike Steenhoek cautioned farmers that it is important to note that the measures, as currently developed, are tax deferrals, not tax waivers.

"Regarding the estimated deferral in taxes to a farmer, this obviously does not apply to previous fuel purchases in which the federal and state taxes were applied. It would apply to a farmer purchasing additional red-dyed diesel to serve both on-road and off-road needs," said Steenhoek, in an email to STC members including those of the Illinois Soybean Association. "Let's say a

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Above: Woodford County, Ill., farmer Bill Christ is pictured bring in a full combine load of freshly harvested soybeans from his field on Black Partridge Road. T. Alexander photo

INFB legislative priorities include diagnostic lab, property tax and assessment reform

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana Farm Bureau (INFB) has named its priorities for legislators during the upcoming Indiana General Assembly session, a list that includes funding for the state's Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (ADDL) and continued property tax and assessment reform.

The need at the diagnostic laboratory is primarily an infrastructure issue, Katie Nelson, INFB's executive director of public policy, told Farm World.

"Modern facilities are needed to support the technology, workforce and testing capacity required to meet the animal health challenges of today and the future," she explained. "The lab itself and the equipment within it are the priority. Not only is the lab used during emergencies, it also provides essential diagnostic services to livestock producers and veterinarians every day.

"Updated facilities and equipment are essential tools for attracting and retaining top talent."

As new and emerging animal diseases continue to pose risks to livestock production, Indiana must maintain a modern laboratory capable of protecting animal agriculture, Nelson said. Funding the ADDL is an investment in the long-term growth, resilience and competitiveness of Indiana agriculture, she added.

"Indiana's livestock sector contributes significantly to the state's agricultural economy," Nelson noted. "A strong diagnostic laboratory helps safeguard that investment by providing producers with timely, accurate disease detection and testing services.

"Early detection means faster containment, reduced economic losses and great confidence in Indiana's animal health system."

As for the state's property tax and assessment reform, INFB said it will be asking the legislature to reduce the assessed value for agricultural-use buildings by moving them from the 3 percent to 2 percent tax cap, which would also provide those properties with a one-third reduction.

INFB will work to push legislation that would exempt the first $2 million in business personal property tax for all filers instead of the current exemption, which only provides relief to those under the $2 million purchase cost, the organization said in a release.

Priority will be given to policies that strengthen oversight of the property tax assessment process overall to ensure accurate, consistent and transparent assessment practices statewide, the release said.

INFB would like to see the state strengthen investments in the Indiana State Department of Agriculture and the Board of Animal Health to ensure critical programs and services supporting Indiana agriculture remain viable, the release said.

"Adequate funding is needed to retain and recruit staff, including meat inspectors and veterinarians, while supporting initiatives such as Indiana Grown that expand market opportuni-

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farmer will need 2,000 more gallons for on-road needs during the period of the deferral, that would amount to a farmer having a tax deferral of $1,183.20 (2,000 gallons X 59.16 cents). The federal diesel tax is 24.4 cents per gallon. The average state diesel tax is 34.76 cents. Total average taxes per gallon of diesel fuel in the U.S. is 59.16 cents.

"So bottom line, a farmer is deferring $1,183.20 in taxes unless some government action occurs at a later date to eliminate the need to pay it back. The American Soybean Association and other state soybean organizations are encouraging federal and state leaders to ultimately waive the deferred taxes to farmers."

Pritzker has also requested the Illinois Department of Transportation to consider extending the Illinois Harvest Permit program. If the program is extended, farmers could haul up to 10 percent more on specific routes without getting fined. Such an extension would improve the efficiency of getting the harvest to market using less diesel per bushel, according to Illinois Corn.

"We hope that this request by Governor Pritzker is quickly implemented to help alleviate input costs for Illinois farmers," said Mark Bunselmeyer, ICGA president and a farmer from Maroa, Ill.

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ties for Indiana farmers," INFB said.

The organization said it will support policies that invest in rural communities and help create opportunities for passing the farm onto the next generation. Those requests will include more funding for rural healthcare access, transportation infrastructure and childcare expansion, INFB said.

"After several years of economic hardship in the ag economy, most seasoned farmers have reserves that can help them weather those storms," Randy Kron, INFB president, said in the release. "I worry about the younger generation of farmers who haven't had time to establish themselves yet. That's why we're pushing to fund programs that assist new farmers and strengthen pathways for passing the farm to future generations.

"This year, we need the General Assembly to consider legislation that will protect and enhance the future for farms and rural communities to ultimately ensure safe, affordable food not just for Hoosiers but for people all over the world."

Farm bureau officials will meet with legislators to discuss the priorities at the annual Organization Day Breakfast at the Statehouse Nov. 17. The 2027 legislative session begins in January.

Nelson said INFB is hopeful legislators will be receptive to its priorities this year.

"They have been hearing a lot from constituents about property taxes and the need to invest in agriculture and rural Indiana," she said. "Our grassroots structure is one of farm bureau's greatest strengths and that is what will help us be successful this legislative session."

Indiana Pork, HATCH partner to celebrate National Pork Month

CARMEL, Ind. – HATCH, the nation's largest nonprofit addressing protein insecurity, has partnered with Indiana Pork to celebrate National Pork Month.

Throughout National Pork Month, HATCH, the National Pork Board (NPB) and Indiana Pork will spotlight the work of pork producers and the ways the pork industry contributes to communities across the country.

"Pork producers play a crucial role in helping communities access the nutritious protein they need," said Danny Leckie, CEO of HATCH. "National Pork Month gives us an opportunity to celebrate the people behind the product and recognize the impact that pork can have when it reaches families and individuals through the charitable food system."

Josh Trenary, executive director of Indiana Pork, said, "Indiana's pork producers are proud to play a role in feeding people both here at home and across the country. This partnership with HATCH provides an opportunity to highlight the people behind pork and the important role our industry can play in helping communities access nutritious food through both local farmers in their own communities or large-scale production on the grocery store shelf."

As part of the National Pork Month partnership, HATCH, NPB and Indiana Pork will share stories, educational content and information throughout October highlighting pork producers and the importance of protein access.

The partnership also underscores the connection between agriculture and the charitable food system. When producers, industry partners and hunger-relief organizations work together, more nutritious food can make its way to the people who need it most.







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Michigan dairy farmer wins prestigious Demeter Award of Excellence

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent



Above: Terri Hawmaker was one of four women honored with the prestigious Demeter Award of Excellence from Women in Agribusiness.



Above: Visitors to a 2025 dairy grazing field day check out the pasture at Grazeway Dairy. Photos courtesy of Grazeway Dairy Facebook page.

PEWAMO, Mich. – Terri Hawmaker was already a fifth generation dairy farmer when she toured some dairy farms in Pennsylvania. While there, she met Rick who was working at one of the farms and they later married. They then purchased one of Terri's father's dairy farms in 2002.

Together they started Grazeway Dairy Farms in Pewamo, Mich. They started with less than 50 head of New Zealand Friesian Holstein cows she already had on the 120-acre property. Gradually, Terri said they began adding to the herd strictly from breeding along with more acres. They also started a family and the children were home schooled. Her five children ranged in age between 3 and 13 when Rick died suddenly in 2016.

Terri decided to keep the farm going and keep homeschooling her children. Her hard work recently earned her a Women in Agribusiness Demeter Award of Excellence. She was one of four women nationwide chosen for this award.

The Demeter Award is the organization's top honor recognizing outstanding women leaders in the food and agriculture industries for their exceptional achievements and roles in advancing opportunities for women. There were more than 60 nominations for this year's award now in its 14th year.

"These women represent the very best of talent and accomplishment in agriculture and we're thrilled to celebrate their achievements alongside peers and hundreds of others from across the ag value chain," said Svitlana Synkonska, portfolio director for Women in Agribusiness.

Hawmaker said she considered placing her children in a public school and getting a job away from the farm after her husband's death but decided to continue home schooling for the sake of stability for her children and growing the Holstein herd.

"They already had a big enough change so keeping everything else the same was really important," she said. In addition "a farm is an excellent tool to raise kids on."

Hawmaker, who has also been recognized by other groups previously for the quality of her milk and focus on limiting operating expenses to maximize profits at the farm, said she was surprised at receiving the award she called an honor and a blessing.

"It's good for my kids to see because this has been challenging since their dad died and we had to really come together. It kind of shows them that tenacity and working hard and sticking to it and not giving up matters," she said.

Hawbaker was described by WIA as embodying the full spirit of the Demeter Award as a "proven leader, a woman of notable achievement and a mentor lifting up others while leading with purpose, faith and unwavering determination."

Today Hawmaker keeps half of the roughly 70 heifers born on her now 337-acre farm each year to replace dairy cows aging out and sells the rest.

Hawmaker said her cows are let outside for 12 hours a day when the weather is warm enough to graze in a pasture. They're given conventional feed only when they're kept inside during the winter.

Hawmaker said the results are lower input costs and higher quality milk from cows being healthier from being outside and consuming pasture grass, which she feels is more nutritious than feed.

Calving is strategically timed for births to occur strictly during April and May. "We do that so the cows are at peak production when the grass is at its peak production in Michigan because cows need the best feed when at peak production," she said.

She has received many Grade A perfect score awards for milk quality from the Michigan Milk Producers Association.

Her pasture based dairy model has also drawn national media coverage that included an article in the USA Today.

She said her pasture based dairy model was influenced by her father switching from being a conventional dairy farmer to grazing in 1993. Hawmaker said grazing also saves time by not having to bring feed as often to the animals, who have plenty to eat naturally in the pasture.

"It's not about getting as much milk as you possibly can out of that cow. It's about margin and profitability. You can spend a lot of money to get milk and end up not keeping very much of it at all," she said.

The recipients were recognized on stage during the 2026 Women in Agribusiness Summit in New Orleans.

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USDA raises corn yields; soybean yields are also up slightly



Market Analysis
By Karl Setzer

Larger than expected changes took place to the domestic corn balance sheets in the October supply and demand report. The average U.S. corn yield was raised from 178.5 bushels per acre in September to 181.2 bpa this month. This took total crop size from 15.8 billion bu to 16.03 bbu. While this is a sizable increase, this crop is still 300 million bu less than expected new crop usage. Corn carryout is now estimated at a more comfortable 1.85 bbu versus 1.57 bbu last month. This increase in U.S. corn production took global ending stocks from 272.1 million metric tons in September to 280.4 mmt this month. The USDA trimmed their average cash projection on corn by 10 cents this month, putting it at $4.70.

Fewer changes were seen in U.S. soybean balance sheets. Yield was bumped slightly from 52.8 bpa in September to 53.1 bpa this month. This was enough to raise the crop size from 4.54 bbu to 4.56 bbu. Both U.S. soybean yield and crop size are record large. The USDA did increase its soybean export forecast by 10 mbu, but ending stocks still increased 5 mbu to a total of 315 mbu. This is still a level of reserves that requires at least some rationing. Global soybean carryout was also little changed, creeping up to 124.3 mmt from an even 124 mmt last month. The USDA left its average cash value on soybeans at $12 a bushel this month.

The USDA put its U.S. wheat crop estimate at 1.543 bbu in this month's balance sheets. Wheat ending stocks are estimated at 740 mbu for this year, well above the 717 mbu from a month ago. A sizable cut in exports was behind this increase to stocks. This was also 20 mbu more than trade was expecting. Global wheat ending stocks were little changed this month at 276 mmt, just under September's 276.3 mmt. The USDA trimmed its average cash value of wheat by 10 cents at $6.30 per bushel.

The USDA trimmed its beef production outlook this month, lowering the 2026 estimate to 24.8 billion pounds, down 70 million from September. Beef production for 2027 is now estimated at 24.68 billion pounds, down 160 million pounds from last month. Beef exports were left unchanged this month with 2.34 billion pounds for 2026 and 2.33 billion pounds for 2027. The USDA increased its beef imports by 85 million pounds for 2026 to 6.35 billion pounds and raised 2026 imports 125 million pounds to 6.18 billion. The average steer value is estimated at $237.50 per hundredweight for 2027.

Sizable cuts were made to U.S. pork production estimates this month. Pork production for 2026 is now pegged at 27.62 billion pounds, down 150 million pounds. Production for 2027 is estimated at 27.83 billion pounds, down 250 million. Pork export forecasts were lowered for 2026 by 60 million pounds, putting it at 7.05 billion pounds. Next year's pork exports were cut 95 million pounds to total 7.1 billion. The average hog value was cut 75 cents this month at an even $63.00 per cwt.

One number from the October WASDE report that sticks out is the global corn ending stocks projection. The USDA raised world corn ending stocks 8 mmt for the 2026/27 marketing year in its latest estimate, putting it at 280.4 mmt. This was mainly from the larger U.S. production estimate. While this was a sizable jump, it is still one of the lowest ending stocks in recent history at a time when global corn demand is expanding. World corn ending stocks were 295.6 mmt at the end of the 2024/25 marketing year and 307.2 mmt at the end of last year.

Data out of Ukraine shows the country's grain exports continue to be impacted by the war with Russia. Year to date, Ukraine has exported 5.36 million mmt of grain compared to 7.19 mmt a year ago. Wheat has seen the greatest loss, with exports at 2.89 mmt compared to last year's 5.12 mmt. Ukraine corn exports are twice last year's pace though at 1.95 mmt compared to the 2025 volume of 974,000 mt. European Union demand is a leading cause of the elevated corn demand as production in those counties is the lowest in 50 years due to persistent drought.

Ag Rural has updated its Brazil planting numbers. Ag Rural claims 38 percent of Brazil's first corn crop is now planted, down slightly from last year's 40 percent. The Brazil soybean crop is reportedly 7.3 percent planted, just below the average 9 percent completion. Ag Rural is also forecasting soybean acres of 121.4 million in Brazil and a total crop of 182.7 mmt. This is at the top end of most recent Brazil soybean crop projections.

U.S. drought conditions continue to improve. The main corn production area is now 19 percent in drought, down 2 percent from last week and 21 percent less than a year ago. Soybean area is 25 percent in drought, down 2 percent from a week ago and 14 percent less than last year. Winter wheat in drought conditions is 53 percent, a 4 percent improvement on the week but 8 percent more than last year. U.S. pasture area in drought stands at 52 percent, down 5 percent on the week but up 27 percent from last year.

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Slaughter Cattle:	49(6.6%)	77(9.2%)	142(15.7%)
Replacement Cattle:	4(0.5%)	19(2.3%)	6(0.7%)

Compared to last Monday the feeder market was spotty with an average quality but mostly yearling offering. Feeder steers 450-600 lbs were steady to 3.00 lower with a moderate supply, while the yearling steers appeared 6.00 to 8.00 higher with a good supply but limited head to head comparisons. Feeder heifers 400 lbs and under were 3.00 to 5.00 lower with a lite test, while the 450-650 lbs heifers were unevenly steady bouncing from 4.00 higher to 4.00 lower with a good supply and spotty demand. Slaughter cows were steady to 2.00 lower with a moderate supply and slaughter bulls were 2.00 to 4.00 lower with moderate demand. Supply included: 93% Feeder Cattle (58% Steers, 26% Heifers, 16% Bulls); 7% Slaughter Cattle (8% Heifers, 76% Cows, 16% Bulls); 1% Replacement Cattle (70% Stock Cows, 30% Bred Cows). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 65%.

Groups of 20 Head or More.

STEERS

62 Hd 90% Black/XBRD	777 lbs	357.75
41 Hd Black/BWF	790 lbs	350.75
64 Hd Black/BWF	914 lbs	319.75
55 Hd Colored/XBRD	980 lbs	309.75

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	440	440	470.00	470.00
10	461-495	482	449.00-467.00	457.70 Fancy
3	500-540	527	392.00-407.00	396.75
2	517	517	437.00	437.00 Value Added
13	575-591	583	377.00-395.00	389.73
12	555-576	567	401.00-415.00	408.10 Value Added
8	630-648	640	361.00-369.00	364.25
34	605-643	617	381.50-400.00	387.33 Value Added
13	675-697	687	346.00-355.00	352.55
4	750-765	759	311.00-337.00	329.24
104	777-790	782	350.75-357.75	354.90 Value Added
2	860-890	875	301.00-315.00	308.12
2	902	902	311.00	311.00
64	910	910	319.75	319.75 Value Added
5	980	980	301.00	301.00
55	980	980	309.75	309.75 Value Added

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	210	210	437.50	437.50
2	582	582	362.00	362.00
1	615	615	328.00	328.00
3	691	691	300.00	300.00
1	710	710	287.00	287.00
1	765	765	295.00	295.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	640	640	293.00	293.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	265	265	442.00	442.00
8	320-347	335	452.50-465.00	458.22 Fancy
3	360-382	375	407.00-425.00	412.77
10	432-443	438	390.00-401.00	396.71
1	405	405	412.50	412.50 Fancy
13	450-496	484	344.00-367.50	351.35
6	456-461	459	372.00-380.00	376.02 Fancy
10	512-545	525	330.00-355.00	343.36
5	502-523	515	359.00-362.50	361.13 Guaranteed Open
10	504	504	367.00	367.00 Value Added
16	565-587	580	325.00-344.00	337.53
4	576	576	359.00	359.00 Guaranteed Open
21	607-640	616	300.00-326.00	317.07
3	655-660	658	310.00-312.00	311.34
1	650	650	269.00	269.00 Fleshy
16	681	681	349.00	349.00 Guaranteed Open
5	747	747	292.00	292.00
1	760	760	285.00	285.00
1	810	810	272.50	272.50
1	1035	1035	246.00	246.00 Guaranteed Open

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	240	240	475.00	475.00
3	367-395	376	365.00-385.00	372.00
1	415	415	365.00	365.00
1	530	530	321.00	321.00
1	610	610	292.50	292.50
4	650-673	667	272.50-285.00	275.54
1	845	845	225.00	225.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	410	410	315.00	315.00

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	607	607	283.00	283.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	255-280	268	500.00-545.00	521.45
4	330-340	338	510.00-522.50	518.74
1	305	305	590.00	590.00 Fancy
4	355-397	385	475.00-505.00	488.89
8	377-390	384	530.00-532.50	531.27 Fancy
2	400-425	413	430.00-467.50	449.32
6	457-485	468	430.00-457.50	440.94
10	502-540	531	385.00-390.00	387.66
12	502-542	510	409.00-429.00	423.63 Fancy
5	570-595	589	335.00-363.00	352.75
3	572-590	578	370.00-382.50	378.25 Fancy
9	607-645	624	320.00-345.00	338.44
12	675-696	686	309.00-330.00	315.49
1	730	730	315.00	315.00
1	790	790	280.00	280.00
2	767	767	309.00	309.00 Fancy
1	835	835	222.50	222.50
1	925	925	247.00	247.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	300	300	400.00	400.00
1	355	355	435.00	435.00
4	457-485	471	419.00	419.00
1	520	520	330.00	330.00
1	690	690	281.00	281.00

BULLS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	685	685	290.00	290.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
3	1420-1535	1493	187.00-193.00	190.76	Average

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
6	1515-1760	1600	124.00-139.00	134.83	Average

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
6	1030-1405	1219	126.00-140.00	133.02	Average
3	1040-1215	1143	145.00-151.00	148.53	High

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
8	840-1300	1132	122.00-135.00	126.65	Average
1	1310	1310	144.00	144.00	High
2	965-1190	1078	87.00-103.00	95.84	Low
3	880-1040	975	67.00-77.00	72.27	Very Low

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
3	1540-1670	1587	172.00-188.00	178.83	Average
1	1765	1765	196.00	196.00	High
2	1305-1620	1463	153.00-163.00	158.54	Low

REPLACEMENT CATTLE

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-8	O	6	855-1425	1114	132.00-209.00	159.57
>5	O	1	935	935	130.00	130.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>8	T2	1	1470	1470	2450.00	2450.00

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>5	T2	1	1350	1350	1500.00	1500.00

BRED COWS - Medium and Large 2-3 (Per Unit / Actual Wt)

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
>8	T2	1	1015	1015	1650.00	1650.00

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

Explanatory Notes:
Stage (Cattle) - Represents pregnancy stage (O = open; T1 = 1st Trimester, 1 to 3 months; T1-2 = 1st/2nd trimester, 1 to 6 months; T2 = 2nd Trimester, 4 to 6 months; T2-3 = 2nd/3rd Trimester, 4 to 9 months; T3 = 3rd Trimester, 7 to 9 months; T1-3 = all trimesters, 1 to 9 months)
Age - Numerical representation of age in years.

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Weekly National Sheep Summary

For Week Ending Friday, October 9, 2026

Weekly Trends: Compared to last week slaughter lambs sold unevenly steady. Ewes sold steady to firm.

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

Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 1-3

San Angelo:	100-110 lbs 274.00-296.00.
New Holland:	60-70 lbs 380.00-420.00; 70-80 lbs 310.00-357.00; 80-90 lbs 300.00-352.00; 90-100 lbs 295.00-335.00; 100-110 lbs 292.00-345.00; 110-120 lbs 280.00-317.00; 120-130 lbs 280.00-310.00.
Billings:	No test.
Ft. Collins:	50-60 lbs 365.00; 60-70 lbs 332.50; 80-90 lbs 312.50; 90-100 lbs 290.00-292.50; 100-110 lbs 272.50-291.00; 110-120 lbs 272.50-285.00; 120-130 lbs 247.50-275.00; 140-150 lbs 250.00-257.50.
Mount Hope:	No test.
Kalona:	40-50 lbs 380.00; 50-60 lbs 325.00-340.00; 60-70 lbs 290.00; 70-80 lbs 287.00-300.00; 90-100 lbs 305.00-330.00.
Equity Coop:	No test.
Sioux Falls:	110-120 lbs 280.00-290.00; 120-130 lbs 270.00-294.00; 130-140 lbs 280.00-292.00; 140-150 lbs 280.00-291.00; 150-160 lbs 281.00-288.00; 160-170 lbs 269.00.
Buffalo, MO:	No test.
Missouri:	No test.
Equity Coop:	No test.
St. Onge:	No test.

Slaughter Ewes: Good 2-3:

St. Onge:	116.00-135.00.
San Angelo:	100.00-185.00.
New Holland:	140.00-190.00.
Billings:	117.50-125.00.
Ft. Collins:	100.00-170.00.
Mount Hope:	No test.
Kalona:	135.00-195.00.
Equity Coop:	No test.
Sioux Falls:	100.00-175.00.
Buffalo, MO:	No test.
Missouri:	No test.

Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1:

St. Onge:	40-50 lbs 438.00; 50-60 lbs 390.00-408.00; 60-70 lbs 347.00-378.00; 70-80 lbs 351.00-367.00; 80-90 lbs 310.00-320.00; 90-100 lbs 293.00-308.00.
Sioux Falls:	30-40 lbs 500.00; 50-60 lbs 425.00; 60-70 lbs 340.00-370.00; 70-80 lbs 325.00; 80-90 lbs 295.00-335.00; 90-100 lbs 310.00-350.00; 100-110 lbs 292.50-327.50.
San Angelo:	No test.
Billings:	50-60 lbs 397.50-400.00; 60-70 lbs 385.00-400.00; 70-80 lbs 368.00-377.50; 80-90 lbs 320.00-356.00; 90-100 lbs 287.50-310.00; 00-110 lbs 270.00-286.00.
Buffalo, MO:	No test.
Missouri:	No test.
Ft. Collins:	No test.
Kalona:	No test.
Arkansas:	No test.

Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2:

St. Onge:	No test.
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.
Equity Coop:	No test.

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 38,000 compared to 35,000 last week and 37,794 last year.

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Daily Livestock and Poultry Slaughter

Report For Thursday, October 15, 2026 - Final

Current Day Slaughter

Thur., Oct. 15, 2026		Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week WTD	Last Year WTD	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	YTD % Change
Calves	1,000	1,000	435	4,000	4,000	1,419	73,794	94,595	-22.0%
Cattle	104,000	109,000	117,518	430,000	432,000	464,307	21,521,436	23,245,182	-7.4%
Hogs	498,000	493,000	490,226	1,971,000	1,975,000	1,956,496	99,406,527	100,324,614	-0.9%
Sheep	8,000	8,000	8,460	32,000	34,000	31,874	1,481,626	1,532,682	-3.3%
Chicken (Young)	35,179,000	35,068,000	35,453,000	140,412,000	140,823,000	140,658,000	7,679,334,000	7,585,570,000	1.2%

Previous Daily Slaughter

Wed.,Oct. 14, 2026		Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week WTD	Last Year WTD	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	YTD % Change
Calves	1,000	1,000	235	3,000	3,000	984	72,794	94,160	-22.7%
Cattle	110,000	111,000	120,153	326,000	323,000	346,789	21,417,436	23,127,664	-7.4%
Hogs	492,000 R	495,000	493,872	1,473,000	1,482,000	1,466,270	98,908,527	99,834,388	-0.9%
Sheep	7,000	8,000	7,988	24,000	26,000	23,414	1,473,626	1,524,222	-3.3%
Chicken (Young)	34,688,000	35,123,000	35,610,000	105,233,000	105,755,000	105,205,000	7,644,155,000	7,550,117,000	1.3%

Previous Day Breakdown

Wed., Oct. 14, 2026
Cattle Steers/Heifers ... 90,000 Cows/Bulls ... 20,000

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

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AG FUTURES

October 16, 2026

	Delivery Month	Last	Change
Corn	Dec '26	$ 478-0	– 2-6
	Mar '27	$ 491-0	– 3-2
	May '27	$ 498-0	– 3-6
	July '27	$ 503-4	– 4-0
	Sept '27	$ 497-4	– 1-6
Soybeans	Nov '26	$ 1263-0	– 14-2
	Jan '27	$ 1277-6	– 14-2
	Mar '27	$ 1286-2	– 13-6
	May '27	$ 1295-0	– 13-4
	July '27	$ 1301-0	– 13-4
Soybean Meal	Oct '26	$ 359.0	– 4-7
	Dec '26	$ 357.7	– 4-1
	Jan '27	$ 355.8	– 3-6
	Mar '27	$ 356.0	– 3-2
	May '27	$ 358.3	– 2-9
Soybean Oil	Dec '26	$ 67.15	+ 0.09
	Jan '27	$ 67.31	+ 0.03
	Mar '27	$ 67.52	– 0.02
	May '27	$ 67.71	– 0.05
	July '27	$ 67.72	– 0.06
Wheat	Dec '26	$ 670-0	- 3-2
	Mar '27	$ 684-2	- 2-2
	May '27	$ 690-0	- 1-6
	July '27	$ 690-2	- 2-4
	Sept '27	$ 695-2	- 2-6
Oats	Dec '26	$ 395'4	+ 2'0
	Mar '27	$ 401'2	+ 3'4
	May '27	$ -	-
	July '27	$ -	-
Live Cattle	Oct '26	$ 225.950s	+ 2.050
	Dec '26	$ 227.250s	+ 2.125
	Feb '27	$ 229.625s	+ 2.200
	Apr '27	$ 230.675s	+ 1.925
	Jun '27	$ 225.200s	+ 1.725
Lean Hogs	Oct '26	$ 66.575s	+ 0.500
	Dec '26	$ 68.450s	+ 0.600
	Feb '27	$ 73.425s	+ 0.375
	Apr '27	$ 79.225s	+ 0.525
	May '27	$ 88.100s	+ 0.450

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MARKETS

Kentucky Daily Grain Bids

Grain Report for Thursday, October 15, 2026 - Final

FUTURE SETTLEMENTS

Exchange	Commodity	Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 10/15/26						
CBOT	Corn	478.00 (Dec 26)	491.00 (Mar 27)	498.00 (May 27)	503.50 (Jul 27)	497.50 (Sep 27)	509.25 (Dec 27)	522.75 (Mar 28)
CBOT	Soybeans	1263.00 (Nov 26)	1277.75 (Jan 27)	1286.25 (Mar 27)	1295.00 (May 27)	1301.00 (Jul 27)	1285.00 (Aug 27)	1250.00 (Sep 27)
CBOT	Wheat	670.00 (Dec 26)	684.25 (Mar 27)	690.00 (May 27)	690.25 (Jul 27)	695.25 (Sep 27)	705.00 (Dec 27)	711.25 (Mar 28)
CBOT	White Oats	396.00 (Dec 26)	402.75 (Mar 27)	406.50 (May 27)	404.50 (Jul 27)	398.75 (Sep 27)	409.00 (Dec 27)	412.50 (Mar 28)
KCBT	Wheat	713.00 (Dec 26)	724.75 (Mar 27)	729.75 (May 27)	729.00 (Jul 27)	734.50 (Sep 27)	744.25 (Dec 27)	748.25 (Mar 28)
MGE	Wheat	686.00 (Dec 26)	703.50 (Mar 27)	714.75 (May 27)	724.00 (Jul 27)	720.00 (Sep 27)	723.50 (Dec 27)	

US #2 WHITE CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price ($/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	25.00Z to 60.00Z	UNCH	5.0300-5.3800	DN 0.0275	5.2050
Pennyrile	25.00Z to 65.00Z	UNCH	5.0300-5.4300	DN 0.0275	5.2300

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price ($/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	60.00Z	UNCH	5.3800	DN 0.0275	5.3800
Ohio River - Lower KY	60.00Z to 80.00Z	UNCH	5.3800-5.5800	DN 0.0275	5.4800
Purchase	35.00Z	UP 5.00	5.1300	UP 0.0225	5.1300
Purchase	65.00Z	UNCH	5.4300	DN 0.0275	5.4300

US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price ($/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	-25.00Z	UNCH	4.5300	DN 0.0275	4.5300
Purchase	0.00Z	UNCH	4.7800	DN 0.0275	4.7800
Green River	-25.00Z	UP 5.00	4.5300	UP 0.0225	4.5300
Green River	10.00Z	UNCH	4.8800	DN 0.0275	4.8800
Pennyrile	-35.00Z to -20.00Z	UNCH	4.4300-4.5800	DN 0.0275	4.5050
Pennyrile	-35.00Z to 13.00Z	UNCH	4.4300-4.9100	DN 0.0275	4.5600
Louisville	-75.00Z	UNCH	4.0300	DN 0.0275	4.0300
Louisville	-75.00Z	UNCH	4.0300	DN 0.0275	4.0300
Bluegrass	-50.00Z	UP 5.00	4.2800	UP 0.0225	4.2800
Bluegrass	-20.00Z	UNCH	4.5800	DN 0.0275	4.5800

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price ($/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-35.00Z to -30.00Z	UP 10.00-UNCH	4.4300-4.4800	UP 0.0725-DN 0.0275	4.4550
Ohio River - Upper KY	-4.00Z to -1.00Z	UNCH-UP 1.00	4.7400-4.7700	DN 0.0275-DN 0.0175	4.7550
Ohio River - Lower KY	-32.00Z to -19.00Z	UNCH-UP 6.00	4.4600-4.5900	DN 0.0275-UP 0.0325	4.5217
Ohio River - Lower KY	3.00Z to 15.00Z	UNCH	4.8100-4.9300	DN 0.0275	4.8817
Purchase	-20.00Z to -19.00Z	UP 6.00-UP 1.00	4.5800-4.5900	UP 0.0325-DN 0.0175	4.5833
Purchase	9.00Z to 25.00Z	UP 4.00-UNCH	4.8700-5.0300	UP 0.0125-DN 0.0275	4.9575

US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price ($/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	-20.00X	UNCH	12.4300	DN 0.1425	12.4300
Purchase	0.00X	UNCH	12.6300	DN 0.1425	12.6300
Green River	-100.00X	UNCH	11.6300	DN 0.1425	11.6300
Green River	-100.00X	UNCH	11.6300	DN 0.1425	11.6300
Pennyrile	-50.00X to -12.00X	UNCH	12.1300-12.5100	DN 0.1425	12.2200
Pennyrile	-50.00X to -12.00X	UNCH	12.1300-12.5100	DN 0.1425	12.2200
Louisville	-96.00X	UNCH	11.6700	DN 0.1425	11.6700
Louisville	-96.00X	UNCH	11.6700	DN 0.1425	11.6700
Bluegrass	-70.00X	UNCH	11.9300	DN 0.1425	11.9300
Bluegrass	-70.00X	UNCH	11.9300	DN 0.1425	11.9300

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price ($/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-33.00X to -15.00X	UP 4.00-UNCH	12.3000-12.4800	DN 0.1025-DN 0.1425	12.3900
Ohio River - Upper KY	-15.00X to 3.00X	UNCH-UP 3.00	12.4800-12.6600	DN 0.1425-DN 0.1125	12.5700
Ohio River - Lower KY	-55.00X to -15.00X	UNCH	12.0800-12.4800	DN 0.1425	12.3400
Ohio River - Lower KY	10.00X to 17.00X	UNCH-UP 4.00	12.7300-12.8000	DN 0.1425-DN 0.1025	12.7560
Purchase	-22.00X to 5.00X	UP 5.00-UNCH	12.4100-12.6800	DN 0.0925-DN 0.1425	12.5067
Purchase	5.00X to 28.00X	UNCH-UP 8.00	12.6800-12.9100	DN 0.1425-DN 0.0625	12.7925

US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price ($/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	-35.00Z	UNCH	6.3500	DN 0.0325	6.3500
Pennyrile	-10.00N	UNCH	6.8025	DN 0.0250	6.8025

US #2 SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price ($/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	-60.00N to -55.00N	UNCH	6.3025-6.3525	DN 0.0250	6.3400
Louisville	-75.00Z to -72.00Z	UNCH	5.9500-5.9800	DN 0.0325	5.9650
Bluegrass	-65.00N	UNCH	6.2525	DN 0.0250	6.2525

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price ($/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-40.00N	UNCH	6.5025	DN 0.0250	6.5025
Ohio River - Lower KY	-35.00N to -20.00N	UNCH	6.5525-6.7025	DN 0.0250	6.6485
Purchase	-20.00N	UNCH	6.7025	DN 0.0250	6.7025

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

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Weekly Combined Regional Shell Egg Report

Report for: 10/04/2026 - 10/10/2026

National Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/2/2026)
Extra Large	60.00 - 94.00	82.13	0.25	81.88
Large	59.00 - 84.00	74.19	0.25	73.94
Medium	45.00 - 69.00	58.00	1.25	56.75

Midwest Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/2/2026)
Extra Large	60.00 - 69.00	64.50	-1.00	65.50
Large	59.00 - 68.00	63.50	-1.00	64.50
Medium	45.00 - 54.00	49.50	0.00	49.50

Delivered Store Door, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/2/2026)
Extra Large	67.00 - 75.00	71.00	-1.00	72.00
Large	65.00 - 73.00	69.00	-1.00	70.00
Medium	51.00 - 59.00	55.00	0.00	55.00

Paid to Producers - FOB, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/2/2026)
Large	41.00 - 51.00	46.00	-1.00	47.00
Medium	27.00 - 31.00	29.00	0.00	29.00
Small	10.00 - 16.00	13.00	0.00	13.00

Northeast Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/2/2026)
Extra Large	74.00 - 94.00	84.00	0.00	84.00
Large	68.00 - 82.00	75.00	0.00	75.00
Medium	49.00 - 62.00	55.50	1.00	54.50

South Central Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/2/2026)
Extra Large	85.50 - 94.00	89.75	1.00	88.75
Large	75.50 - 84.00	79.75	1.00	78.75
Medium	60.50 - 69.00	64.75	2.00	62.75

Southeast Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/2/2026)
Extra Large	86.50 - 94.00	90.25	1.00	89.25
Large	75.00 - 82.00	78.50	1.00	77.50
Medium	58.50 - 66.00	62.25	2.00	60.25

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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Missouri Direct Hay Report

Direct Hay Weighted Average Report 10/16/2026

The state continues to be two very different stories between the have and have nots when it comes to moisture. North of the Missouri River conditions are generally good while south is far from anything good. The area of D3 or extreme drought continues to increase and even some D4 or exceptional drought showing now. There was some moisture this week and a few areas small areas did receive 3-4 inches, but as of this report most was in 1-2-inch amounts, very welcome but still a long ways from what is needed. In the south several producers are feeding hay or some supplement, and water issues also exist. As of this time producers are still easily able to find hay for sale, but fuel prices add a lot to getting it to the farm. The supply of hay is moderate to heavy, especially fair to good quality grass types of hay. Hay demand and movement have been moderate. Hay prices are steady to firm. The Missouri Department of Agriculture has a hay directory at https://apps.mda.mo.gov/haydirectory or visit the University of Missouri Extension feed stuff finder at https://feedstufffinder.org

HAY (Conventional)

Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Ton)
Medium Square 3x3 275.00-350.00
Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Bale)
Small Square 10.00-15.00
Alfalfa - Premium (Ask/Per Ton)
Medium Square 3x3 200.00-275.00
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Ton)
Large Round 150.00-200.00
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Bale)
Small Square 6.00-10.00
Alfalfa - Fair (Ask/Per Ton)
Large Round 125.00-150.00
Mixed Grass - Premium (Ask/Per Ton)
Medium Square 3x3 175.00-225.00
Mixed Grass - Good/Premium (Ask/Per Ton)
Large Round 125.00-175.00
Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Ton)
Large Round 75.00-125.00
Mixed Grass - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Bale)
Small Square 2.25-7.00
Mixed Grass - Fair (Ask/Per Bale)
Large Round 35.00-50.00

STRAW (Conventional)

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

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Fat Hogs:		**$.90**	**$.77**
Sows HD:			
Boars:			
Feeder Pigs:		**$31.00**	**$18.00**
Calves	**145**		
Beef & X Veal #1:		**$1325**	**$1214**
Beef & X Veal #2:		**$975**	**$600**
Dairy Veal #1:		**$990**	**$918.09**
Dairy Veal #2		**$725**	**$500**
Jersey Cross:		**$350**	**$350**
Feeders	**32**		
Beef Fdr 200#-550#		**$3.35**	**$3.05**
Beef Fdr 551#-1000#		**$2.80**	**$2.80**
Beef Fdrs by Head		**$900**	**$637.50**
Dairy Fdr 200#-550#		**$2.35**	**$2.08**
Dairy Fdr 551#-1000#		**$2.00**	**$1.67**
Cull Cows	**8**		
Cull Cows #1:			
Cull Cows #2:		**$1.24**	**$1.08**
Fat Cows			
Bulls:	**3**	**$1.55**	**$1.05**
Breed Cows			
Sheep	**714**		
Sheep Ram:		**$2.80**	**$2.66**
Rams by HD		**$420**	**$280**
Sheep Ewes:		**$3.25**	**$2.73**
Ewes by HD		**$420**	**$270**
Lamb 0-60:		**$4.325**	**$3.68**
Lamb 61-85:		**$3.65**	**$3.26**
Lamb 86-100:		**$3.175**	**$2.93**
Lamb by HD 0-60		**$220**	**$116.67**
Lamb by HD 61-85		**$250**	**$250**
Lamb by HD 86-100		**$290**	**$290**
Goats	**270**		
Goat Nannies:		**$525**	**$206**
Goat Billys:		**$405**	**$207**
Goat Wethers:		**$360**	**$256**
Equine	**4**	**$950**	**$646**
Total Head Count	**1254**		
Hay Lg Square	**73**	**$95**	**$60**
Hay Sm Square	**40**	**$5.00**	**$5.00**
Hay Rnd Bale	**14**	**$45**	**$45**
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Pigeons	$3.50-$20
Eggs	$2-$4.50
Rooster	$3.50-$16
Turkey	$32.50
Peacock	$36
Rabbits	$3-9
	298(Eggs)
	814(Animals)
Veal Calves	
Holstein (80# & UP)	$775-$1000
Beef Cross (80# & UP)	$975-$1360
	358

Sheep	
Ewes	$1.00-$2.25
40-60# Lambs	$2.90-$4.05
61-80# Lambs	$2.25-$3.35
81-100# Lambs	$2-$3.25
	112
Goats	
Billys	$35-$400
Nannies	$45-$280
Kids	35-100
	99
Feeder Cattle Dairy and Beef	
200-500#	$1-$2.85
501-800#	$.70-$2
	106

Cows	
Cull Cows	$.90-$1.35
Bulls	$1.65-$1.90
	29
Fat Cattle	
Holstein	$1.75-$1.85
Colored	$2-$2.10
	7
Pigs	
Fat Hogs	$.42-$.95
Sows	$.55-$.68
Boars	$.15-$.25
	39
Feeder Pigs	
20-45#	$10-$40
46-65#	$30-$47.50
	83

UK professor studies alternative to conventional insecticides

LEXINGTON, Ky. – A University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE) forest entomologist is closing in on a pest management strategy that could give landowners, cities and forest managers a highly targeted alternative to conventional insecticides – one that kills invasive beetles by silencing their own genes and leaves surrounding wildlife untouched.

Lynne Rieske-Kinney, Ph.D., a professor in the Department of Entomology, has spent roughly a decade developing RNA interference (RNAi) as a tool against two of the most damaging forest pests in the eastern United States – the emerald ash borer and the southern pine beetle. Her current work is supported by a cooperative agreement awarded in 2024 and running through 2027.

"We can definitely kill insects in the lab, in a petri dish," Rieske-Kinney said. "The challenge is scaling it up to a usable technology, and that's what we're focusing on now."

RNAi exploits a natural cellular defense. Researchers custom-design a double-stranded RNA molecule that matches a short sequence – 16 to 21 base pairs long – in a specific gene of a target insect. When the insect ingests it, its cells mistake the molecule for a virus and shut down production of the corresponding protein. If that protein is essential, the insect dies.

Because the match must be nearly exact across billions of possible base-pair combinations, the treatment is remarkably species-specific.

"If you design a double-stranded RNA for a specific insect, the chances of it affecting anything else is very, very low," Rieske-Kinney said.

Her lab has completed non-target organism studies for RNAi molecules designed against both emerald ash borer and southern pine beetle and has shown that the treatments are compatible with the classical biological control agents already being released to suppress emerald ash borer populations.

Emerald ash borer, an invasive Asian beetle that has been detected in 110 Kentucky counties and killed millions of ash trees throughout 38 states, is being addressed at the individual-tree scale. Rieske's team has demonstrated that double-stranded RNA delivered to an ash tree through foliar spray, bark application or root application circulates throughout the tree and remains bioactive for at least 30 days. Current work is testing whether that protective window can be pushed to a full growing season or even multiple years.

"Ideally, what we would like is a single application to provide season-long protection against emerald ash borer," Rieske-Kinney said. "But what if we could provide three years of protection? That would be comparable to what current chemical insecticides are providing for ash protection."

Ash is also a signature species of the Bluegrass State's urban and community tree canopies, making single-tree protection a practical fit for homeowners and municipalities.

By contrast, the southern pine beetle is a landscape-scale problem. Rieske's team is pursuing an indirect delivery route: engineering fungal symbionts that live in association with the beetle to produce the bioactive RNA. Beetles carry those fungi with them as they move through a forest, potentially propagating gene silencing in beetle populations across a much wider area than any single application could reach.

The current focus gene is a heat-shock protein, one of several essential genes the lab is screening. Others govern membrane permeability and additional core cellular functions.

Conventional insecticide inputs have grown increasingly expensive for landowners and farmers, and broad-spectrum treatments carry well-documented risks to pollinators and other beneficial insects. A species-specific, biodegradable approach that spares non-target organisms could offer a meaningfully different tool.

"With emerald ash borer, we're looking at how we can protect an individual tree, while with southern pine beetle, we're thinking on the scale of an entire forest," Rieske-Kinney said. "They're very different challenges, but the goal is the same: using this gene-silencing technology in a very targeted way to protect trees from destructive insects."

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Diesel tax cut will offer little relief, farmers and truckers say

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) – Farmers, truckers and economists say a move to cut taxes on diesel will provide little relief from record-high fuel prices that have soared since the U.S. attacked Iran months ago.

Industry groups said they appreciate President Donald Trump's executive order expanding the use of a diesel now reserved for off-road work, but farmers already have access to the fuel and many have already wrapped up harvest. Truckers will struggle to navigate differing state rules.

"In the context of diesel prices that are over $2 more than they were last year, it just doesn't come close to closing that wound," said Matt Perdue, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union.

With less than a month to go before the November election, diesel prices continue to hit record highs as some farmers transport their crops for processing and others rush to complete their fall harvest. Many have been feeling the squeeze as costs for inputs like diesel, fertilizer and seed have soared thanks to refinery constraints and supply disruptions amid the Iran war.

Diesel averaged $6.30 per gallon across the country on Oct. 7, more than 70 percent higher than one year ago, according to motor club AAA. The executive order defers the $0.24 federal tax per gallon of regular diesel, used for road projects, until the end of the year. Most states also levy their own tax on diesel.

"Dyed" diesel is the same as regular diesel, except for its red dye to help law enforcement enforce penalties for on-road use. It's already allowed for off-road purposes like farming equipment, such as tractors and combines, as well as construction and heating uses.

Savings can compound if states take similar actions; many have eased restrictions or waived taxes on dyed diesel, including South Dakota and Iowa. Perdue said North Dakota has waived the tax on regular diesel. But where the state decision is focused on farmers, he believes the federal decision would largely benefit those on other levels of the supply chain.

Farmers who will see the most benefit are those who haul their own product, like livestock or fresh produce, on public roads. Those who have already wrapped up harvesting won't see savings.

"Most of our diesel use is behind us," said Perdue, who grows spring wheat, durum and canola on his family farm.

Both trucking companies and independent truckers may not see much relief either. The effect is likely to be negligible for big trucking companies because the order is on a federal level and states make their own rules, Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy, wrote in a social media post.

"The largest diesel users are the least likely to use dyed diesel," he wrote. "A national carrier crossing five or six states in a day faces enormous risk with a patchwork of rules, legal in one state, and subject to fines in the next."

Many states exempt road diesel from sales tax but apply sales tax to dyed diesel instead, he said.

Easing limits on red-dyed diesel will likely have a minimal effect for small truckers, who pay for fuel up front, said Todd Spencer, president and CEO of trade group the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association. He estimates every $1 increase per gallon in fuel costs independent truckers about $400 more per week.

The savings will be small, but it could still increase competition for dyed diesel, said David Ortega, food economics and policy professor at Michigan State University.

"I think there's a real chance this could backfire and make the situation worse for farmers," he said. "Basically, anybody that's running a truck on the highway on regular diesel can now be using this off-highway diesel. Even someone that owns a diesel pickup truck potentially has access to this other type of diesel."

Perdue in North Dakota said he expects a "rush for dyed diesel, and we'll see how the supply responds."

But not all dyed diesel pump stations are set up for larger trucks like semis, said Paul Mitchell, a professor of agricultural and applied economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"It's going to come down to infrastructure ability to get your vehicles to a place that you can use and fill them up with," he said.

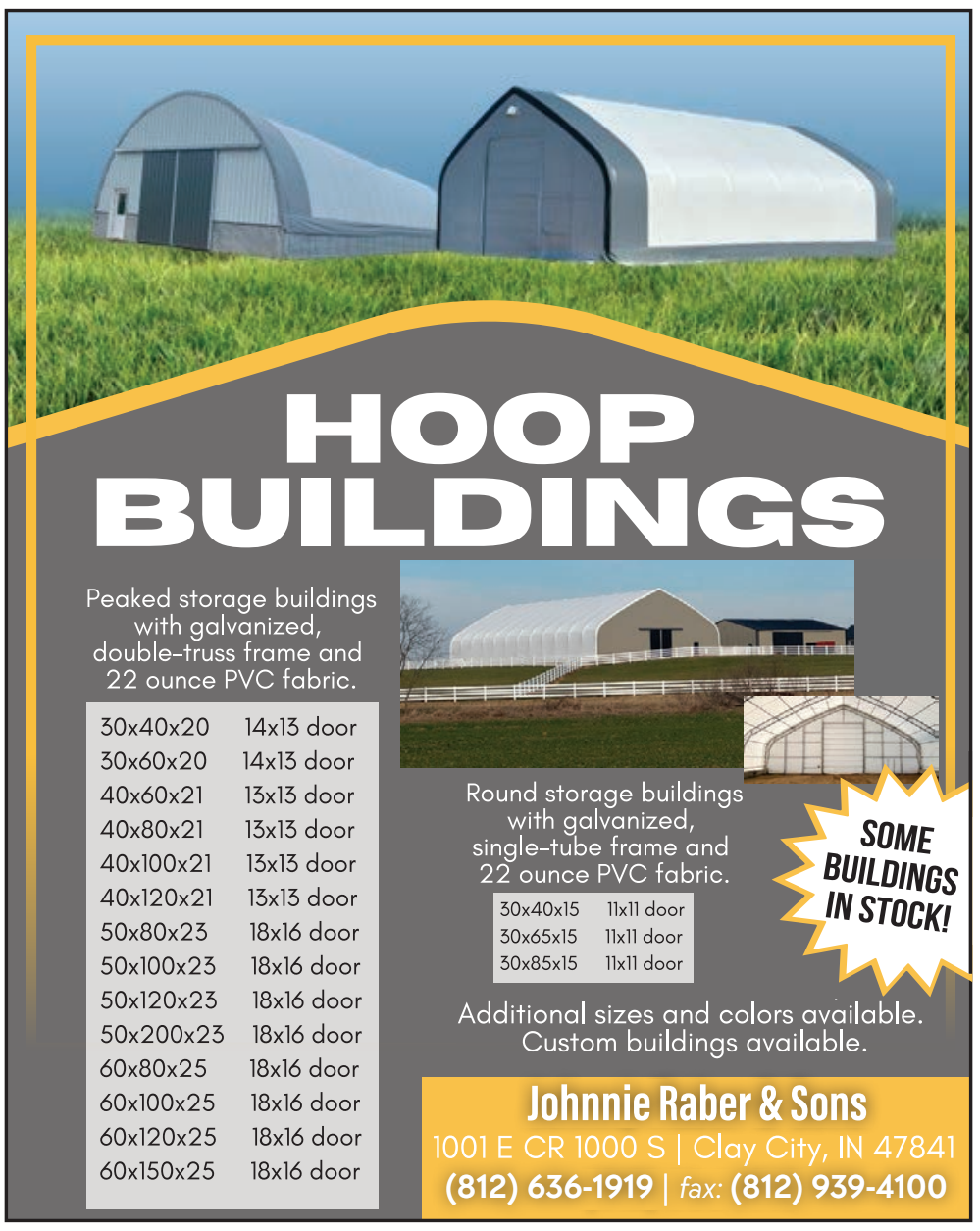
Henry Hanscom, American Trucking Associations chief advocacy and public affairs officer, pointed out that the executive order directs temporary penalty relief and potential tax deferral for using red-dyed diesel, not outright tax forgiveness. He said the ATA would review the Internal Revenue Service's implementing guidance of the policy when it is available.

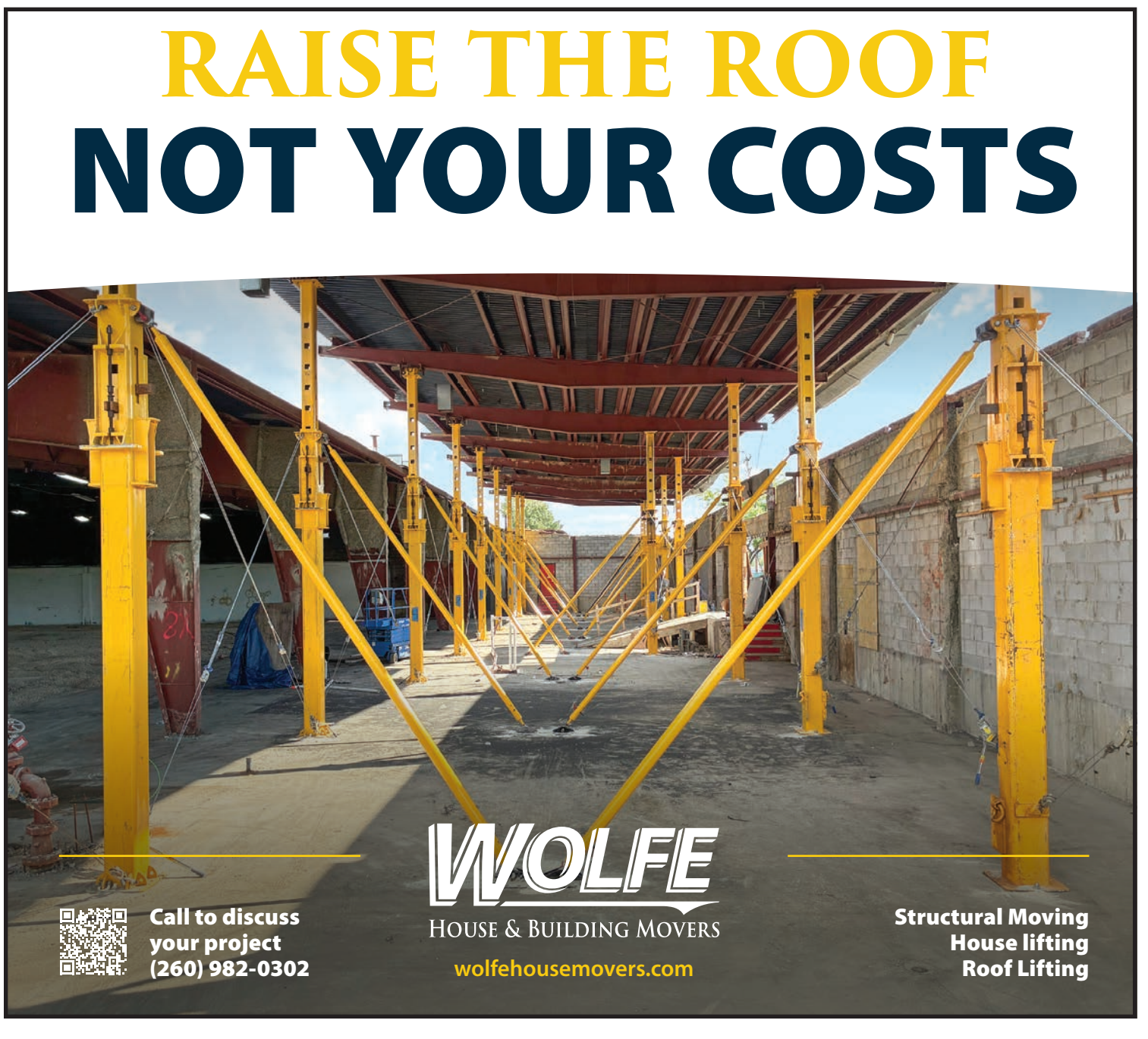
Last month, Trump had threatened a diesel export ban, though he later said it is off the table. G7 countries have agreed to release 100 million barrels of oil and fuel products.

"One of the problems we have right now in the world is there's not enough diesel fuel," said Gregg Ibendahl, farm management specialist at Kansas State University.

But underlying causes like geopolitical issues won't be solved overnight.

"The problem we've accumulated right now with the Strait of Hormuz and the Russia-Ukraine war, those are going to be longer term things to get fixed," he said. "Getting that world supply back up again is going to be, I think, at least a year, even in the best cases."







‘It’s a heritage thing’: Ohioans keep hand corn husking tradition alive

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

GREENVILLE, Ohio – They arrived in droves from all across Ohio, many as young as 7 and some into their 90s. All with the goal of being named the best corn husker in the state.

This year’s Ohio State Cornhusking Competition was held at Magie Wonder Acres Farm in Greenville. The event was hosted at the farm of David and Kathy Magie, president and club secretary respectively of the Ohio Corn Huskers Association.

“There’s certain bragging rights at the state level, but the real bragging rights come at being tops in the Men’s Open and Women’s Open divisions,” David Magie said.

In 2019, Kathy placed second in the Senior Women’s class at the National Cornhusking Tournament in Nebraska, alongside other Ohio representatives. Her husband, David, has won state and national titles in years past.

Kathy’s cousin, Nita Burnside, has been competing at this event for 50 straight years.

“It never gets old to me,” Burnside said. “I do this each year and I love doing it.”

One of the youngest competitors at the Greenville event was 14-year-old Hunter Gigandet.

“This is my fourth year of competing and it’s a lot of fun,” said Gigandet, who finished first in the 14-and-under class this year. “I’ve advanced to nationals two of those years.”



Above: Miranda Lawson, competing in the girls 14 and under class, sends a picked ear of corn flying toward an accompanying wagon. A gleaner follows behind to collect any ears that the husker misses, crops or leaves behind. These ears will count as deductions. Lawson finished first in her class on this day. (Doug Graves photo)

Before farming became mechanized, picking corn by hand and pitching ears into a horse-drawn wagon was how harvesting was done. In the late 19th century, local contests were held to determine the best corn picker in the community. By the 1930s, hand corn husking became one of the fastest-growing sports in America, drawing over 100,000 spectators at national contests. The 1938 Illinois competition, for instance, drew a crowd of 85,000.

Today’s events pale in comparison. Contemporary cornhusking contests are considered a success if the combined total of competitors and spectators tops the century mark. While cornhusking events of the past were bona fide sporting events, today’s huskers are just having fun and making sure the work of their predecessors is not forgotten.

To this day, the National Cornhusking Association sponsors a contest each fall to determine who is the best in the nation. That national event will be held in Marshall, Mo., this fall.

“Husking corn by hand is a heritage thing,” said Daniel Mullins, from Holmes County in northeast Ohio. Mul-

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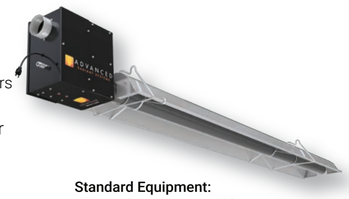

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Above: Tool of the trade. Hunger Gigandet shows the glove and “hook” he uses for corn husking competition. (Doug Graves photo)

Corn Husking

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lins, 83, attended the event in Greenville but only as a spectator.

“Most of the Amish in Holmes County where I live still harvest corn by hand. I remember my dad harvesting corn by hand into the 1940s before mechanization became widespread,” Mullins said. “This method was labor-intensive but produced ears nearly free of shucks, which made them ideal for air-drying in cribs.”

There are nine states that are members of the National Cornhusking Association: Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, South Dakota and Nebraska.



Above: David Magie gives a thumbs up as he heads out to his corn row. Magie finished third in the Men’s Open division at this year’s event. (photo submitted)

Each state holds competitions in 10 age classes. The top three placers in each class are eligible to compete in the national cornhusking contest.

Class breakouts (with time allotted) include: Golden Agers Women and Golden Agers Men (each 75 and older, 10 minutes), Senior Men 50 and over (20 minutes), Senior Women 50 and over (10 minutes), Men’s Open (30 minutes), Women’s Open (20 minutes), Youth Girls and Youth Boys (14 and under, each 10 minutes), Youth Girls and Youth Boys (15 to 20, each 10 minutes), Women’s and Men’s (21 to 49, each 20 minutes) and Novice (all ages, 10 minutes).

The corn is arranged in “lands” or channels, so each husker has their own area.

As a picker makes his or her own way down a row, that competitor must remove the ear from the stalk and remove the corn cleanly from the husk. A horse- or tractor-drawn wagon with a tall “bang board” catches the corn as it is tossed from the row.

“It’s called a bang board because you can hear the sound of the corn hitting it,” Burnside said. “That sound confirms that the ear made it into the wagon.”

Once the time has expired, the corn is brought back from the field to be weighed. A sample of the harvested corn is pulled from the pile and any husks left on the ears of corn are removed and weighed. The weight of the remaining husks is then deducted from the original weight.

If the ear of corn doesn’t make it into the wagon, the husker can retrieve it and toss it into the wagon, but such a miss can cost the competitor valuable seconds.

This hands-only event didn’t happen in many states from the mid-1940s to the early 1970s. Ohio revitalized the event in 1973 at Carriage Hill Farm north of Dayton. Nita’s father, Bill Farmer, is credited with rejuvenating the Ohio corn husking event.

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FFA member studies mental health impact after Hurricane Helene

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

UNICOI, Tenn. – An East Tennessee FFA member is raising awareness about farmer mental health after seeing the impact of Hurricane Helene on her community.

Abigail Petterson, now a freshman at the University of Tennessee, was a senior and Erwin FFA member at Unicoi County High School in northeast Tennessee when Hurricane Helene hit two years ago.

Hurricane Helene was a catastrophic Category 4 hurricane that struck Florida's Big Bend region on Sept. 26, 2024, causing more than 250 deaths and widespread destruction across the southeastern United States. Its path moved inland across four southern states, including Tennessee. The extreme rainfall and flooding devastated the Nolichucky River and Unicoi County in northeast Tennessee.

That tragic storm led this FFA regional reporter and her classmates to assist in cleanup efforts.

"The first few days after the hurricane, members of my high school FFA chapter went out to help farmers in our community," Petterson said. "They were so overwhelmed with everything. They were in shock. With the farmers, this wasn't just their home, it was how they get their food, this is their entire life. They spent their entire life on this farm, and it was just washed away."

Right after that experience, Petterson put together an agriscience fair project surveying farmers in the region about their mental health before and after the flooding.

"It illustrated to me the mental health crisis among farmers," she said.

Petterson is currently working on a new project and hopes to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health. She's using her voice to advocate for farmers' mental health. What started with helping local residents after a natural disaster has grown into a passion for raising awareness and sharing resources to support the ag community.

"I've always been concerned about mental health of farmers but the deciding factor in performing my research was when Hurricane Helene hit the area and seeing the devastation that farmers in my own community faced," Petterson said. "I learned then what they were facing and realized how huge of a problem faced the farming community. And through my research I learned of the stigma surrounding mental health. I really wanted to help my rural community and FFA gave me the perfect platform to do that."

Petterson lives in a rural area of Erwin and has neighboring farmers who were devastated by the storm.

"One local farmer lost thousands of bales of hay and millions of dollars' worth of equipment, and most of his land is unrecoverable," she said. "And even though it's been two years, he and other farmers have a long way to go."

Petterson surveyed 50 farmers in East Tennessee about their mental health before and after the hurricane.

"My first year of research I studied what affect the hurricane had on their mental health and I discovered the most common factor was their financial struggles," she said. "After that research, I dove into the understanding of psychiatry and mental health help that is available. I've learned that 58 percent of those surveyed are still struggling with mental health issues. And only 50 percent of those surveyed said the damage recovery effort helped them recover.

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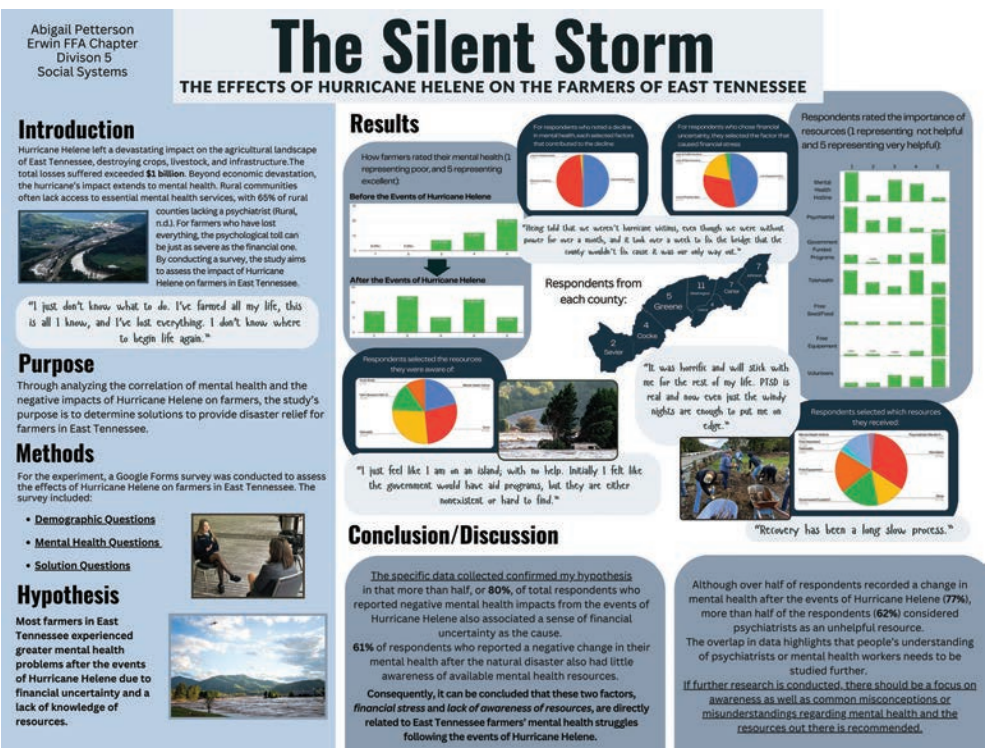

Above: Shown is the mental health chart Abby Petterson created during her high school's FFA Agriscience Fair. (photo submitted)



Above: Abby Petterson (left) is shown with an Erwin FFA colleague during an East Tennessee FFA gathering. (photo submitted)



FFA Member Studies

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They said rebuilding isn't enough. That told me we need to rebuild the mental damage as well. I wanted to bring awareness of this everywhere. Rural Americans everywhere need resources to get the mental health help they so desperately need at times."

Psychiatry, Petterson admits, is in her future.

"I wanted to be a psychiatrist long before Hurricane Helene occurred, but the hurricane gave me that spark, realizing that research was something I wanted to do and made me realize what I wanted to do in life. Eventually, I'd like to have my own practice in the rural community and help people. I see how they desperately need it."

Petterson credited FFA for pointing her life in this direction.

"FFA has given me the platform and ability to do this research but more importantly it's given me the courage to do so," she said. "My freshman year in high school I was very shy and my FFA adviser pushed me to study Prepared Public Speaking. That enabled me to do my mental health research and talk with farmers. FFA not only gave me the platform but gave me the courage."



Above: Abby Petterson (third from left) and other Erwin FFA members helped with cleanup in the county right after Hurricane Helene. (photo submitted)

Petterson is now using social media to address the stigma around farmers' mental health and raise awareness of available resources.

"There are so many misconceptions about mental health," Petterson said. "Many farmers think that mental health issues for them don't exist and it's vital to let them see that it's OK not to be OK. That's the number one idea that I try to get across. It's simply about them knowing we're here to help you in any way possible. It's not the mindset of 'there's something wrong with you' or 'you need to be fixed'.



Above: Abby Petterson has garnered much media attention with her rural mental health research. (photo submitted)

"It's not really in farmers to ask for help as they want to figure things out themselves," she said. "A lot of farmers don't believe in having mental health issues and it's really about getting over that hurdle and the best way of getting over that hurdle are resources that are out there to support them through this problem."




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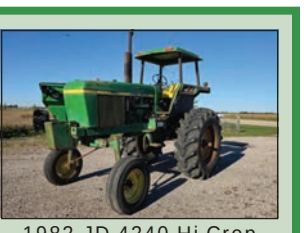
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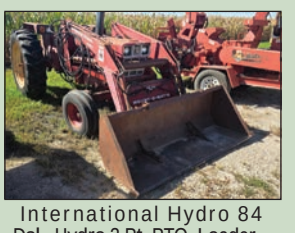
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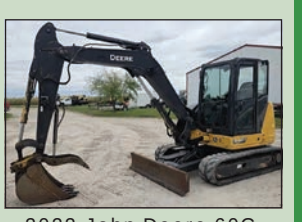
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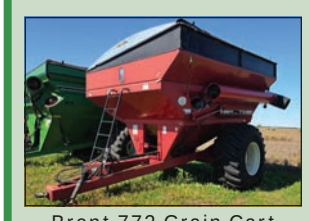
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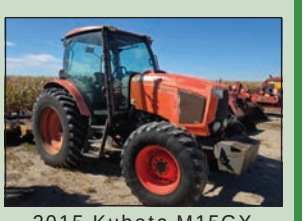
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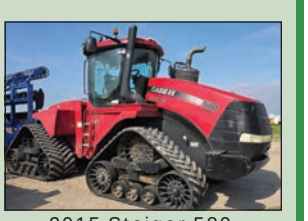
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2026 Midwest Rural Ag Safety and Health Conference planned

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

IOWA CITY, Iowa – Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH) will be hosting the 2026 Midwest Rural Agricultural Safety and Health Conference (MRASH) at the Hotel Millwright in Amana, Iowa, Nov. 12-13, with around 100 industry experts from across the country in attendance, officials said.

Each year, The University of Iowa's I-CASH, along with the Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health – also housed at the university – and other partners, present the conference, which brings together safety and health researchers and professionals, health care providers, farmers and rural advocates, all committed to building a safer and healthier agriculture, officials added.

"The MRASH Conference began as a method to bring agricultural safety and health researchers and farmers together," Rich Gassman, I-CASH director, told Farm World. "It was designed to help disseminate key safety and health information to our rural populations." He said the theme this year celebrates the World Health Organization's International Year of the Woman Farmer: "We felt that was a perfect theme for us to use for the 2026 MRASH Conference."

I-CASH officials said on their website about the conference: "While women have played many roles on the farm over the years, they remain caretakers of the safety and health of their families and businesses, all while facing their own specific exposures, risks and challenges. Our general sessions will explore some of those changes and look at emerging needs and research."

Officials said attendees can expect general sessions exploring emerging needs and research, as well as breakout sessions and poster presentations covering a wide range of topics, and a pre-conference workshop on respirator fit testing, which verifies that a tight-fitting respirator forms a proper seal against the face to block hazardous, airborne particles.

The breakout sessions will include topics such as dementia, grain bin safety, hearing loss, mental health, new teaching tools and tick-borne diseases. In addition, the conference includes opportunities for networking and sharing research and outreach efforts, officials added.

The keynote session, entitled, Women in Agriculture: Cultivating Leaders, Strengthening Communities, Inspiring Action, will feature Florence Becot, Ph.D., Penn State University Nationwide Insurance Early Career professor, and agricultural safety and health program lead.

During the conference, I-CASH will also be screening the first episode of the series "Perfect Sundays," a 2026 six-episode fictional, limited television series that captures the journey of the Weeks family, who digs their way out of economic ruin and emotional paralysis in the wake of the Pennsylvania dairy farm's patriarch Ed Weeks' death by suicide.

"It is important to have agricultural producers attend this conference," Gassman said. "It gives them an opportunity to meet with safety and health practitioners and gain important information. The conference will help them develop the tools to help make their farms and ranches safer places to work and live."

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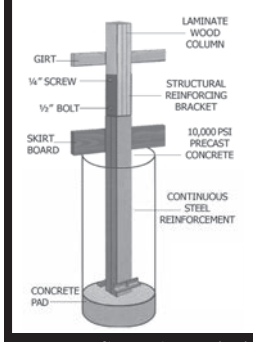

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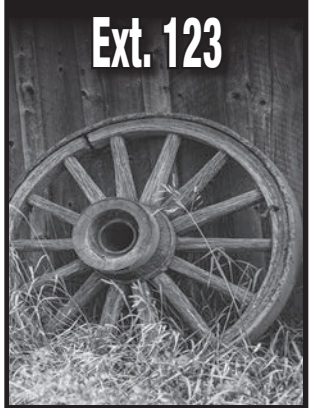

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Simply from Scratch offers farm-to-table mobile grocery

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. – What started with a glass of non-homogenized milk has evolved into Simply from Scratch, a farm-to-table mobile grocery. The central Indiana business serves Hoosier communities through farmers markets, the family farm and Bruno the Bus, their mobile grocery store, according to co-owner Lauren Flanders.

"The business was created to diversity the family farm while advocating for confident consumers and increasing access to fresh, local food, particularly in food deserts and underserved communities," Lauren said. "At its core, Simply from Scratch is about connecting consumers with Indiana agriculture and helping them feel confident about the food they bring home."



Above: Simply from Scratch co-owners Suzanne and Lauren Flanders. (photo provided)

Suzanne Flanders, Lauren's mother-in-law, co-owns the Noblesville-based company with her daughter-in-law.

Several years ago, Suzanne was in Shipshewana, Ind., visiting a family friend. She was offered some non-homogenized milk to try, Lauren explained.

"Although milk had never agreed well with Suzanne, she was surprised by how well she felt and impressed by the quality. That experience sparked the idea for Simply from Scratch. Simply from Scratch was originally Suzanne's catering business that was started as a side business in 2010.

"In 2022, it was an easy transition to the farm-to-table business we wanted to start. (We) began distributing local milk and learning the farmers market business. As customers asked for more local groceries, (we) began connecting with Indiana farmers and producers to source products like eggs, bread, honey, produce and other grocery staples."

The farm-to-table experience focuses on making local food more accessible, Lauren said.

Suzanne's background is in dietetics and Lauren's is in agricultural education. This enables them to educate customers about nutrition and agriculture, Lauren said. Both women were raised in rural areas where their family farmed, but did not grow up on farms.



Above: Simply from Scratch co-owners Suzanne and Lauren Flanders in front of Bruno the Bus, their farm-to-table mobile grocery store. (photo provided)

Simply from Scratch started with refrigerated trucks and then they bought a used school bus they named Bruno, Lauren said. Bruno has freezers and refrigerators as well as display racks filled with Indiana Grown products, she added.

"We produce at least 50 percent of the products, while supporting other local farmers and producers. We attend farmers markets as well as do our own popup markets in collaboration with businesses, HOAs (homeowner associations), senior living communities, events and more. Bruno the Bus is open to all, with no membership fees attached."

Simply from Scratch buys bulk flour through an Amish grocery store in Shipshewana. Their homegrown garlic, black raspberries, sweet corn, asparagus, potatoes and herbs are some examples of products that go into their

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Iowan Courtney Knupp bringing new energy to USB leadership

By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

ST. LOUIS, Mo. – From her family farm in Washington, Iowa, to the halls of Congress in Washington, D.C., Courtney Knupp has learned a thing or two about soybeans and soybean policy. Knupp, the immediate past director of global supply chains at the White House National Security Council (NSC), was ratified by board member vote as the new CEO of the United Soybean Board (USB) in July. Knupp began her work on behalf of U.S. soybean farmers on Oct. 1, 2026 by focusing on identifying the best ways to utilize funds collected through the Soy Checkoff program.

"I have worked in the agriculture industry across many sectors in trade associations and government, but this is the first time I have lived in Missouri. It is not my first time working in the soybean industry, and it is nice to be home," said Knupp, whose family lives just four hours north of the USB's St. Louis headquarters, raising soybeans and corn and feeding pigs for a major contractor. The family also owns a trucking business that transports grain and livestock for southeast Iowa producers and regional buyers.

"Our community is totally driven by agriculture, and that makes me proud," Knupp added, referring to her rural Iowa home and the perspectives she looks forward to bringing to her new role. She praised the USB's board of directors and staff for "setting me up for success" when she took the reins on Oct. 1, which was the first day of the fiscal 2026-2027 year for the organization.

"A lot of work was done preceding me setting the stage for success with the projects and the work we will be doing, the investments we will be making, and executing our strategic plan. The staff is hitting the ground running and so am I, with the goal first and foremost to get these projects off to a good start," Knupp told Farm World.

"Some (projects) look to invest in new spaces for new demand, some are looking at utilization and research on how we can expand, hopefully, the size of our market opportunities in spaces like the poultry industry, for example. Some have to do with long-term investment and building on the work we've been doing for decades learning more about things like meal, fuel, bio-based products, etc."

Her prior work experience and qualifications include nearly two decades of experience spanning agriculture, international trade, public policy and market development, according to Knupp's USB-provided profile. In addition to her most previous post at the NSC, Knupp previously served as senior policy adviser to the U.S. Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Agriculture on trade and food safety. Her checkoff and export experience includes serving as vice president of international market development at the National Pork Board, and as director of global animal and aquaculture nutrition at the U.S. Soybean Export Council.

Knupp has also held chief of staff roles in the USDA, led international trade policy for the National Pork Producers Council and held commercial roles at BASF and Elanco Animal Health. She earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural business and international agriculture from Iowa State University in 2007.

"The big thing is coming in here and creating consistency with our team here at the USB and me getting up to speed is a big goal," Knupp said. "We will have a board meeting in December when we will get a whole new batch of directors, so it is going to be a busy sprint to the end of the calendar year. But the biggest thing is just learning, listening and empowering the good work that is already set in motion."

She sees her top responsibility as CEO is to liaison between the 77 or so farmer-leaders comprising the USB and supporting staff, and making sure key partnerships are maintained with organizations like the American Soybean Association, Soybean Export Council, WIISH, and state soybean associations. "It is really about farmer dollars making farmer decisions, and that's really my role – being that linchpin to make sure that we have strategic direction and execute on their behalf," Knupp explained.

The Soybean Checkoff is marking its 35th year of existence with the 2026-2027 fiscal year, providing research, education and promotion on behalf of U.S. soybean producers who pay into the program via an 0.5 percent assessment the net market price per bushel of soybeans at their initial point of sale.

"Courtney is the right leader at the right time to advance the work of the Soy Checkoff and our vision of delivering sustainable soy solutions to every life, every day," said Brent Gatton, USB chair. "She brings the strategic vision, deep agricultural understanding and proven leadership our farmer-leaders set out to find, along with a genuine commitment to increasing return on investment for U.S. soybean farmers. We look forward to the momentum she will bring to our mission."

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meals and baked goods, Lauren said.

Products that are sourced elsewhere that don't sell before the "best buy" date are utilized in other places, she noted, such as carrots and potatoes in chicken pot pie, and chocolate milk becomes cake.

In September, Simply from Scratch and nine other women-owned agriculture-related small businesses in the state were each recipients of $1,000 grants from Indiana Farm Bureau (INFB). The grants support the growth and development of such businesses across the state, INFB said.

The grant money will be used to create a cool room, Lauren said. She said Simply from Scratch has struggled with produce being too cold or too hot with their current refrigeration. The cool room will keep produce at 45-50 degrees instead of 32 degrees.

"This is the first grant we have received through farm bureau, and the first grant we have applied for," Lauren pointed out. "With it being the International Year of the Woman Farmer, we have had more opportunities to build upon our business, from grants to scholarships."

As for longer-term plans, she said each year of the business has brought new ideas, growth and struggles. They've discussed having a true brick-and-mortar store and if so, where. Lauren said they've been asked to go further out than central Indiana, so they plan for a state health certificate for 2027 which allows movement across the entire state.

"We have also had discussions about a second bus," she said. "Having a second vehicle like Bruno would help us reach more communities, especially in the colder months. Each month, week, and day brings new thoughts and ideas of how to build upon Simply from Scratch.

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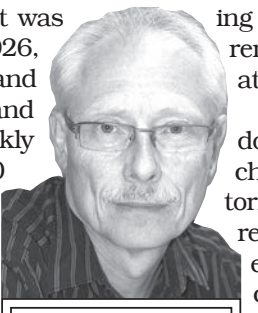
USDA lowers 2026, 2027 milk production forecasts



Mielke Market Weekly
By Lee Mielke

The USDA lowered its 2026 and 2027 milk production forecasts in the World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates. 2026 production and marketings were projected at 236.9 and 235.9 billion pounds respectively, down 300 million pounds on both from last month's report. If realized, both would still be up 5.2 billion pounds or 2.2 percent from 2025.

2027 production and marketings were projected at 238.4 and 237.4 billion pounds respectively, down 200 million pounds on both. If realized, both would be up 1.5 billion pounds or 0.6 percent from 2026.

Commercial exports for 2026 and 2027 were lowered on a fat basis due to lower-than-expected shipments of butter and cheese. Commercial exports were virtually unchanged for 2026 on a skim-solids basis but lowered slightly in 2027 due to lower expected shipments of dry whey. Also, for both 2026 and 2027, commercial imports were raised on a fat basis on increased shipments of butter. Commercial imports on a skim-solids basis were unchanged in 2026 and 2027.

Butter and cheese price forecasts were decreased for both years based on recent prices and growth in butterfat output. Nonfat dry milk and whey forecasts were raised to reflect recent prices and strong demand for protein products.

The Class III milk price forecasts were lowered as higher whey prices only partially offset lower cheese prices. The 2026 average was projected at $15.80 per cwt., down 40 cents from last month's report, and compares to $18.01 in 2025 and $18.89 in 2024. The 2027 average was estimated at $16.90, down 20 cents from last month's report.

The Class IV forecast was raised as higher nonfat dry milk prices more than fully offset lower butter prices. It was estimated to average $18.90 in 2026, up 35 cents from a month ago, and compares to $17.38 in 2025 and $20.75 in 2024. USDA's weekly slaughter data showed 52,800 dairy cows sent to slaughter the week ending Sept. 26, down 200 or 0.4 percent from a year ago. Year to date, 2,024,800 cows have been culled, up 78,600 or 4.0 percent from a year ago.

It's been a week of rebound at the CME, especially on cheese. Cash block Cheddar, which closed Friday at $1.3850 per pound, shot up to $1.6525 Thursday, highest since July 23, but still 12.25 cents below a year ago. The barrels, which had parked at $1.4525 since Sept. 16, was bid up 11.75 cents Thursday, hitting $1.57, highest since Aug. 27 but still 20 cents below a year ago.

Cooler weather is improving milk availability across much of the Central region, according to Dairy Market News. Forecasted cooler temperatures are supportive and, while milk supplies have increased, spot load availability remains limited for Class III producers as Class I and Class IV production increases. Elevated temperatures in the Southwest persist, and milk supplies remain tight. Mid-week Class III spot milk prices ranged from flat-class to $3-over. Cheese makers report steady Cheddar production, while inventories remain ample across the region. Market participants note mozzarella and parmesan orders and sales are strong while inventories are light.

Cheese is long and the tone is flat in the West. Contacts are offsetting the low cheese prices with returns from whey production. Plants are running at full capacity. Contractual milk loads are being met, and cheese production remains steady, generally operating seven days a week.

Swiss cheese demand is down according to some. Spot cheese is available and inventories remain strong. Domestic retail demand is steady while export demand is stable and continues to command higher prices. Sellers report some booking activity for first quarter 2027, according to DMN.

Contacts in the Central region report that cream availability is tightening as Class II processors increase production and take in the maximum amount of cream. Spot loads remain available throughout the region. Reports are of increased production of cream cheese and extended shelf-life products, while ice cream production is declining seasonally. Butter production remains steady as cream continues to move to regional churns. Inventories of 80 percent butterfat butter remain ample, while 82 percent remains tight, according to DMN.

The Daily Dairy Report's Sarina Sharp wrote in the Oct. 9 Milk Producers Council newsletter: "The gap between U.S. and international milk powder values has widened to a chasm and even buyers in Mexico are starting to look elsewhere. After glancing at prices across the border, Mexican buyers stepped up the volume of their bids at the GDT. That's evidence of a downshift in U.S. trade prospects, which were already in decline. In August, the U.S. sent just 101 million pounds of NDM and SMP abroad, the smallest monthly volume in over seven years. But production is also scant," Sharp said.

Cattle are moving north from Mexico again, despite concerns over screwworm. Because income from dairy beef is so important right now, I include some insights from this week's Western United Dairy's newsletter. It stated: "On Aug. 24, USDA reopened the Douglas, Ariz., port to cattle imports, which was followed by the Sept. 24 reopening of the Santa Teresa port in New Mexico. Historically, the Santa Teresa port is the busiest livestock inspection port on the border, handling roughly 43 percent of all Mexican cattle imports. While there are no cattle inspection facilities along the Mexican-California border, re-openings at several additional ports in other states are being planned.

"Investigation into the dissemination of New World screwworm (NWS) suggest that fast, long-distance spread most frequently results from transportation of infested livestock. With these recent port re-openings, California producers remain understandably concerned about California and U.S. biosecurity."

Inspection and treatment requirements for Mexican imports are spelled out by the USDA and its equivalent Mexican agency, SENASICA, but. "Protocols may differ if animals are being imported as general cattle imports or if they are intended for immediate slaughter."

WUD said, "While the USDA is easing import restrictions on Mexican cattle, it is unlikely that US beef prices will fall quickly. The Santa Teresa cattle inspection port is the busiest in the country, but only about 1,000 cattle a day are expected to cross down from an average of about 3,000 per day. In addition, it takes about five to eight months to raise imported Mexican cattle to slaughter weight. Finally, recovery from the mid-western drought and a 75-year low of the U.S. beef herd inventory will take time."



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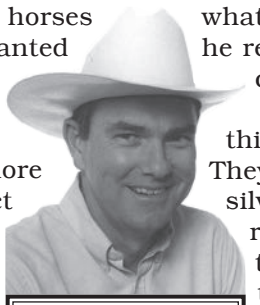
Learning the colors of horses is not as easy as you'd think



It's the Pitts
By Lee Pitts

As a horse editor early in my career, I had to be the least qualified person to ever hold that title. Although I worked on a ranch in high school and got to ride nice horses, most of my riding experience came from hunkerin' down on a saddle sitting on a stand in my grandpa's "bunkhouse" and from riding the mechanical bucking bronc out in front of the grocery store. I was a born horseman because in both cases I only got bucked off half a dozen times or so.

Strange as it may seem, as a member of my collegiate livestock judging team, my best species to judge was horses, despite the fact that's the species I had the least experience with. My judging team coach insisted that we learn the color of horses and that's harder than it sounds. Instead of referring to horses as just numbers, he wanted us to say things like, "I placed the coyote dun over the chestnut," or, "I found the bay to be more structurally correct than the sorrel." This was supposed to show off our encyclopedic knowledge of horses.

In college, I actually conducted a study to discover if one color of horse was better than the another but the answers I got back were not conclusive. Take white horses, for example. The only positive comment I heard about them was that they were good swimmers, but I was also told that they attracted lightning and provided a better target. I asked a PRCA roper what he thought of white horses and he replied that, "The only thing they could catch was distemper."

A lot of horses that people think are white are actually greys. They can be dapple grey, steel grey, silver grey or what some cowboys refer to as fleabitten, which I thought was a rather rude thing to say about a horse. One horseman I respected told me that if you had an iron grey horse, that was good as it was probably excellent and as good as a horse can get.

Most cowboys I know don't think too highly of Appaloosas, blacks, albinos or Palominos, although they'll begrudgingly admit that Palominos are by far the best parade horses and the best horses for going courtin' on Sunday because what girl can resist a Palomino? The hardest terms for me to learn were colors such as overos, which had scattered patterns of colors on dark backgrounds, and piebald, skewbald, claybanks and gruellos.

You'll recall that earlier in this little essay I referred to some horses as being fleabitten, which is not meant as a criticism in this case. It just means that it's a grey or roan horse with small black or blue specks or spots. Likewise, when a horse is referred to as mealy-mouthed it's not necessarily a bad thing; it just means the color is faded around the mouth and is usually found in bays. Another term that sounds like a criticism is "walleyed," which refers to a horse whose pupils are surrounded by white. Old-time cowboys called this "orey eyed" and they were hesitant to crawl on the back of one because such horses were thought to be extremely mean.

To make things even more confusing besides color we had to learn the difference between a star, a strip, a snip and a stripe.

When people ask me what color horse I prefer I always say "gentle."

A horseman I knew and highly respected was D. Wayne Lucas, one of the greatest horse trainers who ever lived. Sadly, he's no longer with us. He was known for having flashy pony horses to bring his thoroughbreds to the starting gate, so you'd think he'd be a good one to ask what color the best horses are. His answer: "A good horse is never a bad color. You can't tell a good horse by what color it is," insisted D. Wayne.





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Bradshaw shares his story of football and life after the game in new book



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"Looking for Terry: A Memoir" by Terry Bradshaw with David Fisher

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Terry Bradshaw is not dumb.

That rumor plagued him on and off throughout his life, he hated it, and he says it hurt him. People obviously thought it was funny, but it was not; eventually, though, he used the badgering to his advantage in an if-you-can't-beat-'em, join-'em kind of way.

Bradshaw says that football has always been his "passion." He always loved to throw things, rocks, javelins, even frozen snowballs, after his family moved from Shreveport to a small town in Iowa. A few years later, the family moved back to Louisiana, and that's where Bradshaw's love of football took off like a 90-yard pass.

Eventually it did, anyhow. Bradshaw said he did a lot of bench-sitting, and that was frustrating. He just wanted to play, in high school, in college, as a first-round pick in the NFL draft, at four Super Bowl-winning games. But playing meant injury, which usually was no big deal to Bradshaw until one injury made him quit his beloved Steelers – though he says he might still be on the disabled list, so maybe they'll call him to play this weekend…

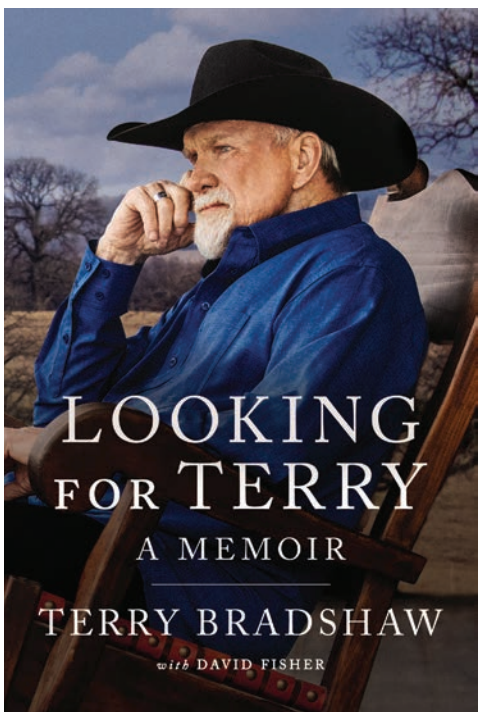
Anchorless after leaving the team, he bought a ranch that put him in debt but he enjoyed his cows. He loved and lost and loved again. And then one day, he returned an overdue phone call that changed his life: would he like to be a football broadcaster?

Bradshaw says he'd never thought about it. He'd been talking about football almost since he could talk. Could he actually get paid for it?

Terry Bradshaw might be a prankster. He loves to joke around, he admits to a big sense of humor, but "Looking for Terry" should lay to rest those old rumors about his intelligence. Author Bradshaw ain't no dummy.

What he is, is honest – about his favorite things, his love life, his animals, his career choices, and his sport. And on that note, readers may be surprised that football, despite being Bradshaw's "passion," is only about half the story. Bradshaw talks about his faith in great detail. He and David Fisher write about his parents and his childhood with appealing fondness. He doesn't make scandal or add unnecessary drama, but he's truthful about his four marriages and the mistakes he feels he made. He's grateful, thankful and humble and funny. There's lots of funny in this book.

Fans are gonna eat that up, as will anyone who enjoys Bradshaw on Sunday afternoons. If that's you, or if you're up for a good memoir, look for "Looking for Terry." Do not pass.



Prepare for winter critter invasion

WEEKLY AG UPDATE
BY NED BIRKEY
MSU EXTENSION EDUCATOR EMERITUS
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The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center's outlook to Oct. 27 calls for likely above normal temperatures and near normal to leaning above normal outlook for precipitation. Eric Snodgrass, of Nutrien Ag, said a strong El Niño will be from November 2026 through March 2027. (There is no such thing as a "super" El Niño.) Aaron Wilson, of Ohio State, said all the hubbub about a frost/freeze is just "normal" mid-to-late-October weather. The Midwestern Regional Climate has several tools on their ag dashboard that show typical freeze dates. Navigate at: https//mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/home.

Soil compaction this fall is most obvious with ruts in the field, usually from the combine. However, most farmers never adjust their tractor weights or ballasting to accommodate the load being drafted. Fields with ruts are one sign that compaction may affect root growth and yields next year. Weights and proper ballasting, tires and tire pressure are all important factors to minimize soil compaction. Cover crops, perhaps no-tillage or deep till, all can help with compaction or breaking up a plow pan.

Hunting is a traditional fall activity for farmers and others. Having an up-to-date county plat book is one first step to finding acreage. Monroe County, Mich., has their latest plat book available at Extension, conservation district and farm bureau offices and other locations or call 734-260-3442 to request a copy. A written hunting lease is always recommended so all parties know who, where and when hunting will happen and include other details. A good hunter will keep the landowner informed, have insurance and do their part to identify the property so others know this property has been leased.

Critters and varmints that want to overwinter; the trick is to not allow them in the house. Mice, cockroaches, earwigs, boxelder bugs, spiders, ants, stink bugs and Chinese lady bugs are some pests that are actively looking for a place to overwinter. The two most effective ways to control pests in the house are to remove their reason for invading the structure and to make sure the house is so tight that they can't get in. Keep food in tight containers and careful sanitation in the kitchen so food is not attractive to pests. Patching holes or gaps and caulking can help keep small critters out.

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MF 820 20' rock flex disc w/ 9.5" spacing, 19" blades

Case 490 21' disc w/ 21" vertical till front blades, 18" disc rear blades, 7.5" spacing, single drag bar

Krause 20' rock flex disc w/ 8" spacing, 20" front blades, 19" rear blades, hyd fold, single bar harrow, hyd lift

JD 320 disc

JD BW 14' disc w/ 16.5" blades, 9" spacing, hyd lift

International 12' disc w/ 7.5" spacing, 16" blades

Krause 12' disc

IH 55 chisel plow

JD 712 9 shank chisel

Deutz 1500 5 shank 7' disc chisel w/ 7.5" spacing, 20" blades, rock flex disc gang, hyd lift and hyd adj disc gangs

International 10 shank disc chisel w/ 9" spacing, cylinder lift

International 4800 22' field cultivator w/ hyd lift and fold, rear hitch, 3 bar drag, walking tandems

JD 960 26' field cultivator w/ walking tandems, rear hitch and hyd, good shovels

Wil-Rich 21' field cultivator w/ 5 bar drag, rear hitch

Glencoe 13 row 3pt cultivator w/ hyd fold, rolling shields, rear crop shields

Glencoe 9 row cultivator w/ flat fold, hyd fold

11 Shank 3pt chisel w/ guage wheels, 11' swath

Brillion Land Commander 5 shank disc ripper w/ 14" spacing, 18" blades, hyd disc gang adj, rear leveler bar, light package

Unverferth rolling harrow

JD 400 rotary hoe w/ 28' working width, good spoons

JD 2600 5 bottom plow w/ hyd lift, spring reset, hyd hitch and steer

JD 2800 6 bottom on land plow w/ spring reset plow and coulters, 2pt hitch, hyd hitch and lift, hyd turn tail wheel

JD A3100 6 bottom on land plow w/ spring reset coulters, new plow sheer tips, trailer hitch

JD 1990 35' air seeder w/ 15" spacing, CCS seed metering, ISOBUS compatable, light package, thompson closing wheels

Kinze 3600 16 row 30" planter w/ 20/20 precision, Gen 2, liquid fert, delta force, U-sets, electric drives

White 6100 12 row 30" planter w 540pto pump, poly boxes, seed plates, Agore SM1000 monitor

JD 7240 6 row 11" planter w/ liquid/ dry fert, 3 bushel boxes, no till, squeeze pump, auger fill, row markers, ground drive

Kinze 2600 16 row 31"/15" planter w/ no till coulters, bean meters, box ext

2- International 5100 12.5' grain drills w/ 7.5" spacing, hyd lift

CIH 5500 Soybean Special grain drill w/ 15" spacing, ag leader insight monitor, section shut off, Yetter row markers, extra row unit, 1600 acres on new blades

JD 8200 13' grain drill w/ 7.5" spacing, acre counter

Systems One seed tender w/ 3- pro box capacity, Vanguard motor, JD 1075 gear, ext tongue

Grain and Harvesting

2010 CIH 9120 combine w/ 3494/5288hrs, AFS Pro, power fold bin ext, 900 monitor

2017 CIH 3162 35' draper head

CIH 2412 12 row poly corn head

JD 9650 STS combine w/ 4100/4700hrs, 2wd, bin ext, lateral tilt

JD 925F 25' lex head

JD 9500 combine

JD 643 6 row corn head

JD 930F 30' flex head

JD 653A all crop head

JD 630F 30' flex head w/ full finger auger, fore/aft reel

CIH 2020 35' grain head w/ air reel dual drive, full finger auger, single point hookup, hyd fore/aft, hyd lift

CIH 1020 30' grain head w/ dual drive, 3" cut hyd fore/aft and lift, very good condition

JD 930F flex head w/ dual drive, fore/ aft reel, hyd lift

2005 JD 630F 30' flex head w/ full finger, low stone dam, hyd lift and fore/aft, 1000pto shaft, single point hook up, good poly

JD 920F 20' flex head w/ hyd lift, 3' cut, alum floor, poly end snouts, short dividers

CIH 2208 8 row 30' corn head, poly, dual drive

Drago 8 row corn head, JD hookup

Unverferth HT25 25' header cart w/ ext tongue, soybean head mounts

Unverferth HT25 header cart w/ light package, ext tongue, tie downs

EZ Trail 672 30' header cart w/ ext tongue, soybean head mounts

Unverferth HT36 UM Series header cart w/ ext tongue, tie downs, soybean head brackets, light package

Killbros 800 grain cart w/ new tarp, 12" unload, 1000pto

Brent 880 grain cart w/ hyd spout, hyd gate, 20" unload auger, light package, large 1000pto, roll tarp, good flighting

Brent 672 grain cart w/ 14" unload auger, roll tarp, hyd gate, light package, large 1000pto, like new flighting

Unverferth 7250 grain cart w/ 17" unload auger, hyd gate, hyd spout, light package, large 1000pto

Killbros 400 gravity wagon w/ center dump, double gate, Gehl HD gear

DMI Big Little gravity wagon w/ center dump, HD gear, 16.5/16.1 tires, rear brakes, ext tongue

Ficklin 4500 gravity wagon w/ HD gear, light package, left hand unload, rear hitch, ext tongue

Parker 2600 gravity wagon w/ 2 section unload doors, left hand unload, light package, ext tongue

Killbros 385 gravity wagon w/ seed vac system, gas motor, side platform, big extensions

Dual compartment gravity wagon w/ double doors, HD gear, light package

Killbros 350 gravity wagon w/ Killbros 1072 gear, rear hitch, ext tongue, right hand unload

REM 1026A grain vac w/ alum flex vac pipes, unload auger, 1000pto

Westfield WR80-71 grain auger w/ cable lift, 540pto

10,000BU grain bin w/ drying floor, stirator, 28' diameter

Hay and Forage

2022 JD 560M round baler w/ 11,606 bales, 1000pto, 21.5/61.1 flotation tires, monitor

2014 MF 2270 round baler w/ 3×3 bales, 47,786 bale count, monitor

2014 MF 2250 round baler w/ 3×3 bales, 64,175 bales, liquid app, isobus compatible

JD 560R round baler w/ 18,000 bales, 1000pto, no monitor

International 420 baler w/ 52" pickup, twine tie, 540pto

New Idea 4865 round baler w/ 6' pickup head, 540pto, 31×13.50-15 flotation tires

NH 258 roll-a-bar rake

International 86 9' hay rake w/ ground drive

Kuhn 2 star tedder w/ manual adj, 540pto

EZ Trail 18' hay wagon w/ Badger running gear, ext tongue, side door, folding front gate, good floor

Badger 2060 Series II forage blower

Land Pride RC5020B 20' rotary mower w/ pintle hitch, light package, new blades on wings, new tires on bottom, nice condition

CIH 1360 feed grinder w/ hyd unload auger, 1000pto, scales, mineral box, light pacakge

JD 20' stalk chopper w/ 1000pto, hyd lift, rear hitch

Balzer 20' stalk chopper w/ hyd lift, 100pto

M-C180SB 15' stalk chopper w/ hyd lift, rear hitch, 1000pto

Manure, Fert, and Spraying

Kuhn Knight 8042 side slinger manure spreader w/ walking tandems, 1000pto

New Idea 3732 manure spreader w/ rear gate, tandem axle, web floor, single beater, 540pto

H&S 370 manure spreader w/ end gate, single beater, tandem axle, web floor, good poly

Brenner stainless 40' manure trailer w/ 6" unload, wetline operated pump

Willmar 500 fertilizer spreader w/ stainless chain, tandem axle

Willmar Super 500 fert spreader

NC 6000 stainless fert spreader w/ tandem axle, dual spinner, 540pto, stainless web chain

Stainless fertilizer spreader w/ 50' spread, tandem axle, ground drive, 540pto, tarp

Redball 680 sprayer w/ 90' booms, 20" nozzle spacing, 13500gal tank, light package, patchon boom agitator, 2pt hitch

Hardi NAV 1000 sprayer w/ 60' booms, hyd pump, triple nozzle bodies, 20" spacing, 4 section shut off, foamer, 1000gal tank

Willmar 765HT sprayer w/ JD 45 diesel engine, center pivot, 600gal tank, 60' booms, air ride, foamer kit, hyd tread adj, ag leader monitor and 5 section control

P+H manufacturing 2808-T 1000Gal nurse tank on tandem gear, Honda GX160 motor, 2" outlet

Trucks and Trailers

White GMC tow truck w/ tandem axle

Ford 700 grain truck w/ 5spd manual trans, gas engine, alum 8'x19' grain body, tarp, dual cylinder hoist, tandem axle

1999 Freightliner F160 straight truck w/ Cummins 5.9 engine, 6spd manual trans, 19' flat bed, single axle, 11R22.5 tires, alum tool boxes, rear pintle hitch, runs good, consignor stated electrical system over charging

2006 International 9900IZ semi tractor w/ 1,588,499mi, 13spd tran, ISX 435ST 435HP engine, wet line, alum rims, lift axle, LED lights, mid roof sleeper

1997 Peterbilt 379 semi tractor, 1.1mi miles, Detroit diesel engine, 13spd trans, tandem axle, alum rims, mid roof sleeper

Ford F700 service truck w/ Cat 3126 engine, automatic, snow plow mounts

2001 Ford F250 Super Duty pickup w/ 314,339mi, V10 gas engine, automatic trans, 4wd, standard cab, alum tool box, rear receiver hitch, runs and drives, blown brake line

2014 BigTex 24+5 trailer w/ electric brakes

1996 Challenger tri axle lowboy trailer

40' Lowboy w/ folding neck, newer floor, chain box, 30' well

1983 Cherokee 24' horse trailer w/ 2 compartments, rear swinging and side door, tack room, feed compartment, roof vent, tandem axle

2001 Hyundai 53' box trailer w/ tandem axle, 295/75R22.5 tires, sliding axles, air ride, swing doors, two stage loading gear

Redi-Haul hyd reel trailer w/ pintle hitch, misc hyd parts

2023 Homesteader food trailer

Lawn and Garden and Sports

Yamaha Rhino 4- wheeler

Arctic Cat 300 4-wheeler

Arctic Cat 250 4- wheeler

Club car golf cart

SDLanch golf cart, unused

Intimidator side by side w/ 8744mi, 4wd, diff lock, LED lights, 65MPH capacity, 3' hyd dump bed, receiver hitch, mirors

Attachments

JD MX5 5' rotary mower

6' 3pt rotary mower

Rhino SE5 5' 3pt rotary mower

Land Pride 25-60 5' 3pt finish mower

Tar River 7' mower w/ hyd lift, 540pto, 3pt hitch

Farmall 7' sickle bar mower w/ Farmall fast hitch, 540pto, hyd tail wheel

Cat BA25 quick att sweeper w/ JRB connect, 8.5 hyd motor pin angle adj

Bobcat hyd 7' skid loader blade w/ angle

93" Skid mount quick att snow pusher w/ bolt on cutting edge

Skid mount quick att power unit w/ 540pto, 3pt w/ toplink

LandHonor 12-24Q bale squeezer

Skid mount 48" pallet forks

Martins Welding 5500# 48" pallet forks

Support and Misc

500Gal diesel tank

Yard roller

500Gal fuel tank w/ gas boy pump, nozzle

2- 500gal fuel tanks

10,000gal upright tank, 11×16.5'

1600Gal poly tank on frame, 1.5" outlet, top fill

Raymen stainless steel belt conveyor w/ gas engine

Ag Advantage 3215 conveyor w/ 5HP motor, 8"x34' rubber belt

Hillsboro 8' flat bed w/ ext frame rails, LED lights, gooseneck cut out, headache rack, very nice, off 2020 Ram pickup

Woods LF156 Ground Mover loader w/ 8' bucket, includes brackets, valves, joystick, grill guard, fits small frame JD tractors

Buhler Allied loader w/ brackets, bale spear, fits Maxxum series CIH 5100 and 5200 series, came of 5250 tractor

Promech FW80 fifth wheel tow bar w/ light bar, remote, 2 5/16" ball, tie down binders

6 Sections of 6' Remlinger 5 bar drag harrow

2- Hendrickson Steerable lift axles complete with brakes, tires, rims and fenders

IMT 5016 service truck crane w/ 8600# capacity

15- Yetter planter no till coulters for JD 7000 planter

8- Monosem row units w/ meters, no boxes, spike/rubber closing wheels, spring down pressure, one has bent frame

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Rehn Ag Museum has great collection of farm memories

ALL ABOUT TRACTORS

BY PAUL WALLEM

Dennis Rehn's Ag Museum is a few miles south of Belvidere, Ill. It's an amazing collection of farm memories.

A yard full of early Allis-Chalmers tractors are accompanied by several buildings full of virtually every item from early Midwest farms.

One- and two-row planters, wood drags, cream separators, hundreds of seed corn signs, hay tools, and much more are in this collection.

The museum is open Saturday mornings. It's a place where you can relive your memories of farm tools that go farther back than you are.

Dennis's father Kenneth was one of Illinois' first advocates of no-till farming.

National farm equipment sales

National retail sales data from the Association of Equipment Manufacturers shows U.S. tractor sales totaled 15,985 units in July, down 10.9 percent from July 2025, while year-to-date sales were down 13.1 percent. The contraction was most pronounced among four-wheel-drive tractors, with sales falling 38.7 percent in July and 27 percent year to date. Year-to-date sales of two-wheel-drive tractors with at least 100 hp were down 15.5 percent compared with the same period in 2025. Self-propelled combine sales declined 5.3 percent in July and 10.2 percent year to date compared with the same respective corresponding period in 2025.

A development to increase yields

Spectrum Technologies specializes in plant measurement technology for agricultural, horticultural and turf markets. They serve 14,000 customers in 80 countries. They are a leading provider of plant measurement devices.

They have announced a field scout SC950 soil compaction meter, an advanced Bluetooth-enabled penetrometer designed to identify soil compaction throughout the root zone.

Soil compaction is a common challenge, resulting from repeated equipment traffic and field operations under wet conditions. Excessive compaction can limit root development, nutrient uptake, with a negative impact on crop yield and profit.

Using an ultrasonic sensor, the SC950 determines measurement depth from 0 to 18 inches in 1 inch increments, with compaction index values displayed in pounds per square inch (PSI).

Spectrum Technologies was created in 1987 by Mike Thurow, a former IH executive.

More about drones

Small payload drones, typically defined as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) capable of carrying up to 2 kilograms of payloads, are gaining strong traction in the agriculture drone market. Their compact size, affordability and ease of use make them particularly suited for smallholder farms, and fragmented agricultural landscapes. These drones have emerged as valuable tools for performing high frequency field assessments, including crop health, monitoring, plant stress detection and soil conditioning analysis. Despite their lightweight build, small payload drones can be equipped with advanced technologies, such as multispectral cameras, GPS navigation and real-time data transmission systems. Their ability to fly at lower altitudes and capture high resolution images enables precise and targeted interventions, improving input efficiency and reducing environmental impact.



Above: CLAAS announced three new model tractor lines at the Farm Progress Show, including this CLAAS Axion 8.290 tractor.

Steiger tractor for 2027

A wide range of Steiger operator-focused enhancements were featured at the Farm Progress Show. Updates included new integrated storage areas built into the floor, and optional refrigerator on Premium Luxury cab models.

Steiger was purchased by Case IH in 1886. The name was retired until 1995 when it reappeared on Case IH tractors built in Fargo.

Paul Wallem was raised on an Illinois dairy farm. He spent 13 years with corporate IH on 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. Send comments to pwallem9@gmail.com.

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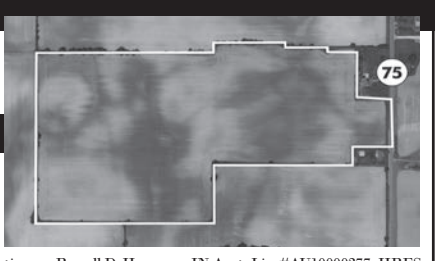

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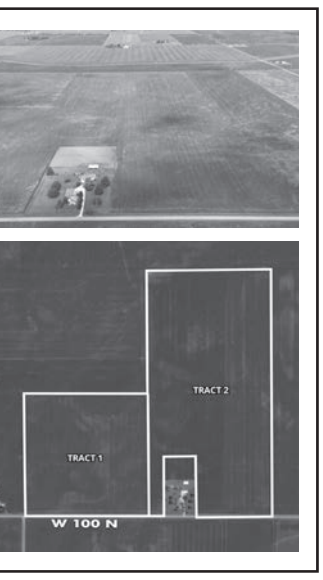

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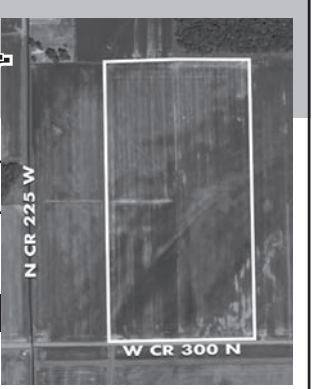

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Farm fun at the Fort Dodge Museum and Frontier Village



Wrenching Tales
By Cindy Ladage

FORT DODGE, Iowa – There are some places you can go where you can find farm fun for the whole family, and the Fort Dodge Museum and Frontier Village is one of them. This non-profit museum offers two experiences – a visit to a replica of the 19th Century fort and stockade and a pioneer village with a combination of replicas and original buildings. The site offers stories of pioneer life in Fort Dodge, from the military aspect to the Native American presence. Antique tractor collectors and farm toy enthusiasts, if they look, will find a treasure trove of items to enjoy.

The museum is open from April to November, and part of the fun is the wandering in and out aspect. The buildings include a family cabin, church, one room chophouse, cabinet shop, land office, general store, drug store, jail, print shop, blacksmith shop, livery stable, pottery building and tinsmith shop.

The stories of the early settlement and of some of the settlers are fascinating. One amazing story includes the amazing replica of the Cardiff Giant; a giant form carved from gypsum which was a local mineral that set the area on the map. The carved giant housed in the museum was once purported to be a giant from the Bible and was shown all around the U.S. in traveling circuses in the 1800s.

The story goes that George Hull, a cigar maker, was visiting Iowa and got into a theological debate about Giants from the Book of Genesis. An atheist, to prove a point, he took a 5-ton block of gypsum and had it fashioned into a man lying on his back. He had the "giant" that was 10-feet tall and weighed around 3,000 pounds aged. Burying the giant at his relative's farm, eventually it was "discovered" and the hoax was on.

Fort Dodge is called "Gypsum Capital of the World." It was first discovered in 1849, a year before Fort Dodge Fort was established. Coal came first, but soon the gypsum was discovered, and when George Ringland perfected how to make it into plaster, the industry took off. Kerrie Kupier, director of Fort Dodge Tourism, explained a bit of the gypsum connection to the town. "There are currently three different companies mining gypsum in the Ford Dodge region."

Former Gypsum mining areas have been reclaimed, and one popular site is the Gypsum City Campground. The gypsum, along with clay deposits in the area, gave rise to a large pottery industry. The first to start the pottery business was Potter Martin White, who partnered with Richard Meigs to establish Fort Dodge Pottery around 1870. Several other companies followed, and there is a wonderful exhibit in the village.

The Fort Museums stockaded fort is not a replica of the original Fort, Kerrie Kuiper shared, but a replica of Fort Williams. It was a fort that would have been built on the Minnesota border. The Fort Dodge fort was built, Kuiper added, like a downtown grid with no stockades.

Fort Dodge is near the Des Moines River, and this area was scouted as early as 1835 by Nathaniel Boone. The original fort that the U.S. Army erected was built Aug. 2, 1850, and originally

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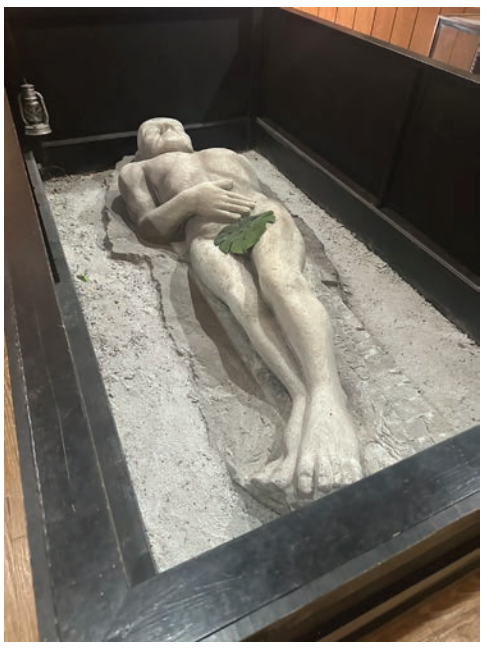

Above: Replica of the Cardiff Giant.



Above: This windmill sits close to a pioneer cabin.



Above: Village blacksmith shop.

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Wrenching tales

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was called Fort Clark, and later was renamed Fort Dodge in honor of Henry Dodge, a senator and former governor of the Wisconsin Territory that at one time included Iowa. The fort was only operational until 1853 and was abandoned.



Above: A little Oliver history is on display with this pith helmet.

Right: Livery stable with the Sunday warning.

During the time the fort was occupied, it was built by then 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Infantry, Lewis Addison Armistead. He oversaw the construction using local timber and stone. While there, he suffered personal tragedy losing his wife, who was in Mobile, Ala. Later Armistead would give up his U.S. Army position to become a brigadier general in the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia and would die during Pickett's Charge at the Battle of Gettysburg.

Fort Dodge docent, Sean O'Conner, added to the history, sharing that William Williams purchased the land and buildings and established what would eventually become Fort Dodge. While there were no Native American uprisings during the time the fort was there, O'Conner shared that a man named Henry Lott sold them bad whiskey and stole horses from the Sioux and sparked an uprising.

The Fort is built on former Native American ground, and the museum includes lots of artifacts.

"The quarter master is the only still surviving fort building," O'Conner said. "It is the oldest structure in the city."



A walk through the village is like stepping back in time. The Sutler Store is a cabin that was built back in 1857. Used as a place where goods were sold like food, dry goods and tools and medicine to both soldiers and civilians, it has been restored to look much like the one that William Williams would have used at Fort Dodge from 1850-1853. One building housed buggies and shared a story about a couple that had a car, but the wife was afraid to drive it, so he bought her a buggy instead.

The livery was described as "a hotel of horses." In the livery, horse lovers will be enamored with Ralph M. Fogelman's beautiful horses and wagon displays. Fogelman was a former veteran breeder, exhibiter and judge of draft horses. No pioneer village is complete without a blacksmith shop. This one has a sign reminding the patrons, "Remember the Sabbath day and get your horses shod on Saturday."

Agricultural equipment is scattered throughout the fort and village like a wooden goat treadmill, cream separator, wooden wheels, corn sheller, wagons and more. Antique farm toys are also on display along



Above: Model of a Cyrus McCormick reaper.

with some interesting salesman samples. Some items are models like the horse drawn walking plow, a model of Daniel Webster's 1854 plow and a model of a McCormick reaper.

In the general store is an Agitator, an exactly one-half replica of a working model of an early wooden threshing machine that would have been used in the 19th century. While there are models, there are also Arcade and other farm toys as well.

For more information about the museum, check out their website at www.fortmuseumfv.com.

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OUTBUILDINGS: The property includes a spacious 60'×100' pole barn constructed in approximately 2002, a 26'×34' detached garage, an additional detached garage of approximately 676 square feet, and a steel grain bin. All buildings have electric and concrete floors.

LAND: Approximately 21.68 acres of level to rolling ground, including pasture ground, woods, and the residential homesite. The combination of pastureland, substantial outbuildings, and residential improvements offers opportunities for farming, hobby agriculture, equipment storage, or country living.

PERSONAL PROPERTY: 1.50-carat natural round brilliant-cut diamond (appraised at $7,200 insurance replacement value), 1927 Standing Liberty quarter, 2002 Mercedes SL convertible, circa 1978 Mercedes 450SL, circa 1938 Cadillac frame, Ford 8N tractor, Cub Lo-Boy tractor, 1994 Riviera Cruiser pontoon boat with trailer, Club Car golf cart, First Choice PTO finish mower, 3-point hitch blade, walk-behind weed trimmer, vintage Co-op gas pump, Maytag washer and dryer, GE chest freezer, assorted tools and farm equipment, and additional personal property from the estate.

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: *Mr. and Mrs. Fister were wonderful members of the community who took great pride in their home and property, maintaining both with exceptional care and attention over the years. Since their passing, the residence has not received the same level of upkeep and will require some attention. However, with a little work and vision, this property offers a fantastic opportunity to restore a beautiful country home situated on 21.68 acres with a stunning pond view.*

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TRACT 4: Approximately 10.74 acres of tillable farmland with frontage along S County Road 450 E. Soil consists predominantly of Russell and Miami silt loams, 2%-6% slope.

PERSONAL PROPERTY: A limited number of personal property items will be offered at auction immediately following the completion of the real estate auction. Items include: 6' disc, 3-point hitch post hole auger, sickle bar mower, 6' rear blade, chisel plow, assorted lumber, ladders, tractor tires, parts bin, rolls of fencing, miscellaneous farm equipment, and related agricultural supplies. **All items sell AS IS, WHERE IS. Buyers are responsible for loading and removal of purchased items.**

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Paul Wallem pens book to help first-generation farmers

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

ROCKFORD, Ill. – Paul Wallem, 92, is a familiar name to readers of Farm World. His "All About Tractors" column has appeared 104 times in this newspaper since it first ran in 2022.

"I just love tractors and I'm deeply involved in the International Harvesters Collectors Club," he said. "Some members of that club have as many as 250 tractors. I'm just deeply fascinated by them and this association."

Wallem is also the author of six books, and that's just since his retirement a decade ago.

"Roughly 10 years ago, I began writing to have something to keep me occupied," Wallem said. "Since my wife, Joan, died (in December 2023) it's been a terribly empty house. I just have to find ways to stay busy, to not dwell on the fact that she's not there. Besides, writing puts an urgency in our lives that we all need."

In his more recent book, Passing the Torch, Wallem describes interviews with multi-generation farmers, from third to 10th generation. Those interviewed, Wallem said, emphasize the value received from earlier generations such as accumulated assets, advice and good communication. Wallem said the book is to give single-generation farmers a guide on how to reach the security of multi-generation operations.

"The more I dug into the subject, the more I found out that for the new farmer, or startups as I call them, farming is not a way of life but rather a means of survival," he said. "I got the idea for the book after attending a seminar led by a fifth-generation farmer who listed all the things his predecessor did for him. Because of that help, this farmer had low debt, nearly no cash rent and owned his farm. That caused me to switch from farming being a way of life to it being about multigenerational farming, passing information to the next generation."

Wallem said Passing the Torch gives instruction to farmers wishing to pass the farm to the next generation. The book offers advice on farmers' retirement plans, the importance of sharing financial information with their kids and much more.

"Farmers are so afraid the siblings will hear of something problematic and won't discuss it," Wallem said. "Farm children oftentimes look at themselves as merely hired help, and oftentimes they quit and leave the farm when they get older. That's the biggest single problem."

Passing the Torch also details how to fire a family member, how to deal with the death of the farm leader, the importance of appointing an estate executor, and making young 4-Hers and FFA members part of the farm business from an early age.

"It's important for farmers to start the kids as business partners early on in their lives," Wallem said. "I also explain the importance of letting in-laws sit in on these business meetings and even discuss the importance of the farm's soil health.

"My target audience with this book is those under the age of 45. This age group doesn't take the time to read anything these days as they're always messaging on their cell phones. Social media is taking reading time away from them."

Wallem attended University of Illinois and was the first graduate with a degree in agriculture engineering mechanization, graduating in 1956.

"I was a farm kid from Streator, Ill., who was raised on a 160-acre dairy farm," he said. "I landed a job with International Harvester because of my background and my ag mechanization degree. I attribute much of my career with IH to that degree, and I'll never stop being grateful to the program."

After the internship and a two-year stint in the Army, Wallem came back to IH as an assistant zone manager



Right: Paul Wallem, of Rockford, Ill., has been a regular columnist for Farm World since 2022. (photo submitted)

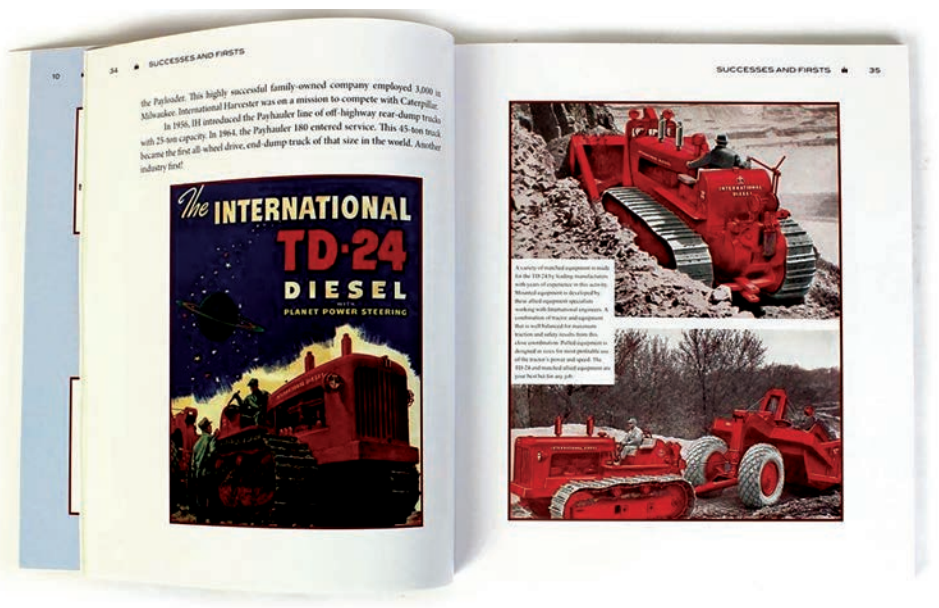
who provided support to dealerships. He rapidly moved up the career ladder to different sales management positions in Illinois and Wisconsin, and he entered a general management training program where he would visit dealerships across the country. After just four months in that program, he was promoted to farm equipment export manager.

"Then I started traveling worldwide. I've visited 52 countries, and I had offices in Lima, Brussels, Singapore and Beirut," he said. "It was a great experience, without a doubt. I saw Harvester's impact worldwide, going all the way back into the early 1800s when they started picking up distributorships throughout the world."

Wallem became an IH executive and dealer-principal. He proved to be a champion for the dealer business and helped advance metrics, computerization and best practices at a time where it was uncommon in the industry.

Like many successful dealers, IH faced severe headwinds throughout the 1980s and eventually the company broke up, with the tractor division

(Wallem continued on page 13B)



Above: Paul Wallem's book International Harvester Success and Industry Firsts illustrates the many successful International Harvester products between 1940-1980. (photo submitted)

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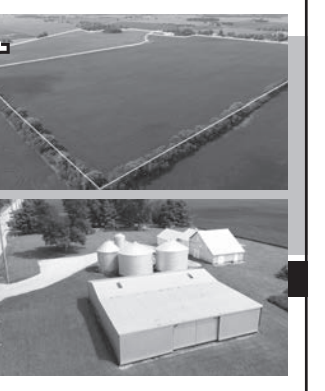

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Some farmers raise concerns over China's remaining 10 percent tariff

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

WILLIAMSPORT, Ohio – Despite China recently committing to purchasing at least 25 million metric tons of U.S. soybeans, following the summit between President Trump and China President Xi Jinping, farmers are raising concerns over the country's remaining 10 percent retaliatory tariff on U.S. soybeans.

The agreement, covering 2026, 2027 and 2028, provides demand certainty for U.S. farmers during a period of ongoing trade tensions, according to the American Soybean Association (ASA).

"As soybean farmers look to strengthen and expand markets, China's annual commitment to purchase 25 million metric tons of U.S. soybeans provides critical stability, and we expect those commitments to be fully met," said Scott Metzger, ASA president and Williamsport, Ohio, soybean farmer.

The U.S. and China also made commitments to meet two more times before the new trade truce deadline of Jan. 10, 2027. Farmers continue to urge trade negotiators to pursue a trade deal that provides additional support for U.S. soybeans.

However, Dave Walton, ASA vice president and Wilton, Iowa, soybean farmer, told Farm World China's remaining 10 percent retaliatory tariff puts U.S. soybean farmers at a competitive disadvantage to South American soybeans that do not pay this tariff.

"ASA continues to urge removal of that tariff so U.S. soybeans can compete for Chinese business on a level playing field," he said, adding that purchase commitments provide important certainty, but the long-term goal is an environment where U.S. soybeans can compete on commercial terms, and farmers can count on that demand from year to year.

The ASA noted Trump's support of the Renewable Fuel Standard and other policies to benefit biomass-based diesel, which is a key domestic market for U.S. soybean farmers: "While pursuing a more beneficial trade deal with China, protecting and growing our domestic biofuels markets remains critical to protect soybean farmers' bottom lines entering harvest season," ASA said in a Sept. 28 media statement.

Walton said having China's purchase commitment through 2028 provides some much-needed certainty at a time when U.S. farmers continue to face high input costs, low commodity prices and pressure on the farm economy.

"On my farm in Iowa, more than half of my soybeans are exported," he said. "When I am making decisions about the next crop, knowing there is strong demand for U.S. soybeans matters.

"U.S. soybean farmers produce a high-quality, reliable and sustainable product, and we want Chinese customers consistently choosing U.S. soybeans because we are competitive suppliers," he added. "That kind of dependable, long-term commercial demand is what gives farmers confidence from one crop year to the next."

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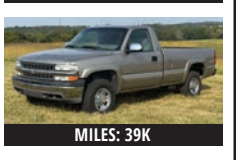
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VINTAGE FARM TRACTORS: '77 AC 7000, original paint-barn kept, cab, 3-pt; '68 AC 180, hrs: 4619 (actual), original paint-barn kept; '65 Oliver 1650 tractor w/GB800 loader, hrs: 4329, original paint-barn kept; '54 Ford Golden Jubilee NAA tractor, older restoration; '50 Ford 8N tractor, one-owner, non-running; (8) AC suitcase weights

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TRUCKS & CARS: '00 Chevy 2500LS Silverado 4x4 PU truck, miles: 39K, one-owner, garage kept, engine: Vortec 6.0L, standard cab, 8' bed, recent service & brakes; '90 Ford F-150 XLT PU truck, miles: 67K, engine: 6-cyl, rust; '02 Buick LeSabre sedan, miles: 195K

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Wallem

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merging with Case. During that turbulent time, half of the IH dealerships in the U.S. closed, and Wallem lost his enthusiasm for selling farm equipment.

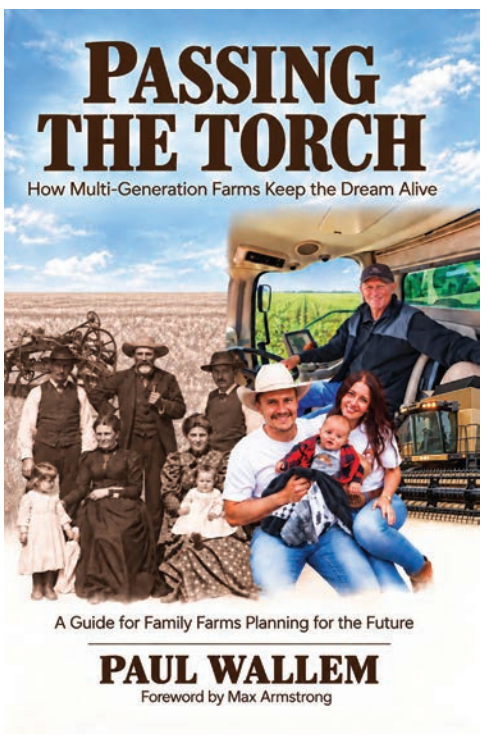
Wallem then became a certified financial planner. He founded Wallem Associates and was eventually joined by his son, Jeff, who took over the business in 2012 when Paul retired.

Wallem is also an avid airplane enthusiast, and he helped found the Vintage Wings & Wheels Museum at Poplar Grove Airport. That interest led to his first book, one about his adventures in the world of aviation, Private Wings. In this book, Wallem relives four decades of life as a pilot in eight airplanes. Aided by his meticulously kept logbooks, Paul shares 94 stories, from his first flight in 1973 through his last one in 2012. He also shares his experience with gliders, business airplanes and blimps.

His second release, The BreakUp – What Really Happened, Wallem describes how International Harvester, one of the most successful farm equipment and truck manufactures in history, went under, detailing how a perfect storm of problems killed this iconic brand.

"Anyone who is a member of an IH Collectors Club or has a passion for IH will want to read this 194-page book," said Bob Buxton, president of the International Harvester Collectors Club.

A fourth release from Wallem is International Harvester Success and Industry Firsts. This 172-page book shines a light on the many successful products developed by International Harvester between 1940-1980, some that were "industry firsts."



Above: Farm World columnist Paul Wallem has written six books the past 10 years. The latest, Passing the Torch, is a guide for first-generation farmers. (photo submitted)

Wallem has written a few fiction novels as well, including Free Ranch. This book is about a retired businessman who, as a child, had always dreamed of owning a ranch. The character in the book, Mark Willand, is offered an 11,000-acre ranch in Wyoming for free, but the character is faced with challenges involving a murder on the ranch, embezzlement and disappearing cattle.

At present, Wallem is working on his seventh book.... and his 105th "All About Tractors" column.

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Kentucky State University opens Urban Ag Discovery Center

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Kentucky State University (KSU)'s Cooperative Extension Program recently opened the Urban Ag Discovery Center (UADC) at Sam Swope JA BizTown in Louisville, creating a hands-on experience that will allow thousands of students each year to explore the many careers connected to agriculture, officials said.

Officials added all fifth-grade students from Luhr Elementary School in Louisville took part in the kickoff: "As Kentucky's only public HBCU (Historically Black College or University) and the Commonwealth's 1890 land-grant university, Kentucky State has a special responsibility to take knowledge beyond our campus, and put it to work in communities across Kentucky," said Koffi C. Akakpo, KSU president, during the Sept. 18 ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"That is what Cooperative Extension does every day, and this center offers an exciting new expression of that mission," he added. "Through these experiences, students will discover that agriculture reaches into nearly every part of our lives. We hope each student discovers something here that captures their interest – and perhaps begins to imagine a future in agriculture."

According to officials, Sam Swope JA BizTown functions as a simulated community where elementary students manage businesses and help run a city. The program combines 12 teacher-led classroom sessions with a four-hour visit to JA BizTown.

Available to students in the fifth grade, the experience allows participants to operate businesses, write checks, manage money, and vote for mayor as they learn how citizens, workers and consumers contribute to a community, officials added.

Developed under the leadership of Lynsey Crumbie, Kentucky's state specialist in agricultural entrepreneurship, the UADC gives agriculture a dedicated place within JA BizTown's simulated local economy.

Crumbie told Farm World her hope is for each student to see that success in agriculture shouldn't be defined by where they grew up, what they studied or whether they've ever set foot on a farm: "It's a field that benefits from diverse talents and perspectives, and the future of our food system depends on bringing those voices to the table."

As a student, she said she was fascinated by the relationship between food access, community health and economic development, and intentionally sought ways to integrate agriculture into nearly every project, research opportunity, volunteer role and internship experience she pursued.



Above: All fifth-grade students from Luhr Elementary School in Louisville took part in the recent kickoff of Kentucky State University Cooperative Extension Program's Urban Ag Discovery Center at Sam Swope JA BizTown, officials said. (courtesy of Kentucky State University)

"That journey showed me that a successful career in agriculture won't be defined by where I started," she said. "It will be defined by the impact I'm able to make in my community. I want students to see those possibilities much earlier than I did."

Michael Strysick, KSU interim chief strategic communications officer, told Farm World the idea for the UADC began taking shape in December 2024 when Crumbie participated in Focus Louisville, a leadership development program that connects local professionals with organizations addressing important community needs and opportunities.

"During the program, one of the featured partners was Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana," he said. "As the cohort (a group of people who share a common characteristic, experience or status) learned more about JA BizTown's immersive approach to career exploration and entrepreneurship education, Lynsey immediately recognized an opportunity to introduce agriculture into that experience in a meaningful way."

In partnership with Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana and Farm Credit Mid-America, the UADC gives agriculture and food systems a dedicated place within JA BizTown's simulated local economy, he said, adding that the curriculum centers on four professional roles that challenge students to solve problems, make decisions and explore agricultural career pathways.

For example, as CEO and in local food systems coordinator roles, students will examine how food moves through a community by studying crop seasonality, gathering market data, and exploring how farmers, businesses and consumers are connected through the food supply chain.

In addition, students serving as certified public accountant or an agricultural lender will process payroll, track business performance, review farm financial records, evaluate a farm loan request and learn how access to capital supports agricultural businesses.

In the farmer role, students will compare hydroponic and traditional growing systems, survey community food preferences, and identify crop pests and beneficial insects. Hydroponics is a method of growing plants using a water-based mineral nutrient solution instead of soil.

Moreover, students serving as veterinary medical officers will investigate livestock breeds, diseases and nutrition, and learn how animal health supports the food supply and products used in everyday life.

"The goal is to help students understand that agriculture extends far beyond the field," Strysick said. "It is an industry powered by entrepreneurs, scientists, engineers, health professionals, educators, skilled trades, business leaders and technology innovators. Crumbie's educational background in public health heavily influenced the curriculum's design by emphasizing the industry's interconnectivity."

He added that the UADC will help students discover those connections and imagine how their own talents can contribute to the future of the food system, whether they come from a traditional agricultural background or not.

Crumbie said KSU's Cooperative Extension Program puts the land-grant mission into action by creating educational opportunities that develop future leaders, and build awareness of agricultural innovation, entrepreneurship and workforce development.

"Today, many young people are disconnected from agriculture and food systems, despite agriculture touching nearly every aspect of daily life," she said. "As a result, there is often little understanding of how those systems operate, or the diverse careers that sustain them.

"As communities become increasingly urbanized, direct exposure to farming, food production and agricultural businesses continues to decline, making it more difficult for young people to see themselves pursuing careers in agriculture," she added.

She said while the UADC may not directly impact today's farmers, it is helping change that narrative for the next generation: "Every farmer depends on a community that understands and values agriculture, just as the agricultural industry depends on a pipeline of future talent."

By sparking curiosity at an early age, she said, the UADC is cultivating interest in agricultural careers, empowering students to become more informed consumers, and building a stronger network of advocates for local food systems.

"In that sense, the center represents an investment in the long-term sustainability, economic vitality and resilience of the agriculture industry," she said. "The seeds planted today will benefit farmers, communities, and the broader food system for generations to come."

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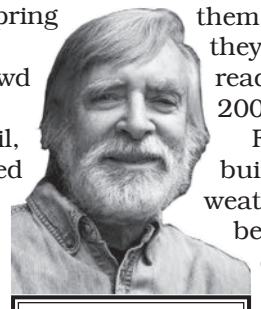
Poor Will's Almanack
By Bill Felker

Now do ye dream of Spring when greening shaws
Confer with the shrewd breezes, and of slopes
Flower-kirtled, and of April, sweetling guest.... – Siegfried Sassoon

Oct. 25: the Leafturn Moon is full.

The Weather in the Week Ahead

Highs are usually in the 50s or 60s, with the odds for 70s near one in five. The danger of frost remains similar to that of the third week in October; about one night in three receives temperatures in the upper 20s or lower 30s. But by this late in the season, the chances of a hard freeze have risen past 50 percent, and the odds get better each night for killing lows.

This week is generally a brighter one than last week. Chances of sun are about 70 percent throughout the period, and some of the driest October days are the 26th, 28th, and 29th (each having just a 15 percent chance of precipitation).

The sixth high-pressure system of the month usually arrives near Halloween. If it is approaching on the 31st, that evening will be warm, with maybe a little rain. If the front arrives on the 29th or 30th, the eve of All Saints Day is usually brisk.

In the Field and Garden

Test your soil in several places before the autumn rains set in. Then spread manure and compost where needed in the pastures and the garden. Consider applying nitrogen, phosphate, and potash to the fields after harvest to decrease the springtime workload.

Fertilize the lawn. Then feed the trees after all their leaves are down. If you put the leaves in bags and leave them behind the garage or barn, they will turn to compost and be ready for the garden in March 2006.

Finish the fences and outbuilding repairs before the weather turns mean in November. Remember to eliminate the drafts from the livestock barn but not the ventilation.

Almanack Literature

The Babysitters' Club

By Patty Greene, Rockville, Ind.

We live on a farm in Parke County, Ind. We have horses, cows, goats, ducks, geese, peafowl, potbelly pigs, cats and dogs. A normal farm. Maybe.

Last summer, my daughter let her Nigerian Dwarf goats and their babies out to roam the pastures. When evening came, she went out to put them in the barn away from the harm of coyotes and dogs during the night.

The mama goats came up when she called them, but no babies. Mandy, my daughter, was frantic. Immediately she got her brother to go with her to the back to look for her babies, fearing something had gotten all of them already.

They got to the back pasture and found all the horses in a circle in the very back. When they got closer and continued to call for the babies, the horses looked up but did not move. (You need to understand that this herd of horses contained Percherons, Appaloosas, Quarter Horses, Paints and miniature horses. Quite a mixed group.)

Then, the horses, as a circled group, started moving toward them. There in the middle of the circle of horses were the missing baby goats, safe and sound with their babysitters.

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