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$205 million in projected sales comes from Illinois grain tour

By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Projected sales from the 2026 Illinois Grain Tour, hosted by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA), are expected to eclipse $200 million. This is according to IDOA International Marketing Manager Jenni Davids, who explained that the popular tours have been divided into two groups. While final sales figures from the two 2026 grain tours were not yet available, IDOA's Middle Eastern and Asian tour had projected sales of $120 million. In addition, the Latin American 2026 grain tour had projected sales of $85.2 million with 148 new contacts established.

"We had eight participants from three countries — China, Egypt and Vietnam— in our Middle Eastern and Asian tour, and 14 buyers from Mexico, Colombia, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru and Honduras for our Latin American tour," said Davids, an Aurora, Ill., native who is in charge of foreign trade shows, trade missions and other international trade activities for IDOA. She earned a bachelor's degree in soybean biology at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., and a Ph.D. in genetics at the University of Florida College of Medicine before embarking on a 13-year career in biotech marketing prior to her March 2026 hire by IDOA.



Above: Attendees from Central America evaluate food-grade blue corn kernels at Clarkson Grain in Cerro Gordo, Ill.

"The buyers that attended were very impressed by both the specific quality and high protein content of our soybeans, as well as just the tremendous amount of the yield of high-quality wheat. And seeing the amount of high-grade corn that Illinois is able to produce was, to many of them, mind-boggling," Davids said.

IDOA welcomed the group of buyers from Middle Eastern and Asian countries in September, while Latin American visitors took the tour during October. Each four-day event showcased Illinois' transportation logistics and infrastructure, grain quality and agribusiness strength. Tour stops across Illinois included the Melvin Price Locks & Dam in southern Illinois, Gray Family Farm in Waverly, Grain & Protein Technologies, Perten Instruments, Clarkson Grain in Cerro Gordo, Illinois Soybean Association offices in Bloomington-Normal, Marquis Energy on the Illinois River in Hennepin, Seedburo Equipment Co., Delong Co. and the floor of the Chicago Board of Trade.

"It was also a rather 'shock and awe' moment for many of them to see examples of our transportation infrastructure, and Marquis Energy was a great example of that," said Davids. "It is such an enormous building, and the volumes of corn they go through every day are incredible. And there is the speed of production; they can go from the input corn being dropped off to end bio-ethanol production in three or four days."

Economies of scale were also on display when the Middle Eastern Tour visited the Shane Gray farm, which is the site of an elevator facility and train loading loop. "Seeing the economy of scale partnered with our ability to do things at all of these facilities is not only physically impressive, but buyers were also impressed with the way we very expeditiously get corn and soybeans from the field to New Orleans in

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Above: This photo captures the last rows in a corn field being harvested. Photo by Connie Swaim

Ohioan named FFA president at the organization's 99th convention

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS – An FFA member from Ohio has been chosen the organization's national president for 2026-27, while a Kentuckian has been named eastern region vice president.

The National FFA Organization announced its new national officer team at the close of its 99th national convention, Oct. 21-24, in Indianapolis. Nearly 73,000 attended the event, according to FFA.

The new national officer team members are: president – Josie Jennings, Global Impact FFA chapter, Ohio; secretary – Cameron Addington, Cannon Falls FFA chapter, Minnesota; eastern region vice president – Aiden Manley, Menifee County FFA chapter, Kentucky; western region vice president – Joshua Nelson, Troy FFA chapter, Idaho; southern region vice president – Jazmin Palma, Uwharrie Charter Academy FFA chapter, North Carolina; and central region vice president – Teagan Erbele, Napoleon FFA chapter, North Dakota.

FFA members do more than earn recognition during the convention, said Christine White, chief program officer for FFA.

"They lifted each other up, shared what they've learned and gave back to the community," she said in a release. "As we head into our 100th year, it's clear the future of agriculture is in capable hands. These students will carry what they experienced in Indianapolis back to their chapters and communities, and that's where the real impact begins."

FFA said more than 3,200 delegates and students participated in the convention's Days of Service at 27 local nonprofits in the Indianapolis area.

Four members were named American Star Winners. Tessa Tauke, of the Beckman Catholic FFA chapter in Iowa, was selected American Star in Agriscience. Jaron Black, of the Streator, Ill., FFA chapter, was chosen American Star in Agricultural Placement. Cooper Kline, of the North Rock Creek FFA chapter in Oklahoma, received the American Star Farmer award. Jose Yepez, of the Greenville, Texas, FFA chapter, was named American Star in Agribusiness.

The awards recognize FFA members who have developed outstanding agricultural skills and competencies by completing a supervised agricultural experience program, a required activity in FFA, the release said.

The Spencer County, Ky., FFA chapter was named Premier Chapter: Strengthening Agriculture. The Zachary FFA chapter in Louisiana was named Premier Chapter: Building Communities. The Deane Bozeman School FFA chapter in Florida was named Premier Chapter: Growing Leaders.

The Wilmington, Ohio, FFA chapter was named the 2026 National Model of Excellence.

The national chapter award program recognizes outstanding FFA chapters that actively implement the organization's mission and strategies, the release noted.

Several FFA members in Farm World's primary readership area received awards during the convention. They are:

Proficiency Awards:

- Agricultural Education – Entrepreneurship/Placement: Kaytlin Billenstein, Ridgemont FFA chapter, Ohio;
- Swine Production – Placement:

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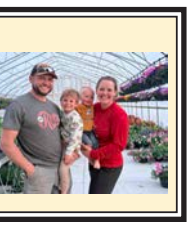

Grain

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many instances in less than a week," said Davids, adding that in the end, buyers were most interested in the genetics behind U.S. corn and soybean hybrids that consistently produce the most yield per acre while maintaining the highest quality.

"We do a lot of soybean sales to Egypt; they are a big crushing country. They were worried about how long (crops) sit in a silo and degrade, so we were able to do some educational stops at elevators, silos and general stores and explain to them how we maintain the high quality of exportable crops when they are harvested and not immediately loaded onto trains," said Davids.

In addition to questions around quality concerns, some foreign buyers expressed interest in the most cost-efficient methods for transporting grains and oilseeds. "Prices are ever-changing, but I believe that the river freight average is something like one nickel per mile-ton. It's a very, very economically-effective method of export down the Mississippi River to New Orleans compared to rail freight or semi freight," Davids explained.

"A lot of our competitor states don't have as much access to river exports, so we are in an ideal position to be answering these questions around quantity, storage and quality and how we get it to their markets at competitive prices."

IDOA's grain tours date back to 1996, including a virtual tour during the COVID pandemic.

All participants of the Illinois Grain Tour are required to pay their own airfare as well as a participation fee prior to joining the tour. The 2025 grain tours generated an estimated $236 million in projected sales, which exceeded 2024 projected sales by nearly $77 million.

"Illinois exports nearly half of its grain, but in a competitive global marketplace, the political turbulence of the past two years has damaged trade relations," said IDOA Director Jerry Costello II, in a news release. "These grain tours are a powerful opportunity to strengthen international relationships and build trust with buyers. When people meet face-to-face and see first-hand the quality of our crops and the reliability and efficiency of our agricultural supply chain, the results speak for themselves."



Above: Jim Isermann, Farm Manager for the Illinois Soybean Association, explains the benefits of Illinois soybeans to buyers from China, Vietnam and Egypt.

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Cody Billenstein, Versailles FFA chapter, Ohio;

- Forage Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement: Jonathan Cromer, Ridgemont FFA chapter, Ohio;
- Grain Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement: Karsen Sprang, Kenton-OHP FFA chapter, Ohio;
- Specialty Crop Production – Entrepreneurship/Placement: Haley McNaull, Ashland FFA chapter, Ohio;
- Outdoor Recreation – Entrepreneurship/Placement: Alex Amettis, Maroa-Forsyth FFA chapter, Illinois:
- Agricultural Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Entrepreneurship: Cameron Williams, Christian County FFA chapter, Kentucky;

National Agriscience Fair:

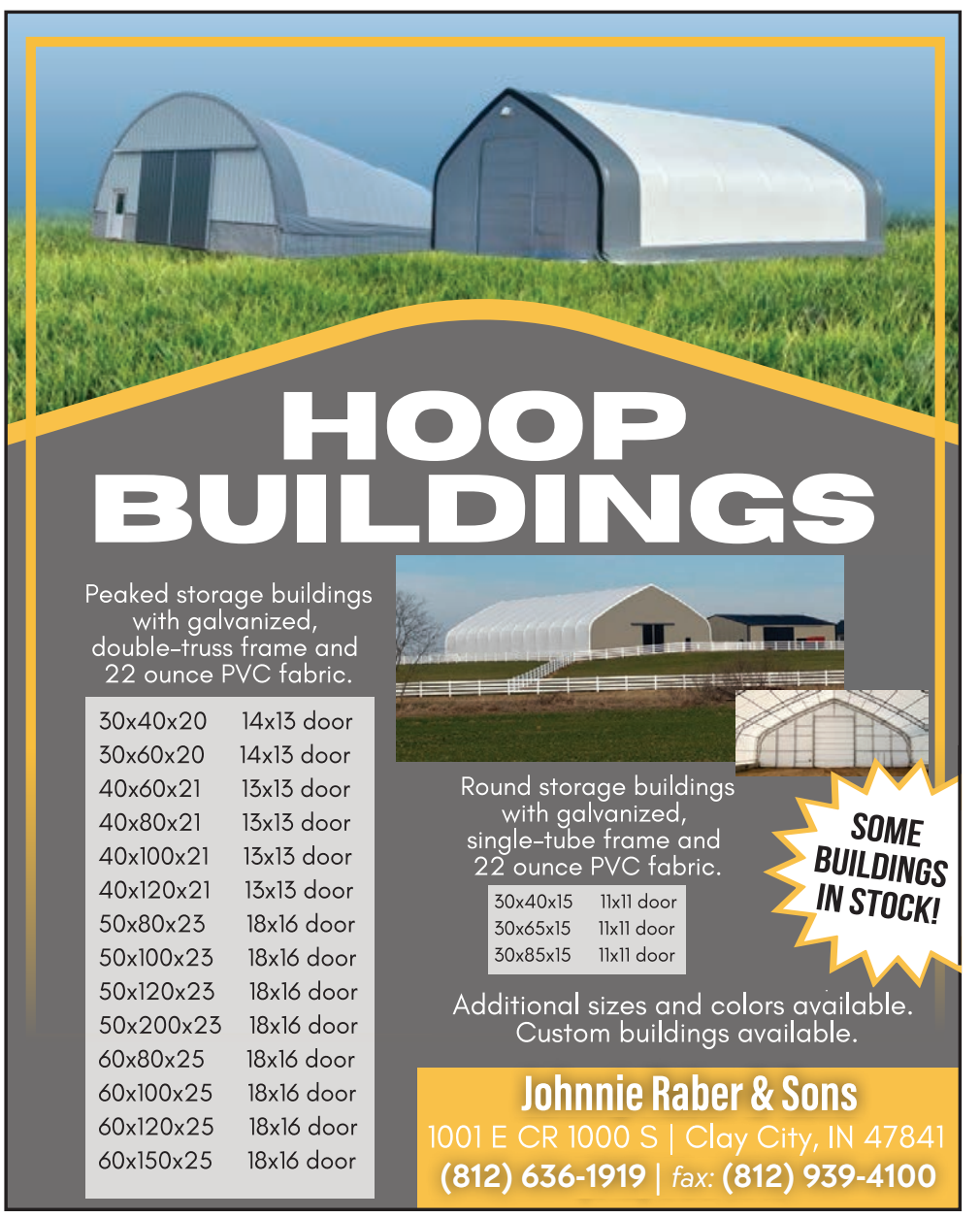
- Animal Systems, division 2: Paul Noll and Kevin Noll, Prairie Heights FFA chapter, Indiana;
- Animal Sciences, division 3: Hayden Ocheltree, North Polk FFA chapter, Iowa.



Above: The 2026-27 National FFA Organization officer team (L-R): Josie Jennings, Ohio, president; Cameron Addington, Minnesota, secretary; Joshua Nelson, Idaho, western region vice president; Jazmin Palma, North Carolina; southern region vice president; Teagan Erbele, North Dakota, central region vice president; and Aiden Manley, Kentucky, eastern region vice president. (courtesy of FFA)

FFA said next year's 100th convention, Oct. 27-30 in Indianapolis, will kick off a yearlong celebration honoring a century of premier leadership, personal growth and career success through FFA.





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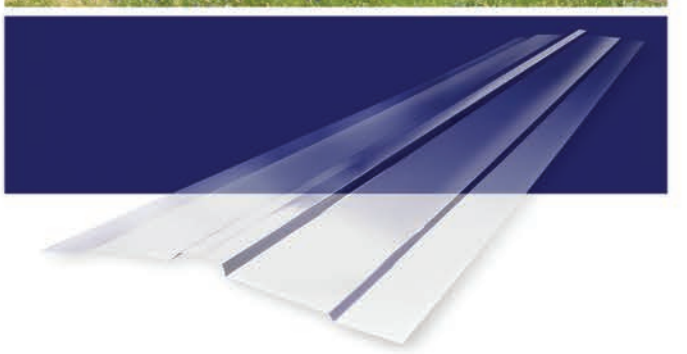



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Corn yields are reportedly down in parts of the Corn Belt



Market Analysis
By Karl Setzer

The U.S. harvest is progressing, and as it does, more yield data is being collected. Some of these numbers are catching trade by surprise.

Reports out of Central Iowa indicate yields are up to 15 percent below last year along with higher fungus issues. Excessive summer rain is the primary reason being given for this quality loss. This is not the only region of the Corn Belt reporting suspect corn yields. Some regions of the Eastern Corn Belt claim corn yields will be 20 percent below a year ago. These yield reports are the primary reason we are seeing minimal corn sales right now. Farmers are selling soybeans which will make even more room to store corn this fall, helping support basis.

The U.S. cash commodity market remains stronger than normal for the harvest season. So far, U.S. farmers have been more willing to market soybeans this fall than corn which is often taken as a sign of better yields. Farmers have been reluctant corn sellers this fall and are showing no signs of changing their attitude as harvest progresses. Even with elevated soybean marketing, basis values on both corn and soybeans are better than average as demand has not subsided and is starting to build. The White House's diesel support payments will likely further reduce selling interest as farmers will not need to generate cash flow.

U.S. soybean sales for export are nearly twice the volume of a year ago, but so far, market reaction has been muted. This is because the majority of the sales up to this point have been to China. China has now booked 11.3 million mt of U.S. soybeans and unknown buyers have 6.4 mmt of purchases. While positive, China has soybean purchase obligations of 25 mmt, and until this is surpassed, trade reaction to daily purchases will be limited. Other buyers are starting to book U.S. soybeans though, and this is adding complex support.

China's feed grain imports remain well above a year ago despite record domestic production. China imported 430,000 mt of corn in September, an incredible 663 percent increase from September 2025. Year to date, China has imported 2.11 million mt of corn, a 126 percent increase from 2025. China's September wheat imports totaled 310,000 mt, a 22 percent decline from last September. China's 2026 imports through September were still up 28 percent from a year ago at 3.83 mmt. China also imported 940,000 mt of sorghum in September, a 39 percent increase from last year. Year-to-date sorghum imports total 6.44 mmt, up 76 percent from 2025.

One commodity China did cut back on importing in September was pork. Monthly imports totaled 60,000 mt, a decline of 19 percent from last September. Year-to-date pork imports total 560,000 mt, 28 percent less than a year ago.

The main reason for the decline in Chinese pork imports has been internal hog culling and downsizing. China's domestic pork production for the calendar year through September was up 3.2 percent from last year at 45.08 million tons. Hog slaughter over this period was 537 million head, a year-to-year increase of 1.4 percent. China's government wants to see more culling to restore profitability to the hog industry and this will elevate production even more, and lower import demand even further. This culling comes at a time when China's domestic pork demand has fallen over 5 percent as diets shift to more beef.

China also imported 11.88 million metric tons of soybeans in September, a 7.7 percent decline from September 2025. Overflowing crush supplies and a drop in crush margins limited China's incoming soybean flow. Of these imports, 10.7 mmt originated from Brazil, a 2.4 percent decline from a year ago. China imported just 360,878 mt from the U.S. during the month. Year to date, China has imported 11.06 mmt of U.S. soybeans, a decline of 34 percent from last year. China has taken 65.84 mmt of Brazil soybeans, a 3.4 percent gain on the year.

The tight European Union corn situation may have long lasting implications for the global market. Extreme temperatures and drought conditions negatively impacted EU corn production this year, with the greatest losses in France. French officials claim the country harvested 7 mmt of corn this year, half of last year's crop. This is the smallest French corn crop since 1976. The EU remains in a drought, and this may impact next year's production along with a drop in revenue from this year's crop loss. To see the EU make elevated purchases of U.S. corn from this situation is likely.

More regions of the world are reporting signs of the El Nino weather patterns. So far, the main point of impact has been in the Asian market and into Indonesia. This has started to impact vegetable oil production, mainly palm oil. The El Nino is also trimming production estimates in Australia, and there are more concerns being shown over potential drought in central and northern Brazil. At the same time, Argentina and other South American countries see favorable growing conditions during an El Nino. These conditions have elevated weather risk trade in the market, especially with the current El Nino the strongest one on record.

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2010 JD 8225R, PS, MFD, 2900 HRS
2006 JD 8130, PS, MFD, 4700 HRS
2004 JD 8420T, PS, 4900 HRS
2004 JD 8220 PS, MFD, 5000 HRS
1998 JD 8300, PS, MFD, LDR, 4800 HRS
2007 JD 7730, PQ, MFD, 4600 HRS
1993 JD 7600, PS, 2WD, 6650 HRS
2005 CHALLENGER MT655B, CVT, MFD, GUIDANCE, 3200 HRS
2008 BUHLER VERSATILE 2210, PS, MFD, GUIDANCE, 3800 HRS
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1963 OLIVER 550, OS, 2WD, GAS, 593 HRS

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2009 CIH 5088, LL, TWD, RT, CHPPR, POWER TOP, 2320/1711
1999 CIH 2366, PRWD, RT, CHPPR, 3600/2500 HRS
2008 JD 9570STS, PRWD, CM, CHPPR, BIN EXT, 3026/1922 HRS
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JD 1760 12R30 CORN PLANTER, VAC, LIQ FERT
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JD 750 15FT NO-TILL DRILL
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2015 JD 630F HYDRAFLEX GRAIN HEAD
2006 JD 625F HYDRAFLEX GRAIN HEAD
1999 CIH 1020 20FT GRAIN HEAD
2015 GERINGHOFF ROTA-DISC 12R30 FOLDING CORN HEAD, CNH HOOK-UP
2011 GERINGHOFF NORTH STAR 12R30 FOLDING CORN HEAD, KR, HD, HH, JD HOOK-UP
2007 GERINGHOFF NS830 8R30 CORN HEAD, KR, HD, RS, HH, JD SINGLE POINT HOOK-UP
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CASE IH 1063 6R30 CORN HEAD



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Landoll 875-25 finisher, 25', rock flex, 10" knock on's, chopping reel, 3 bar spike..... **$6,500(IL)**



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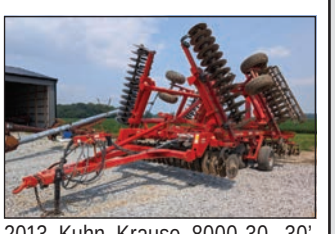
2012 Case IH 3408, 8 row 30", end rolls, hydraulic deck plates, knife rolls..... **$10.900**



2013 Kuhn Krause 8000-30, 30', rock flex, hyd. adjust star wheels, single rolling basket..... **$42,900**



2023 Case IH 9250, 4wd, power bin fold, folding auger with pivot spout, duals, 997/727hrs..... **$365,000**



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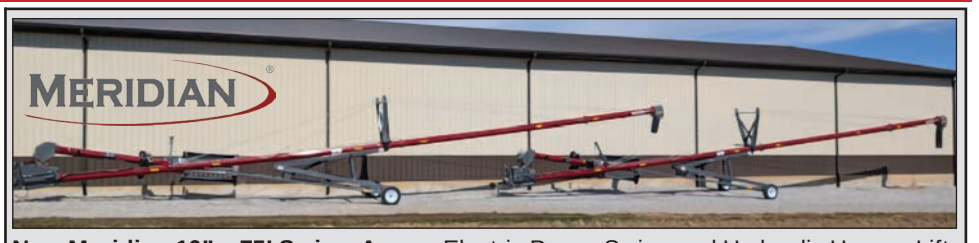
2009 Kenworth T370, Allison automatic, 160k mi., tarp, 425bu, pto... **$29,500**



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2006 Case IH STX330, 4hyd remotes, QH, PTO, front & rear weights, LED lights..... **$83,500**



1997 JD 9300, BB, 6,420hrs, 4 hyd., 710/70R38 tires **$64,900**



1980 IH 3588, 4 hyd., small 1000pto, 3pt, 18.4-38 rear duals, TA **$8,500**



1997 E-Z Trail 500, small 1000pto, hyd. gate, fenders, lights..... **$4,000(IL)**



2023 JD FC20M, 20', 540pto, chain guards, stump jumpers, 8 tires..... **$26,500**



2021 JD C400, 13', 1000pro, 2pt hitch, rubber rolls, 8 disc..... **$32,500**



2023 J&M LC390, scales, wireless remote, talc, tarp **$42,500**



2021 Case IH 1240, 16/31, bulk fill, markers, pneumatic down pressure, 1000pto, C&B plates..... **$30,000(OH)**



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2012 Sunflower 5035-32, 6" spacing, 10" sweeps, 3 bar spike with single basket..... **$32,000**



J&M 875-18, tarp, hyd. spout, 1000pto,, hyd. gate..... **$19,900**



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76"..... **$3,300**
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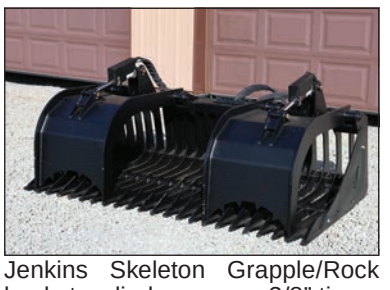

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Blue Grass Stockyards

Lexington, KY

Livestock Weighted Average Report for 10/26/2026 - Final

AUCTION

	This Week	Last Reported 10/12/2026	Last Year
Total Receipts:	876	928	1,474
Feeder Cattle:	778(88.8%)	804(86.6%)	1,231(83.5%)
Slaughter Cattle:	86(9.8%)	116(12.5%)	225(15.3%)
Replacement Cattle:	12(1.4%)	8(0.9%)	18(1.2%)

Compared to last Monday the feeder market was spotty with an average quality offering. Feeder steers 400-600 lbs were steady to 5.00 lower or greater in spots with a good supply and spotty demand, while the yearling steers appeared 5.00 to 7.00 higher with a moderate supply and limited head to head comparisons . Feeder heifers 350 lbs and under were 4.00 to 6.00 higher, while the 400-600 lbs heifers were unevenly steady bouncing from 4.00 lower to 4.00 higher with a good supply and spotty demand. Yearling heifers were 4.00 to 8.00 higher with a good supply and strong demand for quality cattle. Slaughter cows were 3.00 to 4.00 higher with a good supply and slaughter bulls were 2.00 to 3.00 lower with moderate demand. Supply included: 89% Feeder Cattle (24% Steers, 53% Heifers, 24% Bulls); 10% Slaughter Cattle (80% Cows, 18% Bulls, 2% Dairy Cows); 1% Replacement Cattle (52% Stock Cows, 43% Bred Cows, 4% Bred Heifers). Feeder cattle supply over 600 lbs was 48%.

Groups of 20 Head or More

Steers - 22 Hd Black/BWF 666 lbs 389.00

Heifers
69 Hd 70% Black/XBRD 721 lbs 334.75
28 Hd Black/BWF 731 lbs 352.00

FEEDER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	395-397 3	96	470.00-495.00	486.69
2	405-420	413	460.00-477.50	468.59
7	402-430	417	487.00-507.50	494.56 Fancy
9	453-492	470	422.50-432.50	427.58
4	465-475	473	470.00	470.00 Fancy
22	505-546	533	382.50-402.50	396.88
3	520	520	421.00	421.00 Value Added
17	550-595	580	377.50-385.00	381.86
8	600-635	608	370.00-383.00	375.14
6	660-686	679	332.00-340.00	333.64
30	658-668	665	370.00-389.00	384.48 Value Added
12	705-740	723	323.00-353.00	344.98
5	752-773	765	330.00-334.00	332.43
1	805	805	335.00	335.00
10	910-919	918	315.00-319.50	319.05

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	370	370	436.00	436.00
3	500-517	511	360.00-370.00	366.74
1	620	620	350.00	350.00
3	698	698	310.00	310.00
1	880	880	301.00	301.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	390	390	380.00	380.00
1	550	550	302.50	302.50
1	640	640	291.00	291.00

STEERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	660	660	290.00	290.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	198	198	485.00	485.00
1	245	245	535.00	535.00 Fancy
5	290-295	294	450.00-475.00	456.00
1	270	270	530.00	530.00 Fancy
11	300-345	332	430.00-465.00	446.72
3	320-325	323	480.00-500.00	493.40 Fancy
5	365-380	374	407.50-427.50	419.18
3	363	363	460.00	460.00 Fancy
12	412-445	437	360.00-391.00	375.56
9	425-435	428	411.00-414.00	413.16 Fancy
21	455-495	475	345.00-367.00	358.84
6	462-487	479	387.50-391.00	388.63 Fancy
12	500-541	525	317.00-340.00	328.37
9	516	516	367.50	367.50 Value Added
15	550-597	569	303.00-325.00	317.94
8	560-582	569	337.00-347.50	344.93 Value Added
25	602-636	619	300.00-323.00	317.46
7	657-695	675	285.00-307.00	294.53
8	710-740	720	289.00-305.00	295.80
97	721-731	724	334.75-352.00	339.78 Value Added
13	760-776	775	285.00-302.00	299.41
18	771-780	772	330.00-337.00	336.61 Value Added
2	810-815	813	267.50-277.50	272.48
9	817-831	828	335.00	335.00 Value Added
1	885	885	265.00	265.00
1	925	925	261.00	261.00
1	970	970	235.00	235.00
1	1060	1060	235.00	235.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
4	287	287	430.00	430.00
1	345	345	412.50	412.50
4	355-385	375	337.50-369.00	350.91
2	405-435	420	330.00-350.00	339.64
15	450-495	479	310.00-340.00	330.67
1	505	505	310.00	310.00
1	580	580	302.50	302.50
2	615-645	630	275.00-292.50	283.54
2	670	670	277.00	277.00
1	940	940	222.50	222.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	300	300	350.00	350.00
1	440	440	312.00	312.00
1	540	540	270.00	270.00

HEIFERS - Large 1 (Per Cwt / Actual Wt)

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	575	575	300.00	300.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	243	243	485.00	485.00
2	225-240	233	540.00-575.00	556.94 Fancy
2	265-275	270	505.00-510.00	507.55
10	305-347	316	462.50-490.00	482.44
9	350-395	378	473.00-500.00	484.76
7	405-447	437	445.00-477.50	465.24
3	400-435	418	482.50-501.00	493.47 Fancy
11	472-491	483	420.00-457.50	431.19
8	500-535	517	350.00-369.00	362.46
13	505-530	517	385.00-399.00	393.83 Fancy
8	555-595	569	350.00-372.50	358.39
7	605-635	622	327.50-345.00	340.90
1	610	610	380.00	380.00 Fancy
15	656-695	670	307.00-323.00	317.86
5	705-745	727	285.00-313.00	296.46
1	700	700	321.00	321.00 Fancy
3	790-797	795	260.00-274.00	269.36
8	810-847	836	250.00-272.00	261.43
1	800	800	289.00	289.00 Fancy
1	950	950	220.00	220.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	272	272	450.00	450.00
1	325	325	440.00	440.00
4	355-390	373	437.50-442.50	440.63
5	435-445	439	387.50-400.00	397.01
6	468-490	473	385.00-412.00	390.21
4	530-545	540	342.50-345.00	343.88
3	570-595	583	332.50-341.00	337.06
4	600-641	631	307.00-310.00	307.71
1	785	785 2	32.50	232.50

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	342	342	392.50	392.50
1	430	430	355.00	355.00

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	645	645	275.00	275.00

SLAUGHTER CATTLE

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1 5	535-1945	1501	128.00-142.00	134.98	Average
3	1415-1530	1463	146.00-160.00	152.16	High

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
11	1045-1430	1254	120.00-137.00	132.57	Average

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
1	1605	1605	100.00	100.00	Average

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

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price	Dressing
8	1560-2065	1811	168.00-181.00	174.51	Average
2	1150-1245	1198	156.00-157.00	156.52	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	9	845-1295	1052	180.00-255.00	209.49
>8	O	3	960-1215	1103	127.50-150.00	141.56

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2-4	T1	2	885-1060	973	2750.00-2900.00	2818.25
>5	T2	5	1065-1415	1219	2600.00-3150.00	2782.36
>5	T3	1	1540	1540	2800.00	2800.00
>8	T1	2	1165-1195	1180	1800.00-1850.00	1825.32

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

Age	Stage	Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
<2	T3	1	995	995	2450.00	2450.00

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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 Combined Regional Shell Egg Report

Report for: 10/18/2026 - 10/24/2026

National Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/9/2026)
Extra Large	50.00 - 81.00	70.25	-2.63	72.88
Large	49.00 - 74.00	64.19	-2.00	66.19
Medium	41.00 - 65.00	54.00	-2.00	56.00

Midwest Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/9/2026)
Extra Large	50.00 - 59.00	54.50	-2.00	56.50
Large	49.00 - 58.00	53.50	-2.00	55.50
Medium	41.00 - 50.00	45.50	-2.00	47.50

Delivered Store Door, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/9/2026)
Extra Large	57.00 - 65.00	61.00	-2.00	63.00
Large	55.00 - 63.00	59.00	-2.00	61.00
Medium	47.00 - 55.00	51.00	-2.00	53.00

Paid to Producers - FOB, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/9/2026)
Large	31.00 - 41.00	36.00	-2.00	38.00
Medium	23.00 - 27.00	25.00	-2.00	27.00
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 (10/9/2026)
Extra Large	64.00 - 81.00	72.50	-2.50	75.00
Large	58.00 - 72.00	65.00	-2.00	67.00
Medium	45.00 - 58.00	51.50	-2.00	53.50 P

South Central Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/9/2026)
Extra Large	72.50 - 81.00	76.75	-3.00	79.75
Large	65.50 - 74.00	69.75	-2.00	71.75
Medium	56.50 - 65.00	60.75	-2.00	62.75

Southeast Shell Eggs - Caged

Delivered Warehouse, White, Cents Per Dozen

Class	Price Range	Average Price	Price Change	Last Reported (10/9/2026)
Extra Large	73.50 - 81.00	77.25	-3.00	80.25
Large	65.00 - 72.00	68.50	-2.00	70.50
Medium	54.50 - 62.00	58.25	-2.00	60.25

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

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AG FUTURES

October 30, 2026

	Delivery Month	Last	Change
Corn	Dec '26	$ 453-0	+ 1-2
	Mar '27	$ 466-0	+ 1-0
	May '27	$ 474-0	+ 1-2
	July '27	$ 480-0	+ 1-0
	Sept '27	$ 476-0	+ 0-4
Soybeans	Nov '26	$ 1253-4	– 7-0
	Jan '27	$ 1265-4	– 5-0
	Mar '27	$ 1272-2	– 4-2
	May '27	$ 1279-4	– 3-4
	July '27	$ 1285-0	– 2-2
Soybean Meal	Dec '26	$ 348.0	– 6.5
	Jan '27	$ 357.9	– 5.3
	Mar '27	$ 355.4	– 3.9
	May '27	$ 345.8	– 2.8
	July '27	$ 349.0	– 2.3
Soybean Oil	Dec '26	$ 65.67	+ 0.11
	Jan '27	$ 65.90	+ 0.08
	Mar '27	$ 66.30	+ 0.08
	May '27	$ 66.62	+ 0.06
	July '27	$ 66.67	+ 0.05
Wheat	Dec '26	$ 606-0	+ 7-0
	Mar '27	$ 619-0	+ 5-6
	May '27	$ 625-0	+ 4-4
	July '27	$ 629-6	+ 3-4
	Sept '27	$ 639-6	+ 3-2
Oats	Dec '26	$ 342'2	– 5'2
	Mar '27	$ 359'4	– 4'4
	May '27	$ 371'2	+ 1'4
	July '27	$ –	–
Live Cattle	Oct '26	$ 226.750	– 0.625
	Dec '26	$ 226.100	– 1.225
	Feb '27	$ 229.225	– 1.275
	Apr '27	$ 231.900	– 0.800
	Jun '27	$ 226.700	– 0.475
Lean Hogs	Dec '26	$ 59.900	+ 1.300
	Feb '26	$ 64.650	+ 0.475
	Apr '27	$ 70.650	+ 0.025
	May '27	$ 77.325	+ 0.425
	June '27	$ 86.600	+ 0.375

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MARKETS

Kentucky Daily Grain Bids

Grain Report for Thursday, October 29, 2026 - Final

FUTURE SETTLEMENTS

Exchange	Commodity	Closing Settlement Prices (¢/bu) as of 10/29/26						
CBOT	Corn	451.25 (Dec 26)	464.75 (Mar 27)	473.00 (May 27)	479.00 (Jul 27)	474.75 (Sep 27)	489.00 (Dec 27)	502.75 (Mar 28)
CBOT	Soybeans	1219.75 (Nov 26)	1234.75 (Jan 27)	1243.50 (Mar 27)	1252.75 (May 27)	1260.25 (Jul 27)	1245.75 (Aug 27)	1215.25 (Sep 27)
CBOT	Wheat	603.75 (Dec 26)	617.25 (Mar 27)	622.75 (May 27)	627.50 (Jul 27)	637.50 (Sep 27)	652.75 (Dec 27)	665.00 (Mar 28)
CBOT	White Oats	343.00 (Dec 26)	361.75 (Mar 27)	367.50 (May 27)	367.75 (Jul 27)	362.00 (Sep 27)	367.25 (Dec 27)	370.75 (Mar 28)
KCBT	Wheat	645.25 (Dec 26)	654.75 (Mar 27)	659.75 (May 27)	663.50 (Jul 27)	673.50 (Sep 27)	687.00 (Dec 27)	696.75 (Mar 28)
MGE	Wheat	624.50 (Dec 26)	642.25 (Mar 27)	654.50 (May 27)	665.75 (Jul 27)	674.00 (Sep 27)	686.50 (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 65.00Z	UNCH	4.7625-5.1625	DN 0.0050	4.9625
Pennyrile	25.00Z to 80.00Z	UNCH	4.7625-5.3125	DN 0.0050	5.0375

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price ($/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Lower KY	65.00Z	UNCH	5.1625	DN 0.0050	5.1625
Ohio River - Lower KY	70.00Z to 85.00Z	UNCH	5.2125-5.3625	DN 0.0050	5.2875
Purchase	60.00Z	UNCH	5.1125	DN 0.0050	5.1125
Purchase	80.00Z	UNCH	5.3125	DN 0.0050	5.3125

US #2 YELLOW CORN (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price ($/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	5.00Z	UP 10.00	4.5625	UP 0.095	4.5625
Purchase	15.00Z	UNCH	4.6625	DN 0.0050	4.6625
Green River	-5.00Z	UNCH	4.4625	DN 0.0050	4.4625
Green River	10.00Z	UNCH	4.6125	DN 0.0050	4.6125
Pennyrile	-30.00Z to 2.00Z	DN 5.00-UP 2.00	4.2125-4.5325	DN 0.0550-UP 0.0150	4.3242
Pennyrile	-30.00Z to 19.00Z	DN 5.00-UNCH	4.2125-4.7025	DN 0.0550-DN 0.0050	4.3525
Louisville	-75.00Z	UNCH	3.7625	DN 0.0050	3.7625
Louisville	-75.00Z	UNCH	3.7625	DN 0.0050	3.7625
Bluegrass	-50.00Z	UNCH	4.0125	DN 0.0050	4.0125
Bluegrass	-20.00Z	UNCH	4.3125	DN 0.0050	4.3125

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price ($/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-31.00Z to -25.00Z	DN 2.00	4.2025-4.2625	DN 0.0250	4.2325
Ohio River - Upper KY	3.00Z to 4.00Z	UP 3.00-DN 1.00	4.5425-4.5525	UP 0.0250-DN 0.0150	4.5475
Ohio River - Lower KY	-15.00Z to 2.00Z	UNCH	4.3625-4.5325	DN 0.0050	4.4708
Ohio River - Lower KY	10.00Z to 25.00Z	UNCH-UP 4.00	4.6125-4.7625	DN 0.0050-UP 0.0350	4.6892
Purchase	-11.00Z to 8.00Z	UNCH	4.4025-4.5925	DN 0.0050	4.5025
Purchase	15.00Z to 30.00Z	UNCH	4.6625-4.8125	DN 0.0050	4.7475

US #1 SOYBEANS (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price ($/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Purchase	10.00X	UNCH	12.2975	DN 0.0475	12.2975
Purchase	10.00F		12.4475	UP 0.1025	12.4475
Green River	-65.00X	UNCH	11.5475	DN 0.0475	11.5475
Green River	-65.00X	UNCH	11.5475	DN 0.0475	11.5475
Pennyrile	-35.00X to 10.00X	UP 5.00-DN 1.00	11.8475-12.2975	UP 0.0025-DN 0.0575	12.0118
Pennyrile	-35.00X to 10.00X	UP 5.00-DN 1.00	11.8475-12.2975	UP 0.0025-DN 0.0575	12.0118
Louisville	-96.00X	UNCH	11.2375	DN 0.0475	11.2375
Louisville	-96.00X	UNCH	11.2375	DN 0.0475	11.2375
Bluegrass	-70.00X	UNCH	11.4975	DN 0.0475	11.4975
Bluegrass	-70.00X	UNCH	11.4975	DN 0.0475	11.4975

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price ($/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-38.00F to -14.00X		11.9675-12.0575	UP 0.0925-DN 0.0475	12.0125
Ohio River - Upper KY	-38.00F to 3.00X		11.9675-12.2275	UP 0.0925-DN 0.0475	12.0975
Ohio River - Lower KY	-10.00X to 5.00F		12.0975-12.3975	DN 0.0475-DN 0.0075	12.2642
Ohio River - Lower KY	-22.00F to 15.00F		12.1275-12.4975	DN 0.2575-DN 0.0175	12.3758
Purchase	6.00X to 32.00X	UNCH	12.2575-12.5175	DN 0.0475	12.4025
Purchase	14.00X to 40.00X	UNCH	12.3375-12.5975	DN 0.0475	12.4275

US #1 MILLING SOFT RED WINTER WHEAT (BULK)

Country Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price ($/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Pennyrile	-25.00Z	UNCH	5.7875	UP 0.0475	5.7875
Pennyrile	-5.00N	UNCH	6.2250	UP 0.0125	6.2250

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	5.6750-5.7250	UP 0.0125	5.7125
Louisville	-75.00Z to -72.00Z	UNCH	5.2875-5.3175	UP 0.0475	5.3025
Bluegrass	-65.00N	UNCH	5.6250	UP 0.0125	5.6250

Barge Loading Elevators - Conventional

Region/Location	Basic (¢/Bu)	Basis Change	Price ($/Bu)	Price Change	Average
Ohio River - Upper KY	-40.00N	UNCH	5.8750	UP 0.0125	5.8750
Ohio River - Lower KY	-39.00N to -20.00N	UNCH	5.8850-6.0750	UP 0.0125	6.0110
Purchase	-20.00N	UNCH	6.0750	UP 0.0125	6.0750

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

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Daily Livestock and Poultry Slaughter

Report For Thursday, October 29, 2026 - Final

Current Day Slaughter

Thur., Oct. 29, 2026		Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week WTD	Last Year WTD	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	YTD % Change
Calves	1,000	1,000	305	4,000	4,000	1,631	77,015	98,716	-22.0%
Cattle	109,000	103,000	114,847	434,000	430,000	456,927	22,628,505	24,377,033	-7.2%
Hogs	497,000	497,000	475,910	1,957,000	1,951,000	1,935,445	104,529,950	105,469,189	-0.9%
Sheep	7,000	7,000	7,616	30,000	31,000	33,896	1,548,652	1,608,673	-3.7%
Chicken (Young)	34,911,000	34,140,000	35,509,000	139,818,000	138,022,000	141,825,000	8,099,939,000	7,937,305,000	2.1%

Previous Daily Slaughter

Wed.,Oct. 28, 2026		Week Ago	Year Ago	WTD	Prev Week WTD	Last Year WTD	2026 YTD	2025 YTD	YTD % Change
Calves	1,000	1,000	505	3,000	3,000	1,326	76,015	98,411	-22.8%
Cattle	109,000	110,000	118,300	325,000	327,000	342,080	22,519,505	24,262,186	-7.2%
Hogs	483,000 R	490,000	485,719	1,460,000	1,454,000	1,459,535	104,032,950	104,993,279	-0.9%
Sheep	6,000	6,000	7,111	23,000	24,000	26,280	1,541,652	1,601,057	-3.7%
Chicken (Young)	34,807,000	34,601,000	35,587,000	104,907,000	103,882,000	106,316,000	8,065,028,000	7,901,796,000	2.1%

Previous Day Breakdown

Wed., Oct. 28, 2026

Cattle Steers/Heifers ... 88,000 Cows/Bulls ... 21,000

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

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Pigeons	$3.50-$17
Eggs	$1-$2.25
Rooster	$3-$13.50
Turkey	$18.00
Peacock	
Rabbits	$4-16
	148(Eggs)
	684(Animals)
Veal Calves	
Holstein (80# & UP)	$825-$1140
Beef Cross (80# & UP)	$1100-$1510
	396

Sheep	
Ewes	$1.00-$1.90
40-60# Lambs	$3.50-$4.40
61-80# Lambs	$2.25-$3.95
81-100# Lambs	$1.50-$3.55
	131
Goats	
Billys	$50-$480
Nannies	$45-$300
Kids	
	123
Feeder Cattle Dairy and Beef	
200-500#	$1-$3.15
501-800#	$.70-$2.55
	111

Cows	
Cull Cows	$.90-$1.35
Bulls	$1.65-$1.85
	26
Fat Cattle	
Holstein	
Colored	
Pigs	
Fat Hogs	$.46-$.95
Sows	$.57-$.60
Boars	$0.15
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Feeder Pigs	
20-45#	$35-$45
46-65#	$50-$85
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Fat Hogs:			
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Boars:			
Feeder Pigs:			
Calves	143		
Beef & X Veal #1:		$1450	$1351.89
Beef & X Veal #2:		$1075	$762
Dairy Veal #1:		$1050	$984.27
Dairy Veal #2		$875	$556.82
Jersey Cross:		$425	$425
Feeders	23		
Beef Fdr 200#-550#		$2.70	$2.44
Beef Fdrs 551#-1000#		$2.70	$1.73
Beef Fdrs by Head			
Dairy Fdr 200#-550#		$2.40	$2.05
Dairy Fd 551#-1000#		$2.05	$2.05
Dairy Fdrs by Head			
Cull Cows	8		
Cull Cows #2:		$1.05	$0.87
Fat Cows			
Bulls:	2	$1.70	$1.46
Cow/Calf Pair	1	$1600	$1600
Breed Cows Colored	2	$2000	$1850

Sheep	78		
Sheep Ram:		$2.70	$1.67
Sheep #2:		$1.55	$1.39
Lamb 0-60:		$3.70	$3.05
Lamb 61-85:		$3.38	$3.14
Lamb 86-100:		$2.85	$2.78
Lamb 100+			
Goats	53		
Goat Nannies:			$136
Goat Billys:			$117.78
Goat Wethers:			$287.50
Total Head Count	310		
Hay Lg Square	65	$90	$75.08
Hay Sm Square	60	$5.75	$5.17
Hay Rnd Bale	30	$65	$55
Firewood			
Straw Sm Sq	112	$3.50	$3.29
Chickens	171	$15.50	$5.31
Turkeys	7	$45	$34.29
Geese	4	$14	$11
Ducks	29	$10	$4.55
Pigeon	7	$6	$2
Guinea Chicks	7	$7	$7
Rabbits	69	$17	$6.07
Eggs	174	$3.75	$3.33
Kunekune pigs	3	$32	$32

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Above: Taylor Schomaker and her husband, Ryan, on a farm they started less than a decade ago in Michigan.

Taylor Schomaker, a new farmer is a industry leader now in Michigan

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

SAGINAW, Mich. – In just a few years, a Michigan woman has gone from having no experience in farming to being recognized as a leader in the industry.

Taylor Schomaker is this year's recipient of the Young Farmer Agriculture Leader Award from Michigan Farm Bureau (MFB).

The award honors successful young agriculturalists who earn the majority of their income from a farm operation, and for their outstanding leadership in farm bureau, farming and throughout the agricultural community, according to MFB.

Schomaker, 32, is a member of the Saginaw County branch of farm bureau near the thumb region of the state.

She and her husband, Ryan, are owners of Schomaker Farms, which raises primarily 30 or more varieties of produce such as sweet corn, green beans, celery, tomatoes, broccoli, pumpkins, strawberries, raspberries and watermelon, along with flowers.

Schomaker said she was "super excited" at receiving the award and feels it confirms their plunge into farming was the right decision.

"It just makes us feel like we're headed down the right path," she said.

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A New Farmer

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The Schomakers went to high school together in nearby Hemlock. After graduating, Taylor went to Central Michigan University, where she earned a master's degree in clinical nutrition.

She became a registered dietician with her own practice and purchased the produce she gave to clients to help with various conditions such as diabetes and kidney disease.

Ryan, 35, went to work at Dow Chemical and worked his way up to the position of operator.

After marrying in 2018, they purchased 45 acres, which was part of a farm owned by her husband's grandmother at the time, and put on a house on it.

Their dive into farming stemmed from an idea by her husband for them to grow some of the produce she was previously buying to improve the quality of life for her clients.

The next year, they started a 3-acre garden, offering produce from a wagon they placed along the road in front of the farm. They especially liked meeting their customers.

"From there, it just kind of exploded," she said.

A few sheep, cows and pigs, along with about 100 chickens, were later added to the farm, which has a barn constructed in 1908 used to house the animals.

"We just decided to go all in and learn everything we could and do it in the best way that we could," she said.

A majority of their produce is sold at a self-serve roadside stand open daily.

The remainder is sold at the farm, which offers u-pick as an option, and a farmers market the couple started in nearby Thomas Township.

The Schomaker farm also has a petting zoo, playground and bounce houses during special weekend events that draw as many as 1,000 customers, such as the annual plant sale leading up to Mother's Day and pumpkin sale before Halloween.

Customers at the farm are also taught things like how to grow and harvest produce, which are among the topics covered in separate classes. There's also a program for children to experience farm life hands-on.

"We just are always seeking ways to tie the community together," she said.

Taylor's involvement at farm bureau includes serving as chairwoman of the promotions and education committee.

One of her goals is to grow the farm and continue educating the non-farming public.

"I'm also proud of expanding our education and outreach, creating programs and experiences that help people learn where food comes from and build trust in agriculture through hands-on connection," she said.

Eventually, Ryan switched careers by completing an apprenticeship to become a union lineman working on power lines so his work schedule would give him more time to help on the farm.

Taylor, meanwhile, has taken a much less active role at her private practice to focus on the farm full-time. She has one full-time employee and a couple of part-time workers.

The couple's third child is due in December.

She also serves on the board of directors for the Saginaw Conservation District.

The couple also just recently started the Schomaker Food and Farm Literacy Foundation, a non-profit ground dedicated to educating the public about agriculture.

It took a few years, but Taylor believes farming, despite having no prior experience, is her calling now in life.

"I do love it. The ability to be able to provide education in such a simple way is amazing," she said.

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Ohio's Field to Foodbank program helps feed families, resolve deer problems

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Ed Beeler, a grain farmer, knows that deer are a problem. He has had portions of his fields mowed down by them. The population is out of hand, he said. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife Field to Foodbank program may help resolve that problem.

This is the second year for the Field to Foodbank program. It is a combination of wildlife management, second-chance workforce training, and hunger relief. Last year, Ohio hunters donated 182 deer, providing more than 36,400 servings of protein for families across the state.

"Deer, especially in many portions of Ohio, are extremely overpopulated," said Lindsey Krusling, Division of Wildlife communications specialist. "Hunting is one of the main deer-management tools that we use. Encouraging people to hunt more will reduce those herd numbers, especially in areas where farmers might be having issues with deer grazing on their crops.

"We want to find a way to help move the harvesting of antlerless deer and the harvesting of more deer," Krusling said. "They can hunt more, and if they don't have room for more deer, they can donate it. We will cover the processing fee, and it will be sent to those Ohioans in need."



Above: Several incarcerated people who were released from the program have gotten positions at meat packers. They are going in at a higher pay rate because they have skills that others don't have. (Ohio Penal Industries, photo credit: ODNR)

Hunters are encouraged to harvest an extra deer and donate the field-dressed deer at designated drop-off sites on specific dates. Division of Wildlife staff transport donated deer to Ohio Penal Industry's (OPI) processing facility at Pickaway Correctional Institute in their Field to Foodbank trailers. These are trailers where they can store the deer safely at the donation sites and then transport them to OPI for processing.

OPI's meat processing facility at Pickaway Correctional provides vocational training and work experience to incarcerated individuals. They get job training for when they are released.

The venison is processed and packaged there and distributed to the Ohio Association of Foodbanks. They distribute it to local food banks, based on need, prioritizing those that are near the donation site.

In 2005, the OPI built a meat processing plant to process beef and pork from the prison farms, said Ann King, OPI chief. Then, in 2014, the governor and the then-OPI director closed the farms. So OPI has continued to operate the meat processing plant by finding private industry opportunities.

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Ohio's Field Foodbank

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"Any citizen can come in and make use of our meat plant," King said. "They just call to make an appointment; we're self-sufficient, part of the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. We do not get any tax dollars, so it is important for us to make sure that the operations that we have in place have enough revenue to keep them open."

The DNR asked OPI about processing the deer, King said. They have processed deer in the past, but just a couple at a time. This was an opportunity to do a large number.

The facility is USDA-inspected, so King had to talk to the USDA representatives to make sure it was approved. Wild and domestic animals cannot be processed in the same facility on the same day.

"Our side of this is, it is a dying art," King said. "There are not a lot of meat processors out there anymore. Every time we considered closing our facility, it always came up that it is a valuable tool for these incarcerated people to learn. We have had several released from the program who have gotten positions at meat packers, and they are going in at a higher pay rate because they have skills that others don't have."

They process the meat into deer burger, and it is donated by DNR to the appropriate food bank. The food banks are glad to have it.



Above: Deer donation trailer can store the deer safely before transporting them to OPI. (Credit: ODNR)

"The need we have been seeing in our communities has been astronomical," said Carrie Harshbarger, food supply chain senior director with the Ohio Association of Foodbanks. "We have essentially doubled the amount of pantry visits that we see since 2019, and with that we have not seen the doubling of food."

The Ohio Association of Foodbanks represents Ohio's 12 Feeding America foodbanks and their 3,600-member hunger relief programs, serving food insecure Ohioans in all of Ohio's 88 counties.

"The venison is primarily being distributed as ground venison to families," Harshbarger said. "This program has been a win-win for us. We have been blessed with this partnership with ODNR and Division of Wildlife."

Any deer that are caught in the disease surveillance areas are tested before they are processed, Krusling said. Diseased deer are properly disposed of. People still need to purchase permits, and deer must be properly tagged and game checked.

The donation openings after Thanksgiving are:

Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 5, 6, 19 and 20, from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m.

For a list of donation sites, visit ohiodnr.gov/donatevenison.

Hunters are encouraged to regularly check the website at ohiodnr.gov/DonateVenison and follow DNR Division of Wildlife on social media to stay aware of upcoming opportunities. If a partner or local business is interested in partnering with the Division of Wildlife to host a donation location, they can contact DonateVenison@dnr.ohio.gov.



Above: Pallets with boxes of ground venison at the Mid-Ohio Food Collective, ready to be shipped to local food banks (Credit: ODNR)





Biochar offering promising soil management in soybean production

By DOUG SCHMITZ
Iowa Correspondent

FRANKFORT, Ky. – According to Kentucky State University (KSU) researchers, a two-year field study of pine sawdust biochar is offering a promising soil management strategy for addressing two long-term challenges in soybean production: soil acidification and declining soil organic carbon.

The study evaluated pine sawdust biochar in acidic silt loam soils under continuous soybean cultivation. Biochar is a charcoal-like, carbon-rich material produced by heating wood or other plant matter in an environment with very little or no oxygen.

Researchers applied biochar at 12 tons per hectare each year, incorporating it into the top 15 centimeters of soil before planting. According to KSU, a hectare is a metric unit of area equal to roughly 2.47 acres.

Soil samples were collected before planting and after harvest to assess acidity, organic reserves, fertility and hydrological (the study of water on the Earth) properties. After two years, biochar-treated plots maintained higher post-harvest soil pH, and increased soil organic carbon from 1.74 percent to 1.96 percent.

Conducted by Binaya Baral under the mentorship of Anuj Chiluwal, KSU assistant professor of agronomy, at KSU's Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm, the study said acidic soils can limit soybean growth by reducing nutrient availability, and interfering with biological nitrogen fixation: "Our research shows that biochar can help buffer soil acidity and improve soil carbon over time," Baral said. Nitrogen fixation is the study of how soil fertility, supplemental nitrogen, and biochar influence crop productivity and sustainability, according to KSU.

Baral published the findings as first author in the peer-reviewed paper, "Response to acidic silt loam soil properties to biochar application under soybean cultivation," with Chiluwal serving as the corresponding author. Baral is now a graduate research assistant and doctoral student in the University of Florida Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering.

His current research focuses on best management practices-based sod rotation and integrated crop-livestock systems to improve nutrient management, reduce nitrogen leaching, and sustain crop productivity in Florida's sandy soils.

Co-authors include Deepak Khatri, former KSU research associate in agronomy; Sudip Poudel, KSU research associate in crop physiology; Lalit Pun Magar, former KSU research associate in precision agriculture; and Atanu Mukherjee, a former KSU faculty member.

Chiluwal said the findings show biochar's value as a long-term soil amendment rather than an immediate fertilizer replacement, adding that future multi-rate studies are needed to identify practical and cost-effective application rates. KSU researchers said a soil amendment is any organic, physical or chemical material added to soil to modify and improve its properties.

"Interest in biochar as a sustainable soil amendment is increasing," Chiluwal told Farm World. "However, most existing research has focused on its effects in degraded soils, while its impacts on fertile agricultural soils remain underexplored. Therefore, this study evaluated the effects of pine sawdust biochar application on the properties of fertile silty loam soil in Kentucky."

He said even productive agricultural soils can gradually degrade under continuous cultivation, highlighting the need for sustainable practices to maintain soil health and productivity, which is beneficial to farmers.

"In our study, pine sawdust biochar did not significantly affect most measured soil health parameters under continuous soybean production over the medium term," he said. "However, it reduced soil acidity and increased soil organic carbon two years after application, while biologically active carbon and manganese increased three years after application," he added.

The study is part of ongoing research supported by the USDA-National Institute of Food and Agriculture 1890 Capacity Building Grant to KSU: "We will continue this study to better understand the long-term effects of biochar, and provide more definitive results on its potential to maintain soil health in fertile agricultural soils," Chiluwal said.







Soybean leaders talked beans at Washington, D.C. power summit

By TIM ALEXANDER
Illinois Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Leaders representing the American Soybean Association (ASA), United Soybean Board (USB) and the U.S. Soybean Export Council (USSEC) were empaneled for a live Zoom discussion entitled "Three CEOs, One Soybean Future: Setting the Course for the Year Ahead." The Thursday, Oct. 29 webinar, hosted by Agri-Pulse's Sara Wyant, featured the perspectives of the USB's new CEO Courtney Knupp, ASA CEO Steve Censky and Jim Sutter, CEO for the USSEC.

"U.S. soybean farmers rely on these three national organizations to build demand, protect their interests and open doors to new customers," said Wyant. "Together they work on behalf of U.S. soybean farmers (on everything) from research, to promotion, to policy, to building markets around the world."

A video produced for the webinar served to explain how the three major soybean organizations, along with state soybean boards, work together for the overall benefit of the soybean producer. The USB manages the Soy Checkoff program, funding projects that boost innovation and investing in research, education and promotion of U.S. soy. The ASA serves as the voice of soybean growers in Washington, D.C. and beyond, advocating for soybean farmers on policy, regulatory issues, trade expansion and more. In addition, ASA's World Initiative for Soy and Human Health program connects trade and development across global market systems.

USSEC bridges the gap between domestic production and international demand with a presence in 90-plus markets. USSEC is tasked with fostering strong relationships with customers that enhance the market for U.S. soy.

Perhaps the most important link in the soybean promotion and marketing partnership, however, is the coalition of qualified state soybean boards that engage in grassroots outreach with farmers, consumers and key customers across 30 member states.

Wyant noted that as a new fiscal year begins many producers become curious as to what their checkoff dollars are used for. Leading off the conversation, Knupp explained how the Soy Checkoff is putting farmer dollars to work through research, promotion and education that build demand and value for U.S. soy.

"The Soy Checkoff is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. For 35 years research, education and promotion have built value for U.S. soy. Over the next 35 years, that work matters even more," said Knupp, who began her duties as USB CEO on Oct. 1. "We'll diversify by adding value at home through furthering processing, growing today's markets and making strategic bets on tomorrow's."

Diversification in markets for soy in the bio-based products space, as well as fuel, meal and oil, is expected to propel growth in the soybean market in the years ahead, according to Knupp. "Our organization continues to evaluate return on investment, and independent studies confirm that for every dollar invested, the checkoff returns $12.30 to farmers. Every dollar belongs to farmers and should come back to the farm as value."

The ASA's Censky examined current policy impacting and shaping farmers' decisions, operations and bottom lines. "ASA's mission is to advocate for soybean farmers on policy and markets, and we do that along with our affiliated state soybean associations that are covering over 30 states where soybeans are grown," said Censky, mentioning that soybean policy decisions can affect the farm economy, markets and the movement of soybeans.

"We're dedicated to and moving forward with efforts to create a strong farm economy and seeing that farmers have the tools they need to enhance their productivity, their efficiency and their competitiveness. That includes things like working on the new farm bill, the cost of production and seeing what policies can be put in place for agricultural inputs, and regulatory policy."

Censky said helping maintain U.S. soybean superiority in terms of biotechnology, gene editing, crop protection products and other crop inputs will be priorities of the ASA in the year ahead. In addition, ASA will devote more resources towards defending farmers' access to crop production tools such as herbicides and fertilizers in courts, Censky added.

Sutter shared where global demand is growing and how U.S. soy is competing for customers overseas. The USSEC CEO said his organization, founded in 2005 by the ASA and USB, is focused solely on international markets for soybeans. While biofuels are creating great domestic demand for soybean oil, there are many international buyers seeking more soybean meal for feed to accommodate increased

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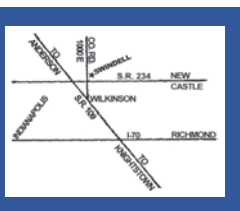




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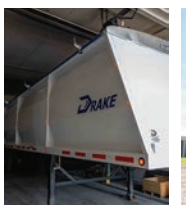



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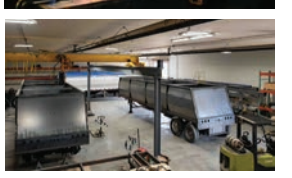

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(AP) – With this year's Champagne harvest at nearly half of last year's size, will there be a Champagne shortage for New Year's Eve? There are toasting alternatives for holiday celebrations, but Champagne is a classic for discerning party hosts.

Despite the small harvest, there's good news for Americans who want to ring in the new year with a glass of bubbly. The Champagne bottles on American shelves this winter come from grapes picked in earlier harvests, rather than 2026. And so far this year, store wine prices are slightly lower than last year.

While Americans sometimes refer to any sparkling wine as Champagne, legally, true Champagne is produced only in the Champagne region of France. Weather severely impacted this year's growing season, starting in the spring with a late frost and hail.

France's national weather service also reports France experienced its hottest summer since 1900 this year, including several punishing heat waves and periods of drought. As a result, the grapes ripened rapidly. This led to a Champagne harvest in early August, the earliest on record. According to the French agriculture ministry, frost, hail and drought cut the Champagne region's harvest by 48 percent from 2025.

Separately, the Comité Champagne, the trade group for Champagne growers and houses, capped yields at 19,400 pounds per acre. The cap aimed to match production with demand, accounting for existing stock, and is down from almost 20,000 pounds in 2025. The cap has been falling for a few years. In 2022, yields were capped at 26,455 pounds per acre, so this year's limit is about 27 percent lower.

Despite this year's challenges in French wine production, Champagne fans may well have something to cheer about. The region came together to ensure the crush, or harvest, was completed successfully despite its early date. Harvesting is done entirely by hand. According to Lori Russo, director of the Bureau du Champagne, USA, some winemakers and workers had to forgo their planned holidays to ensure completion.

But some indications suggest this could still be an outstanding year. Russo said in an email, "The grape clusters were smaller than usual and the overall yield was more moderate, but the quality was extremely high, with no disease, rot or deterioration. The alcohol, acidity and pH levels in the grapes from the 2026 harvest are similar to the legendary vintages from 1921, 1947 and 1959. It's too early to say whether this will be a vintage year, but there are indications that 2026 will serve as a reference point for understanding the impact of climate change on Champagne wines."

Vintage Champagne requires at least three years of aging, usually between four and 10 years. Even nonvintage Champagne requires at least 15 months of aging; usually two to three years. Given these requirements, this year's bottles will come from earlier harvests, so the small harvest will not affect bottle availability this season.

In addition, Champagne houses have strategies for managing production even in short years. Nonvintage Champagne blends more than one harvest year. Growers and houses also set aside reserve wines to maintain a consistent style despite changing weather conditions each year. They can also use those reserve wines to cover years with a low harvest. In fact, nonvintage blends can contain up to 50 percent of those reserve wines from prior years.

As for pricing, the situation isn't as dire as some people think. A 15 percent tariff still applies to wines from the European Union entering the United States, currently set through 2029, but so far it has not necessarily raised consumer prices. In fact, in September of this year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported store wine prices were down .7 percent from a year ago.

Americans are drinking less, or not at all, as seen in a 2026 Gallup poll that found only 54 percent of Americans drink alcohol at all. That number tied 2025's percentage, the lowest in Gallup's polling dating back to 1939. For hosts who want to serve alcohol, steady prices on Champagne leave more room in the budget to add a holiday showstopper, like Brie en Croute.

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demand for proteins.

"Our three strategic goals are to attain market access and knocking down trade barriers or working through issues that come up every year — or, it seems, every week. We work closely with our counterparts around the world and the Foreign Agricultural Service of the USDA, as well as U.S. industry to try and help make sure that we have access to the markets where U.S. soy wants to flow," said Sutter.

"Then, we need to differentiate U.S. soy. We need to make sure that people around the world buying soy know that all soy is not created equal. Thanks to the great U.S. soybean farmers and the practices they are using, U.S. soy is different, including the key one — its nutritional characteristics."

A third strategic goal of the USSEC is to build an international preference for U.S. soy. "When buyers get ready to think about buying, they're choosing the U.S. just like some people choose green tractors or red tractors. We want U.S. soy to be the world's preferred partner. Our opportunity is to have our team members around the world working on behalf of U.S. farmers while they are busy planting or harvesting their crops," Sutter said.

Together, the three CEOs offered a rare look at the full picture of the U.S. soybean industry partnership. Their full discussion can be viewed on demand at agri-pulse.com/webinars.

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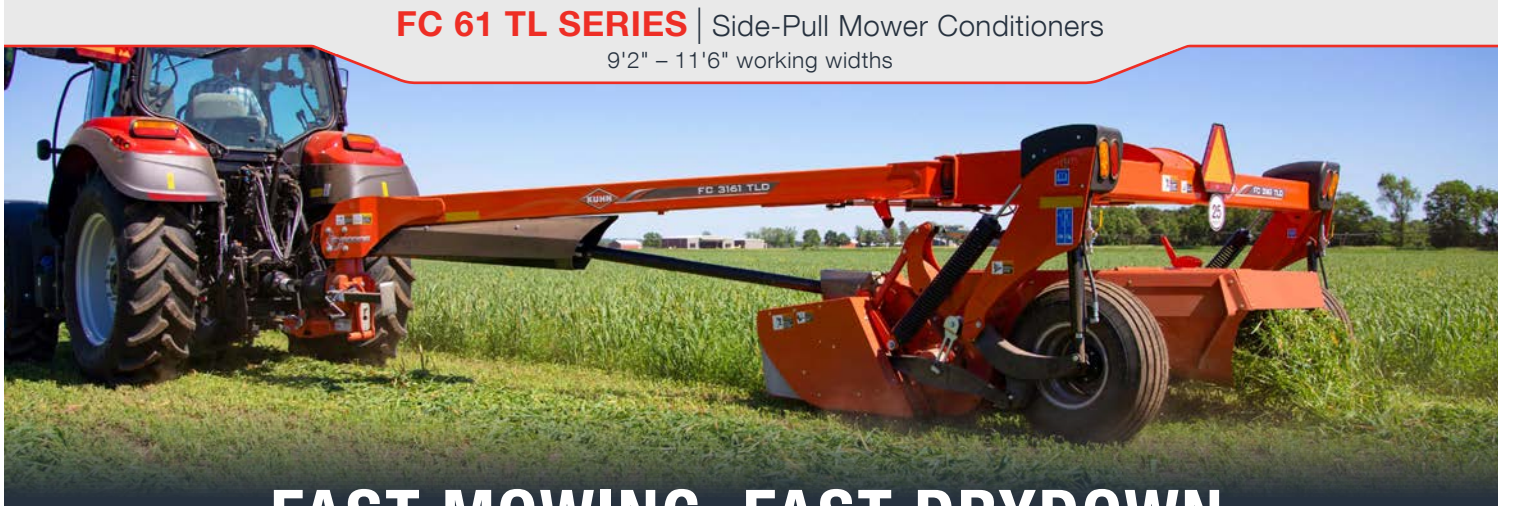

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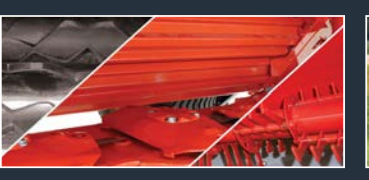

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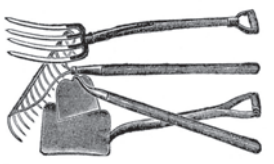

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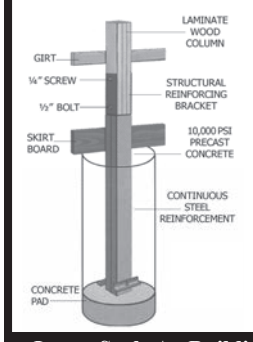

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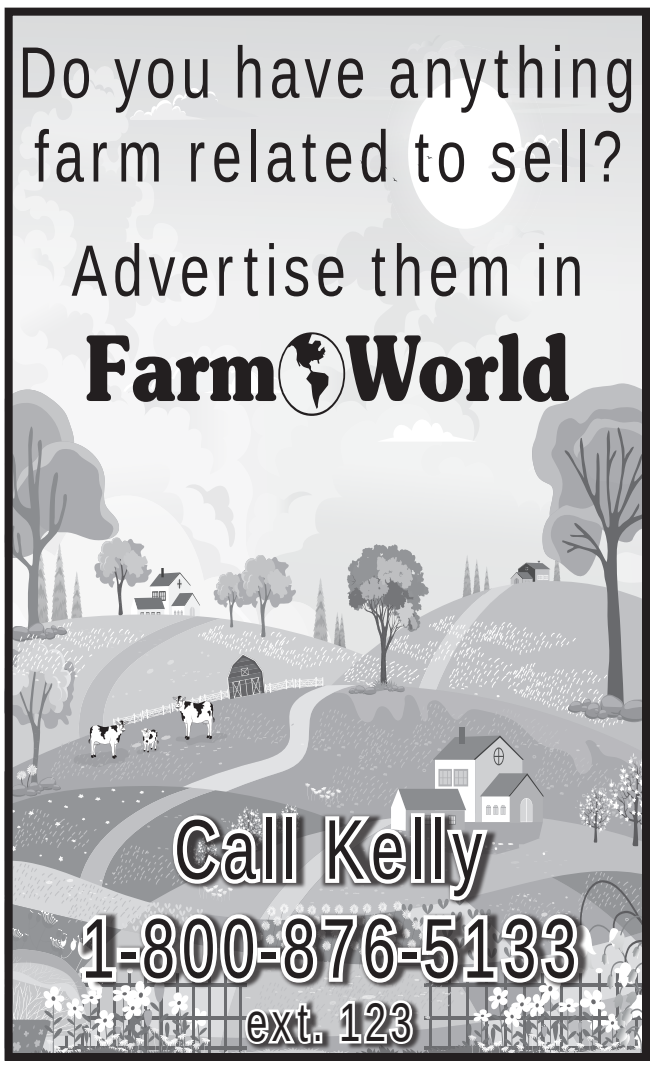

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Tough year for many Ohio county fairs, but all remain on solid ground

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

LANCASTER, Ohio – Attendance is the driver that helps determine a thriving or struggling county fair. Competition from sporting events, television and other distractions can be a strain with some fairs, especially in some of the smaller counties.

Ohio hosts 94 county and independent fairs, and those county fairs remain on solid ground.

"County fairs in Ohio are holding their own and doing very well," said Howard Call, president of the Ohio Fair Managers Association. "Each county fair in Ohio provides their county with a great value. The cost to enter a county fair is a lot less than what some of these big-name theme parks charge you.

"At the county fair you get to see all the small home exhibits, the 4-H projects, FFA attractions, rides, harness racing, demolition derbies, cattle and poultry exhibits and much more. You can spend three hours or all day at these county fairs and enjoy yourself so much more. The county fairs are very affordable for the communities that they reside in."

All county fairs in the state, Call said, are doing very well financially.

Officials at the Fairfield County Fair, for instance, estimate that about 100,000 people visit each fair season, a number that hasn't changed the past 15 years, with the exception of a few rainy seasons.

For many county fairs in Ohio, this past fair season rain was a detriment to their operations.

"I would say overall, this was probably the worst weather year we've had for county fairs and independent fairs," Call said.

Many Ohio county fairs sustained damage from storms that devastated parts of the state in early September and early August.

In August, severe storms forced the Champaign County Fair in Urbana to close for a day after tents were damaged and trees were taken down. Rain-soaked grounds forced the fair to cancel grandstand events.

That same month, the Mercer County Fair in Celina lost access to its parking lots for four days and the Delaware County Fair in Delaware had rain during the first five days of its fair.

At the Erie County Fair in Sandusky, early August flooding made parking difficult, and organizers lost a one-night rodeo event. The canceled event cost the fair an estimated $10,000. And at the Columbiana County Fair in Lisbon, rain fell on Aug. 5 just as grandstand entertainment was getting underway. Money-making events canceled included a truck and tractor pull as well as a rodeo. Attendance was down 20 percent due to weather conditions at this year's fair.

At the Morgan County Fair in McConnelsville, flash floods occurred after up to four inches of rain fell in that area in early September. The Merchant's Building took on water, the entertainment stage was impacted, and rising water damaged the poultry barn. Fair officials there es-

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Above: Horse show competition at this year's Miami (Ohio) County Fair was held in early August under ideal weather conditions. (photo submitted)



Above: A March 26 tornado at the Hardin (Ohio) County Fair damaged structures on the grounds. Grants from the state were used to rebuild the structures. (photo submitted)





New Mexico border reopens to Mexican cattle after two years

(AP) – With the all-clear from U.S. agriculture inspectors, Mexican cattle began moving on Oct. 26 through a border crossing in New Mexico that had been closed for nearly two years as both nations work to stop the flesh-eating New World screwworm from spreading.

The screwworm – actually a fly larva that burrows into the flesh of livestock, pets and even humans – has threatened the $113 billion U.S. cattle industry. Containment efforts have cost jobs and trade in border communities, cutting off a source of cattle as the U.S. struggles to rebuild drought-depleted herds. Reopening crossings could help ease that squeeze, although experts caution that shoppers shouldn't expect quick relief on beef prices.

The port at Columbus, N.M., is the third to resume Mexican cattle imports under new safeguards, which include tests, shots and inspections that happen before an animal even gets close to the border.

Officials and ranchers in the two countries say layers of treatment and inspection give them confidence that imported livestock won't carry screwworm through the ports. But flies can buzz across the border on their own, meaning ranchers, hunters and pet owners should remain vigilant.

The parasite was an annual livestock scourge before being largely eradicated in the U.S. in the 1960s. It reappeared in Mexico in 2024, and the first confirmed U.S. case was in Texas in June.

More than 60 cases have been confirmed in Texas and New Mexico, with infestations of cattle, sheep, goats, horses and dogs. Recently, the first case in U.S. wildlife was confirmed after a hunter found screwworm in an elk.

Before the current outbreak, the U.S. was importing about 1 million head of cattle per year. It will take time to get back to that number while keeping a sharp eye on the risks to animal health, said Dudley Hoskins, undersecretary for the USDA.

"As long as we can manage and mitigate that risk at an acceptable level, we will continue to process the safe and legal movement of cattle through these ports," he said, watching as cattle lined up in the chutes at Columbus.

About a third of all Mexican cattle imported to the U.S. each year pass through Columbus and the Santa Teresa port near El Paso, Texas. Gerardo Fierro, executive director of the New Mexico Border Authority, pegged the value of the cattle trade for the area at $1 billion.

Fierro said the community watched as jobs, cattle sales and even tax revenue from the diesel fuel used to transport the animals evaporated due to the closures. Ranchers were no longer crossing into New Mexico and spending money on supplies, lodging and food, and farmers had no customers for their alfalfa and grain.

"This means a lot," he said of the reopening.

Another border crossing for cattle in Arizona is due to open in late November.

New Mexico state veterinarian Samantha Holeck said the rigorous process for getting cattle ready starts at their home ranches, where private veterinarians check for tuberculosis and other diseases and deliver medications that prevent screwworm.

At the next stop, veterinarians accredited by the Mexican government look for open wounds, signs of illness or other injuries. Then a head-to-tail inspection is done by the USDA while still in Mexico.

The last hurdle? Dipping – as it's commonly known – involves the cows being immersed in vats of insecticide to get rid of any missed parasites.

Holeck said the protocols developed over recent years helped to buy more time, and the USDA is using fly traps and drones to survey areas.

The government has a longstanding program to breed sterile male flies and drop swarms of them from planes to mate with wild females, causing the flies to die out. The government is building a $610 million factory in Texas that can produce 300 million sterile flies per week. That will augment production at facilities in Mexico and Panama.

"That's our sharpest tool," Hoskins said.

Mexican ranchers once again have a market for their feeder cattle, but experts say it will take time for U.S. ranchers to rebuild herds that have dwindled to record lows due to years of persistent drought. Constrained supplies have pushed prices higher.

Tom Paterson, president of the New Mexico Cattle Grower's Association, was among those who met with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins recently in Columbus.

"I agree with the secretary," he said, "when she says that food security is national security."



Above: Fairfield County (Ohio) Fair patrons pose for a photo in front of the Round Cattle Barn. Weather conditions were ideal for this October county fair, but not all was smooth sailing for many fairs in the state this year. (photo submitted)

Fairs

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timate the fair lost close to $100,000 in revenue, including $65,000 to $70,000 admissions that were never collected.

"At times it's been a tough road for many of these county fairs in Ohio this past season," Call said. "One vendor told me that of the 18 county fair weekends, 14 saw rain. But then again, county fairs in Ohio know how to survive."

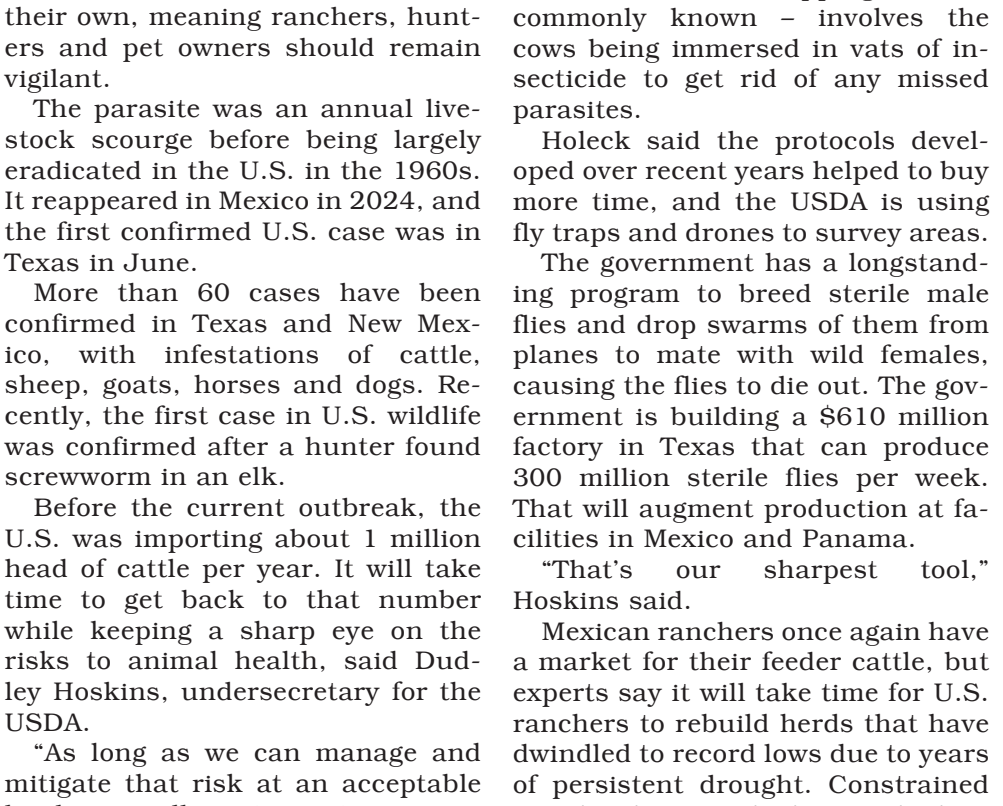
County fairs in Ohio remain on solid footing, Call said. The fairs are supported through the Ohio County & Independent Fairs Grant Program, providing $10 million in grants to all 94 county and independent fairs. Most fairs receive roughly $106,831 each year under the current program.

Grants can be used for capital improvements such as machinery and equipment, repair of fairground buildings, improved lighting, camping sites, traffic signage and road improvements. Those fairs affected by storms of September and August will likely use grant money for restoration purposes.

While the state grant is a significant boost, Call said it doesn't guarantee that every fair is doing well in a broader financial sense. County fairs are typically not-for-profit agricultural societies that rely on a mix of admission fees and concessions, vendor and sponsor revenue, grants and donations, and event-related income such as livestock sales and contests.

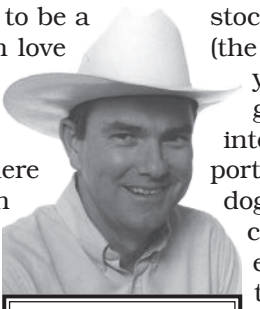
The grant money, he said, is not a direct operating subsidy but an investment in infrastructure, which can help fairs remain competitive and profitable over time.

"County fairs in Ohio have been around a long time and they show no signs of slowing down anytime soon," Call said.





Recipe for life should be shared with generations of family



It's the Pitts
By Lee Pitts

Publishers tell me that one of their most popular regular features are recipes so I thought I'd cook up one of my own. I guarantee it's not a recipe you'll find in any cookbook. My recipe has no artificial ingredients, it's not instant-anything, there are no shortcuts, no contents are interchangeable like breadcrumbs and saltine crackers, you won't find a similar recipe on any box or can and it requires more work than anything you've ever served. It's a recipe for life.

First, you'll need a large receptacle to mix all the ingredients. For this I'd recommend a patch of ground outside a small country town that cartographers forgot to include on any map. You don't need an enormous ranch, but it should be big enough that you can't see your closest neighbor. But you'll always know they are there in case you need them.

To this parcel of land, mix in some kids. This recipe doesn't stipulate how many, but it ought to be a number so that you can love them all equally. Somewhere on this parcel of land should be a spot for a large garden where your kids can grow. In this garden, your kids will harvest knowledge like the best things in life take a long time to ripen. Radishes (yuck) can be grown in three weeks but the really good stuff like strawberries can take 13 weeks and corn 14. Your kids will also learn that fresh fruits and vegetables are good for them and nothing in the world tastes better than something you grow yourself. They'll also learn that a little dirt never hurt anyone and every time they sit down at the table to eat, they'll thank God for farmers and ranchers.

Next, stir in lots of "stock" and I'm not talking chicken broth but stronger stock such as beef, lambs, pigs, ducks (the comediennes of the barnyard) and yes, even chickens. If possible, a gentle horse should also be mixed into this batter of beasts. It's very important to enhance your recipe with dogs... lots and lots of dogs. What the child will learn from this conglomeration of critters is responsibility by having to feed and care for them. From the dogs they'll also learn that they shouldn't spoil animals or people by constantly offering them treats to shake hands with a stranger. They'll also learn by doing daily chores that they'll grow natural muscle which is far superior to that made by supplements, steroids, a gym or a barbell.

Introduce into this mix at the age of 8 the 4-H Club and later the FFA. Here they can learn all about parliamentary procedure, public speaking, how to judge a heifer or a hen and how to string a bead with a welder. Season your patch of ground with an old tractor that is always breaking down so your boy or girl can learn how to fix things. I'd remind every parent that many successful companies have been baked up in the family garage.

At least once a month, you'll want to share this special recipe with all your family members that hopefully live in close proximity. There should be plenty of grandparents and lots of kids to drive everyone nuts. Don't smother the kids with attention or they may spoil easily but stir consistently with lovin' spoonfuls of affection. If you must add alcohol to the mix, it should be used sparingly and the only thing smoked should be the meat.

Serve your community and your country by joining Rotary, the Lions Club, Kiwanis, the Salvation Army or the U.S. military. Serving people will help you become more humble, honest and generous. Attempt to turn your passion into a career, find a spouse you want to spend the rest of your life with and never let your temper boil over.

If you must make a substitution in your recipe, instead of investing your time and money in professional major league teams become a loyal supporter of your local Little League or soccer squads. Buy an animal at the county fair and shop on Main Street instead of Amazon.

Age well and let this recipe simmer for several generations. Garnish with dignity and I think you'll find it's a satisfying, filling and healthy recipe for a life well lived.

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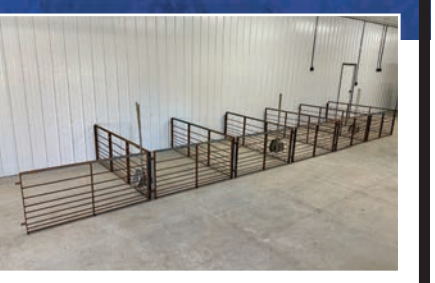

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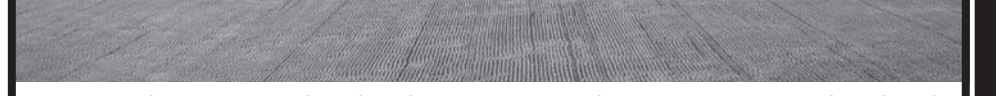

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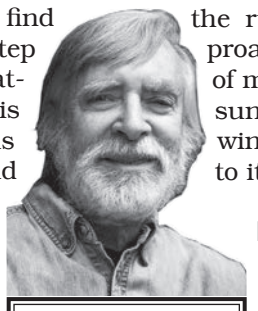
As November arrives chances for thunderstorms decreases



Poor Will's Almanack
By Bill Felker

To finish the moment, to find the journey's end in every step of the road, to live the greatest number of good hours, is wisdom. Since our office is with moments, let us husband them. Let us be poised, and wise, and our own, today. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Phases of the Moon

Nov. 10: The Deer Mating Moon is new.

Nov. 17: The Moon enters its second quarter.

Nov. 24: The Moon is full.

Dec. 1: The Moon enters its final quarter.

The Stars

As November begins, the Summer Triangle is setting in the west, and Orion is coming up in the east, the Milky Way tying them together through the Great Square. By the arrival of Deep Winter, Orion will be almost overhead at bedtime and Gemini will tower behind it.

Times for Hunting and Fishing

Fish and hunt at midday when the moon is new. Fish and hunt in the afternoon and evening when the moon is in its first quarter. Be out at night when the moon is full and in its third quarter. Be in the woods or on the water in the morning when the moon is in its fourth quarter.

The Weather in the Week Ahead

As November arrives, frost often moves into the Border States, and the odds increase for cold throughout the week ahead. The 3rd ushers in the snow season for the nation's midsection, flurries or accumulation becoming at least a 10 percent possibility per day between that date and spring. Chances of a thunderstorm usually disappear until February in the Midwest, but all-day rains increase. If this first November cold front is a day or two late, the 1st through the 3rd or 4th can be some of the mildest days of late autumn.

The weather system that arrives around Nov. 6 usually brings the coldest days of November's first week. It also carries Middle Fall into the Border States and the South, Late Fall to the Midwest and southern Plains, and Early Winter to farms along the Canadian border. The days immediately after the Nov. 6 front are usually much more moderate, but precipitation is the rule as the next system approaches. Beginning at this time of month, the percentage of daily sunlight drops quickly, and the wind blows a little harder, rising to its winter levels.

Farming and Gardening

The workday begins to shrink more quickly now, losing about two minutes every 24 hours: November takes almost an hour from the day's length along the 40th Parallel. All the major migrations (except for the migration of gulls and sandhill cranes) end within the next two weeks. Throughout the month, bulbs, shrubs and dormant roses can still be set out, but November's first week usually provides the most pleasant weather for outdoor activities.

By this stage of the autumn, soil temperatures often fall into the middle 40s, and the grazing season ends in most Midwestern pastures. Pond waters are at or below 50 degrees, and koi are reluctant to rise for their food. Sugar beets are typically more than three-fourths dug, and the pumpkin harvest nears completion. Orchids reach full bloom in conservatories throughout the country.

Late bulbs, garlic, shrubs and trees can be planted in November throughout much of the nation. The finest lunar and meteorological time of all for that activity will occur between full moon and the end of the moon's third quarter. In northern states, it might be wise, however, to plant as soon as possible – preferably before the weather turns much nastier after Nov. 4. Trim hooves, and cut hair on goats, slaughter livestock, give vaccinations, and treat for internal and external parasites under the dark moon.

Almanack Literature
The Tale of a House Lamb
By Graham Robertson

It was many years ago, so I do not recall all the details, but we had a ewe lamb which, for one reason or another, was raised in the house. Obviously against health codes, but shepherds are flexible.

She started out in the usual cardboard box next to the heat register. As she got a little older, she graduated to Pampers with a hole for her tail. She had the run of the house, and she fell into a routine where after her bottle she would curl up in front of the TV. Perhaps waiting for Animal Planet to come on.

At around 2 in the afternoon, she would move to a spot in the living room where the sun was shining down. She also enjoyed her lap time when she would fall asleep in my lap while I worked on my laptop.

When hungry, she made it quite obvious with loud baa's, pleading that she was all bones and wool, and asking me to hurry with the bottle before the angel of death came. This phase lasted for several weeks until she outgrew the coverage of Pampers, and much to her dismay, was banished to a 6 x 6-foot pen in the garage.

As she grew, she was allowed out daily to roam the front yard, and she seemed to enjoy having races around the house with my son. Finally, when she required less frequent feeding, she was moved to the barn with the rest of the lambs. This became something of a challenge, as if she saw me leave, she would try to follow me back up to the house. No doubt she had the understanding that "she was a house lamb."

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Drone use growing in ranch country to locate cattle, monitor grazing

ALL ABOUT TRACTORS

BY PAUL WALLEM

In 1948, Elmo Meiners and Arthur Warsaw saw a demand among Farmall owners for greater speed and horsepower. They formed M&W Gear Co. to meet that demand.

Over the years, the company created 21 attachments for Farmalls, and Meiners later developed the M&W dynamometer. Meiners originated tractor-pulling contests in 1955 and served as the first president of the tractor-pulling association.

Now, 78 years later, Bill Burnham, of Morris, Ill., keeps the M&W story alive through his collection of red Farmalls with M&W attachments.

Burnham's recent M&W gear show displayed his entire collection, including tractors with extraordinary paint jobs. The event drew a large, well-deserved crowd.

CASE IH announces Optum tractors

Three new models are expected to be available by December: the Optum 360, 390 and 440. They will offer a 37-mph road speed, a tighter turning radius for row-crop work, and independent front-axle suspension for a smoother ride.

An updated 8.7-liter Cursor 9 engine will idle at lower speeds for better fuel economy when not working. A central tire-inflation system can be controlled from the cab or automatically based on tractor speed.

Use cell phones cautiously during harvest

During harvest, more cell phone calls may come in while you are in the cab, leaving less time to check who is calling.

Scam calls are increasing. Take the time to check the source of a call or send it to voicemail and review the message later. Billions of dollars are lost annually to scam calls. Protect yourself by not responding too quickly.

Kubota news release

Kubota Tractor Corporation has announced the official launch of WorkSmart Autosteer, a precision-guidance system built for compact and utility equipment. It extends technology traditionally used on Kubota's larger agricultural tractors to more machines across its equipment lineup. The system works like an autopilot: it holds the line while the operator remains in command.

WorkSmart Autosteer is engineered for the specific model on which it is installed. The unit may be sold, installed, serviced and warranted through a single dealer relationship.

USDA equipment market comments

Average annual machinery purchases declined to $134 per acre in 2025, down from a high of $239 in 2023. Machinery repair expenses have increased along with machinery values and capital purchases.

Between 2021 and 2023, prices of agricultural equipment increased by 20 percent. Those costs have continued to rise since then, though less sharply. USDA machinery price data showed an increase of about 2 percent from June 2025 to June 2026.



Above: Case IH Optum 360-440 models.

During that same period, inflation rose 4 percent.

Total fuel expenses for 2025 were estimated at $15.6 billion, accounting for 64.1 percent. Diesel expenditures were up 1 percent from the previous year.

The growing use of drones in ranch country

Dennis Bowman, a University of Illinois digital agriculture specialist, recently reported on rangeland drone applications. Drones are used extensively to locate cattle, monitor grazing distribution, and assist with roundups where horseback riders or vehicles have limited access.

Regarding Corn Belt use, he described the need to thoroughly calibrate and test spray deposition, spray patterns and effective swath width. Operators also need to be aware of how flight speed, wind, and operating height influence where the spray ends up.

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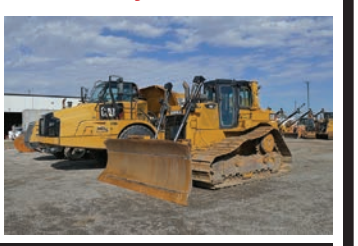

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Garth Ruff's 10 tips for best practices for cattle producers

by Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

The beef market for the first half of 2026 has been good, but cattle prices have been lower in the second half, according to Garth Ruff's "Beef-o-nomics" discussion at the Farm Science Review in Ohio earlier this year.

"In the short term, things are going to be rough and in the long term there is not enough cattle out there to meet the demand," Ruff said. "It all comes down to supply and demand. Right now, we've got the smallest herd we've had in the U.S. since the 1950s while beef demand remains high."

Ruff is a beef cattle and livestock marketing field specialist for Ohio State University Extension. He specializes in beef cattle production systems and farm-level economics. He is the leader of the OSU Beef Team and coordinator for the Beef Quality Program in Ohio.

"Generally speaking, the beef market is good. The first half of 2026 we had high prices across the board, but from the latter half of 2026 cattle prices have been lower. There are three reasons for that, the first being an increase in corn prices. Second, there were those large imports of Argentinian beef. And third, we had two beef processing plants close on us."

Ruff was a major presenter at this year's Farm Science Review.

"Long term, over the next few years the forecast is for fewer cows while the demand for beef will be plenty strong, despite the higher retail prices for beef. The cow-calf operators will likely make between $800 to $950 per head. Feeding cattle will be a bit less lucrative."

Ruff listed his Top 10 Best Practices for Ohio cattle producers. Tops on Ruff's list was investing in facility improvements, adding that "it's time to reinvest in infrastructure to improve cattle handling and performance while setting up the next generation of beef producers to be successful."

Secondly, Ruff advises improvement in production and financial record keeping.

"Know your production costs at the fam level first and once the big picture is in place, look towards refining those costs," he said.

Third on his list was testing forages for quality or lack thereof, while fourth was to buy quality bulls.

"A bull is 50 percent of the calf crop and, at minimum, will influence a herd's production for a decade," he said. "You get what you pay for in some regards. There is a difference between a herd sire and a cow settler."

Rounding out Ruff's Top 10 suggestions for cattle producers were (5) manage risks by considering ways to protect revenue, (6) increase calf crop consistency by narrowing the breeding season to 60 days, (7) culling underperforming cows, (8) take herd health seriously, (9) consider expanding the herd, and (10) crunch the numbers on freezer beef production.

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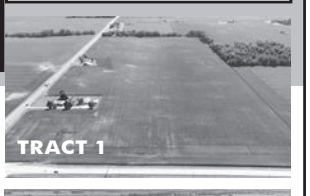



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HUNTINGTON CO, IN: NOV 9 (ONLINE) 80.969+/- Acres • Tillable • Woods
Contact: Jon Rosen: 260.740.1846

MORGAN CO, IN: NOV 10 (ONLINE) 160+/- Acres • 5 Tracts
Tillable • Home Contact: Todd Litten: 812.327.2466 or Dave Bonnell: 812.343.4313

WHITE CO, IN: NOV 11 (ONLINE) 115+/- Acres • 2 Tracts
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RANDOLPH CO, IN: NOV 11 (ONLINE) 93.886+/- Acres • 2 Tracts
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CLINTON CO, IN: NOV 12 (ONLINE) 150.43+/- Acres • 3 Tracts
Tillable Cropland Contact: Sam Clark: 317.442.0251 or Jim Clark: 317.627.6928

LAPORTE CO, IN: NOV 12 (ONLINE) 57.01+/- Acres • Tillable • Woods
Contact: Nolan Sampson: 219.575.1486 or Larry Smith: 219.716.4041

HOWARD CO, IN: NOV 16 (ONLINE) 127.56+/- Acres • 2 Tracts
Income Producing Farmland • Barns Contact: Brandon Stroble: 765.499.1170, AJ Jordan: 317.697.3086, Larry Jordan: 765.473.5849 or Emma Barr: 260.494.0992

BLACKFORD CO, IN: NOV 17 (ONLINE) 257+/- Acres • 4 Tracts
Tillable • Home Contact: Jason Johnloz: 260.273.9177 or Rick Johnloz: 260.827.8181

GRANT CO, IN: NOV 17 (ONLINE) 40.183+/- Acres • Tillable
Contact: Chris Peacock: 765.546.0592, Lauren Peacock: 765.546.7359 or Don Wright: 765.661.1429

PUTNAM CO, IN: NOV 18 (ONLINE) 206.7+/- Acres • 2 Tracts • Tillable
Contact: Gary Bohlander: 765.794.0221, AJ Jordan: 317.697.3086, Larry Jordan: 765.473.5849

JACKSON CO, IN: NOV 19 (ONLINE) 76+/- Acres • Tillable
Contact: Dave Bonnell: 812.343.4313 or Michael Bonnell: 812.343.6036

BARTHOLOMEW CO, IN: NOV 24 (ONLINE) 152.83+/- Acres
2 Tracts • Tillable Contact: Dave Bonnell: 812.343.4313 or Michael Bonnell: 812.343.6036

NEW! FAYETTE CO, IN: NOV 30 (ONLINE) 71.848+/- Acres
Recreation • Woods • Tillable Contact: Rusty Harmeyer: 765.570.8118

NEW! CASS CO, IN: DEC 1 (LIVE) 741.108+/- Acres • 11 Tracts
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NEW! FAYETTE CO, IN: DEC 2 (LIVE) 303.78+/- Acres • 4 Tracts • Tillable
Contact: Michael Bonnell: 812.343.6036, Rusty Harmeyer: 765.570.8118, or Dave Bonnell: 812.343.4313

NEW! WELLS CO, IN: DEC 3 (ONLINE) 121.94+/- Acres • 2 Tracts
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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

THURS., NOV. 19, 2026-5:30 PM

Auction Site: Abernathy Auction Facility-
640 W. Contreras Pk, Liberty IN
Property located at: 3187 & 3191 Abbott Rd., Brookville IN



OWNERS: JONATHAN SCHNECKER & SUSAN KUEHN, TRUSTEES OF HILDA SCHNECKER TRUST

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Fallen leaves make good mulch for lawn, garden

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

The agricultural weather outlook from the National Weather Service Climate Predication Center (CPC) to Nov. 10 for our area of the Midwest is calling for a forecast leaning above normal temperatures and calling for a stretch of near normal outlook for precipitation. Eric Snodgrass, of Nutrient Ag Solutions, confirms a strongly based El Niño, still gaining strength, and peaking maybe in December. The official CPC 30-day forecast for November, updated Oct. 15, is showing above normal temperatures and normal to below normal outlook for precipitation. The CPC three-month outlook for metrological winter of December through February 2027 is calling for likely above normal temperatures and equal chances for precipitation. Despite all the hubbub about a dry October, the MSU Enviroweather station at Deerfield, Mich., shows October 2026 with 1.68 inches of rain, compared to 1.13 inches last year and a five-year average of 2.14 inches.

Warm soils are not suitable for holding fall applied nitrogen, such as anhydrous ammonia (NH3), safely in the soil. Soil temperatures on Oct. 28 at the MSU Enviroweather station at Deerfield show soil temperature at the 4- inch level at 59.2°F. Farmers are encouraged to wait for 50°F and falling 4-inch temperatures, with a cooling forecast, before applying NH3. A nitrification inhibitor slows the conversion of ammonium N to nitrate N but doesn't ensure that all the N will be there come Spring, especially with a strong El Niño. If necessary, partly for pricing purposes, consider applying part of the N in the fall and the est in the spring or sidedress.

Tri-State Fertility Calculator has been updated with Microsoft Excel spreadsheet according to Greg LaBarage, of Ohio State. This tool allows users to generate nutrient recommendations or compare recommendations from other sources, such as the fertilizer dealer, based upon the Tri-State Fertilizer Recommendations for Corn, Soybeans, wheat and Alfalfa. The calculator can be downloaded at: https://go.osu.edu/ohiofertiltytool.

Fall Garden Winter Prep should include: collecting old annual and vegetable plants as long as they are free of disease for composting; knowing which perennials to cut back or leave standing until spring; cleaning hanging baskets, pots or other contains this fall for re-use; cleaning and sharpening garden tools; trying to utilize fallen leaves, which provide valuable natural mulch resources for the yard or garden; and keeping a garden journal for next year.







Located at 12546 Hwy 460 W, Morgan County, KY, this property offers approximately 261.8 acres in two tracts. Tract 1 consists of 180.29 acres and includes a home featuring 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, a kitchen, living room, and dining room. Tract 2 offers 81.55 acres. This is a great opportunity to purchase a large acreage property with a home or acquire land in separate tracts.



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MAJOR DOWNSIZING AUCTION

Featuring Kevin & Denise Brierly

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Location: 193 N. Music Dr., Madison, IN 47250

Smith & Colen Auctions is honored to conduct a downsizing auction for Kevin and Denise Brierly. This is a great lineup featuring an awesome 1963 Ford F250, this model is also commonly known as a "Wrong Bed Ford", old and newer tractors and farm equipment, a side-by-side, golf carts, trailers, lawn equipment, shop tools, antiques, primitives, collectibles, and much more!



TRACTORS & FARM EQUIPMENT

2019 John Deere 3038 tractor — only 207 hours, loader bucket, and recent service
1951 Ford 8N tractor — good tires
1951 Ferguson 7020 — nice!
1964 Massey Ferguson 50 — good paint, good tires, one rear remote
Additional parts tractors, a 8N & 9N
Two-bottom plows
Three-point grader blade
Three-point disc
5-foot Frontier RC2060 rotary cutter
Gehl three-point tiller
Pallet forks for compact tractor
Side-by-side snowplow
Yard roller and additional farm equipment

MOWERS, VEHICLES & RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

1963 Ford F250, — runs great, partially restored, new tires
2014 Polaris Crew XP side-by-side — 7,250 miles
2014 Ferris 61-inch zero-turn mower — new engine installed last year, 1,387 total hours on the mower
Lifted EZ-GO golf cart — sharp-looking, runs well, road-ready
Six-passenger gas golf cart

TRAILERS & WAGONS

2015 Sport Haven aluminum single-axle trailer, 7'x14'
Flatbed wagon
Wagon running gear
Old truck-bed trailer — no title
Large steel wagon wheels
Damaged metal carport

SHOP TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

Craftsman 33-gallon air compressor
Stihl MS 251 C chainsaw
Bench vise
Drill press
Jeep top hoist
Large barn exhaust fan
Barn trolley
Garden tools and additional equipment

HOUSEHOLD, OUTDOOR ITEMS & COLLECTIBLES

NASCAR collection-Dale Earnhardt and Dale JR cars/items
Old Hallmark ornaments
Baseball Cards
Picnic tables and outdoor furniture
Willow chairs
Tiller
Plastic boat
Antique Mail Pouch thermometer
Live-edge walnut lumber
Number 3 butter churn and 5- and 10-gallon crocks
Primitive antiques galore
Cast-iron skillets
Collectibles and baskets
Remote-control cars
Christmas decorations
Horse-drawn sleigh
And much more!

This is a large, diverse auction with something for the farmer, collector, handyman, and antique enthusiast! The House of Brisket food truck will be on site. This will be a fun sale you don't want to miss.

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35+/- Acres

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35.392± ACRES — FARMLAND, WOODS & DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL
Children's Home–Bradford Road | Greenville Township | Darke County, Ohio

An opportunity to purchase 35.392± acres offering productive farmland, wooded acreage, and future development potential in Greenville Township. Located on Children's Home–Bradford Road within the Greenville City School District, this property offers options for farmers, investors, and buyers interested in acreage with the flexibility for future resale. The property includes approximately 29.254 acres of tillable ground and 6.113 acres of woods, according to county records. Previously approved parcel splits offer an additional opportunity for the new owner. The existing survey provides for 5.001-acre tracts, allowing the purchaser to retain the property together or pursue separate parcel numbers and sell individual surveyed tracts in the future.

PROCEDURE: The property will be offered AS ONE TRACT.
DOWN PAYMENT: 10% down payment on the day of the auction with the balance in cash at closing. The down payment may be made in the form of cash, cashier's check, personal check or corporate check. YOUR BIDDING IS NOT CONDITIONAL UPON FINANCING, so be sure you have arranged financing, if needed, & are capable of paying cash at closing.
EVIDENCE OF TITLE: The Seller has obtained a title examination and Title Certificate for benefit of Seller. A copy of such Title Certificate is included herewith for reference only. If Buyer desires a title examination or title insurance for Buyer's benefit in conjunction with closing, Buyer is responsible for all of such costs. The entire cost of the owner's title insurance will be the responsibility of the Buyer(s). The seller agrees to provide merchantable title to the property subject to matters of record. All tracts sold "As-Is".
CLOSING: The balance of the real estate purchase price is due at closing, which will take place on or before JANUARY 8th, 2027.
ACCEPTANCE OF BID PRICE: The successful bidder(s) will be required to enter into a Purchase Agreement at the auction site immediately following the close of the auction. The final bid price is subject to the Seller's acceptance or rejection.
POSSESSION: Possession will be delivered at closing subject to the removal of the 2026 crop and consistent with the current crop lease which expires on December 31st, 2026.
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REAL ESTATE TAXES / ASSESSMENTS: Taxes will be pro-rated to the date of closing utilizing Darke County's short pro-ration method. The property is currently enrolled in the CAUV program. Any recoupment required for change of usage of any tract is expense of the buyer.
PROPERTY INSPECTION: Each potential Bidder is responsible for conducting, at their own risk, their own independent inspections, investigations, inquiries & due diligence concerning the property. The inspection date has been scheduled & will be staffed w/ auction personnel. Further, Seller disclaims any & all responsibility for Bidder's safety during any physical inspection of the property. No party shall be deemed an invitee of the property by virtue of the offering of the property for sale.
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Stanley MALOTT FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION

MONTGOMERY CO. OHIO

SAT. NOVEMBER 28, 2026 @ 9:30 A.M.

AUCTION LOCATION:
8383 SWEET POTATO RIDGE RD, BROOKVILLE, OH 45309

TRACTORS • COMBINE • BACKHOE • SPRAYER • SEMI&TRAILER • PLANTERS • GRAIN DRILL • GRAVITY WAGONS • GRAIN BINS • FORKLIFT • AUGERS • TANKS •

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TRACTORS: 1998 John Deere 9100-Hrs. Showing 8,061, GoodYear 520/85R42 tires, 4 hydraulic remotes; 1995 John Deere 8970- Hrs. Showing 2,982, 4 hydraulic remotes, 20.8R42 Tires; 1990 John Deere 8760- Hrs. Showing 6,186, Firestone 18.4R42 tires, 3 point hitch, 3 hydraulic remotes; 1983 John Deere 4250-hrs meter showing 2,663, (meter broken) actual believed to have approx. 3,000hrs) 2nd. Owner, Powershift trans, 18.4R38 tires, 2 hydraulic remotes, 540/1000 PTO, 3 point hitch; 1981 John Deere 4440- Hr meter showing 7,143, 8spd. Powershift trans, 2 hydraulic remotes, 540/1000 PTO, 3 point hitch; **COMBINE & HEADS:** John Deere 9560STS-4,227eng. Hrs. 2,322Sep. hrs. Bin extensions, Firestone 900/60R32 tires; 2005 John Deere 630F HydraFlex Flex Head, 30ft. Cutting Width, *DAMAGED* Full-Finger Auger, Hyd. Fore/Aft Reel, Single-Point Hookup, Poly Skid Plates, S/N H00630F712360; John Deere 606C Corn Head, 6 Row, 30" Spacing, Poly Snouts, Single-Point Hookup, Gathering Chains, Knife Rolls;Unverferth HT30 Header Transport, 30' Capacity, Green, 4-Wheel Running Gear, Front Steering, Adjustable Header Supports, Lights, Reflective Marking, Pin Hitch; **SEMI & TRAILER:** 2007 Volvo VNL Day Cab Truck Tractor, Volvo D12 12.1L Diesel, 465 HP, Eaton Fuller 10-Spd Manual Trans, Tandem Axle, 6x4, 12,000 lb Front Axle, Aluminum Wheels, Air Ride, Dual Fuel Tanks, VIN 4V4NC9GH27N462168; 2011 Timpte Aluminum Hopper Bottom Grain Trailer, Tandem Axle, Air Ride Suspension, Dual Hoppers, Shur-Co 4500HD Electric Roll Tarp, Aluminum Construction, Rear Ladder, LED Lights; **GRAIN CART & TENDER:** 2020 J&M SpeedTender C450 Seed Tender, S/N 2062038, 4-Box Capacity, 22' x 8" Belt Conveyor, Hyd. Swing & Raise/Lower, 13 HP Honda Gas Engine w/ Electric Start, Tandem Axle, Electric Brakes; 2004 Brent 1080 Grain Cart, 1,080 Bu. Capacity, 20" Corner Auger, Hyd. Adjustable Spout, Roll Tarp, Scale System, 1000 PTO, Large Flotation Tires, S/N B20920127; **PLANTERS & DRILLS:** 2014 Kinze 3600 16/32 Row, Bulk fill, Air Seed delivery, fill auger, markers, row cleaners, No-till coulters, 1 spiked & 1 rubber closing wheel, seed firmers, Center pivot frame; John Deere 7000 Planter, 6 Row, 30" Spacing, Pull-Type, Fiberglass Seed Boxes, Mechanical Ground Drive, Double-Disc Openers, Rubber Closing Wheels, Hyd. Lift, Row Markers; 1994 John Deere 750 No-Till Grain Drill, 15' Working Width, 7.5" Spacing, 24 Openers, Single-Disc No-Till Openers, Press Wheels, Hyd. Lift, Hyd. Row Markers, Grain Box, Pull-Type, S/N N00750X013918; **TILLAGE EQUIP:** 2014 Kent by Great Plains 6541 Series VII Field Cultivator, 41ft. Working Width, 71 Shank; DMI 40ft. Crumbler with hydraulic double fold; 2011 Sunflower 6630 Vertical Tillage Tool, Hyd. Fold, Walking Tandems, Wing Gauge Wheels, Single-Point Depth Control, Serrated SoilRazor Blades, Rear Rolling Baskets, S/N AGCS66300BZVRT025; **SPRAYER & TENDER:** Case IH Patriot SPX3150 Self-Propelled Sprayer, 90ft. Boom, 750 Gal Poly Tank, Hydrostatic 4WD; **AUGERS:** Sudenga Portable Grain Auger, Approx. 6" x 31', Electric Drive, Galvanized Tube, Manual Cable/Wheel Lift, Transport Wheels, Discharge Spout w/ Flex Downspout; Hutchinson/Mayrath 10" x Approx. 72' Swing-Away Grain Auger, S/N 953131, 540 PTO, Swing-Away Hopper, Hyd. Lift, Galvanized Tube, Cable-Truss Support, Transport Wheels; This is a partial listing only! Check back for more info!

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HANSBARGER FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION

Alan & Denise

ARCANUM – OHIO

COMPLETE FARM LIQUIDATION

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 3rd. 2026

LIVE AUCTION W/ ONLINE BIDDING Auctioneers: Grant & Orrin Bussey





2253 ARCANUM ITHACA RD, ARCANUM, OH 45304, USA

TRACTORS: 2009 Case IH Magnum 335 MFWD, 5,081 hrs., powershift, RTK, luxury cab, front & rear duals; 2011 Case IH Magnum 260 MFWD, 5,082 hrs., 19-speed powershift, RTK, luxury cab, rear duals; 1999 Case IH Magnum 8950 MFWD, 5,748 hrs., 18-speed powershift, rear duals, front & rear weights.

COMBINE & HEADS: 2020 Case IH 7250 Axial-Flow, 1,912 engine/1,347 separator hrs., 468 max HP, RTK, Harvest Command, Kuchar concaves, luxury cab, folding unload auger, front duals; 2023 MacDon FD240 40 ft. FlexDraper, 1 owner; 2021 Geringhoff NS830 corn head, 8-row, 30 in., end augers, stalk stompers, Headsight.

PLANTERS: 2019 John Deere 1795, 16/32-row, 30/15 in., approx. 6,300 acres, 1 owner, CCS, MaxEmerge 5, variable-rate drive, pneumatic downforce, no-till; 2006 John Deere 1770NT, 16-row, 2,340 Acres, Precision Planting vSet/vDrive, DeltaForce, Reveal row cleaners, vApply HD liquid fertilizer, 20/20 Gen 3, Retrofitted with all Precision Planting in late 2022 by Peak Agronomy Solutions;

GRAIN HANDLING: 2014 J&M 910 grain cart, 1,000 bu., scales, tarp, extended-reach auger; Unverferth G13 & 325 hopper wagons, 400 bu. each; 2010 Unverferth SeedRunner 3750, triple axle, scales, tarp, Honda engine, belt conveyor; 2000 Hutchison Mayrath 10x62 Grain Auger, Swing away;

HEADER CARTS: 2024 J&M AWS15, 40 ft., all-wheel steer; 2014 J&M HT974, front steer.

TILLAGE: Case IH 200 field cultivator, 33 ft., folding, 5-bar spike drag, rear hitch & hydraulics; 2015 Landoll 7431-29 & 2012 7431-26 VT Plus, 29 ft. & 26 ft., folding, rolling baskets, rear hitches; 2002 John Deere 2700 disc ripper, 15 ft., rear spike drag; 2022 J&M TF212 double rolling baskets, hydraulic folding; Yetter 3530 rotary hoe, 30 ft., folding; John Deere 400 rotary hoe, 15 ft.

APPLICATION EQUIPMENT: 2023 J&M 5016 Nitro-Gro 28% applicator, 17-knife, 1,600 gal., coulters; Ag Spray P287-1610 tandem-axle tender, 2,000 gal., Honda engine, inductor; MS R60HV 60 ft. 3-point sprayer boom, hydraulic lift & fold; Killbros tender wagon, 10-ton gear, 1-1,550 gal., Honda pump & inductor; pair Helicopter 300 gal. saddle tanks for Magnum 260; pair Demco 260 gal. saddle tanks; Tru-Kleen 45 gal. inductor with pump; Briggs & Stratton transfer pump; PTO pump; planter band sprayers; anhydrous knives & shanks; 2007 Blue Jet Anhydrous Applicator ToolBar- 17 Shank, 3 point mount, closing blades, w/Dickie John's Land Manager II controls and regulator;

TRUCKS: 2003 Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD 4x4, 144,540 miles, V8 gas, automatic, 4-door, 8 ft. bed, 1 owner; 2006 International 8600 daycab, 450,118 miles showing, Cummins ISM 370, UltraShift 10-speed; 2013 International ProStar sleeper, 500,067 miles showing, MaxxForce, 10-speed manual, wet kit; 2000 International 9600 sleeper, 476,470 miles showing, Cummins, 10-speed.

TANKS: 4,000 & 1,000 gal. double-wall fuel tanks with Fill-Rite pumps; 100 gal. transfer tank with GPI pump; Dura DEF tote with pump; 1,550 & 2,100 gal. poly tanks; upright chemical tank.

MOWER, PARTS & SHOP: John Deere 115 PTO flail mower; new Clarke MT1140 parts washer with solvent; Clarke 20 gal. sandblaster with media; pneumatic grease pump; 40 ft. aluminum extension ladder; JD 1770 drive system, (16) spring assemblies, (16) fertilizer openers, (16) seed boxes, (14) gauge wheels & (16) rear row-unit frames; Magnum stone box & 8950 wheel spacers.

TIRES & RIMS: (2) Firestone 480/80R50 tires, approx. 30% tread; (4) Firestone 420/85R34 tires; assorted tires & wheels; (13) semi rims, 8-1/4in.x22 in.

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After years of successful farming Alan & Denise are retiring. You wont want to miss this excellent line up of high quality equipment. This auction will only have a few small items. Be sure to be on time!

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Stebbins Farms RETIREMENT AUCTION

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LIVE ONSITE AUCTION

TUESDAY DEC. 8TH AT 10AM



LOCATION:
11857 Diamond Mill Rd.
Englewood, OH 45322

AUCTIONEERS:
Grant & Orrin Bussey



AUCTIONEERS NOTE: After decades of successful farming, brothers Tim and George Stebbins have decided it's time to retire. They've built a strong, well-respected operation over the years, and are offering a great lineup of late-model, well-kept equipment. This is a genuine retirement auction—everything sells as they wrap up a lifetime in farming. DON'T MISS IT! Join us onsite! - Food Trailer Onsite

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Inspection Dates: Nov. 28th Noon-3pm. & Dec. 5th 9am -1pm & DEC 7th 9am-5pm

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Truckers' strike halts production of buffalo mozzarella in Italy

ROME (AP) – A truckers' protest in southern Italy has halted the production of the famed buffalo mozzarella, causing an estimated loss of 3 million euros in just 24 hours as the milk cannot reach dairies in the Naples region and the finished cheese cannot reach customers, an official said.

The weeklong strike by truck drivers over the high cost of diesel driven up by the Iran war has also blocked deliveries of other basic goods to supermarkets and left gas pumps empty in much of southern Italy. The government recently approved new tax breaks for truckers, but it was too early to tell whether they were enough to end the protest.

The disruption is particularly damaging to buffalo mozzarella because the production of the protected cheese depends on a tightly timed supply chain.

Buffaloes have to be milked regardless of whether dairies are operating, while production rules require that their milk be turned into mozzarella within 60 hours. Buffalo mozzarella is softer, creamier and richer than cow's-milk mozzarella.

Pier Maria Saccani, director of the Consortium for the Protection of Mozzarella di Bufala Campana DOP, said that about 1 million liters of buffalo milk produced recently couldn't be turned into mozzarella because of the transport blockade. The consortium oversees production standards and protects the designation of origin of the cheese in Italy and abroad.

"Yesterday, no mozzarella was produced," Saccani said, explaining it was a "3-million-euro block in 24 hours" – a loss of about 3.4 million dollars.

Farmers typically have only enough capacity to hold the fresh milk until dairy trucks collect it and cannot store large quantities for extended periods.

"So this blockade has obviously caused panic among farmers, who say, 'Where are we going to put it?'" Saccani added.

The dairies making mozzarella cannot afford to accumulate a highly perishable product if trucks are unable to deliver it to customers.

Several dairies have remained closed as a result, Saccani said, describing the situation as a "complete production blockade."

Unlike false claims this summer that production of Parmigiano Reggiano cheese was in crisis due to extreme heat, buffalo mozzarella output is indeed in jeopardy.

During an extraordinary Cabinet meeting recently, the Italian government led by Premier Giorgia Meloni approved new measures to help truckers and farmers face higher fuel costs, bringing financial aid to those two groups to a combined 540 million euros in tax credits, up from 434 million euros.

Some farmers have resorted to feeding part of the unused milk to their animals because they have nowhere to send it, Saccani said, adding that the transport disruption is also threatening supplies of animal feed and diesel needed to keep farms operating.

The blockade comes as milk producers and dairies are already confronting higher costs. Saccani said the consortium estimates production costs have risen about 30 percent, driven by increases in animal feed, diesel, energy, plastic packaging and transportation.

The increases have not been fully passed on to customers, he said, leaving producers to absorb much of the additional expense and cutting into profitability across the supply chain.

Buffalo mozzarella is an important industry in the Campania region, where the city of Naples is located, and in neighboring areas of southern Italy.

Saccani said that in 2025, the production of Mozzarella di Bufala Campana DOP totaled just under 58,000 metric tons, with about 37 percent of production exported. France is its largest foreign market.

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- **2014 Case 621 F RT Rubber Tired Loader,** S/N: NEF221517, Diesel, 20.5R25 Tires, Cab, Air Conditioning, Heat, Quick Coupler, GP Bucket, Pallet Forks, Meter Reads: 6,837 Hours
- **2011 Volvo SD70VIB Sheepsfoot,** S/N: VCE00S70J0S225639, Diesel, 14.9-24 R-1 Tires, Canopy, Vibratory, Meter Reads: 1696 Hours
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- **2017 Trailerman CCT7616N14 Tilt Top Trailer,** VIN: 5L3CX2225HL000442, Tandem Axle Single Wheel, ST235/80R16 Tires, Wood Floor, 20' x 80" with a 2' Dovetail
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- **2022 Dodge 5500 Super Duty Flatbed Truck,** VIN: 3C7WRNFLONG373771, Automatic Transmission, Cummins Diesel, Crew Cab, Power Windows, Power Locks, Power Mirrors, Tow Package, 4x4, Dually, Hitch Receiver, Gooseneck Hitch, Stake Side Bed, Steel Bed, Odometer Reads: 84,261 Miles, Fortress High Performance Air Compressor, Side Tool Boxes

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WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 18TH – 2026 6:00 PM
REAL ESTATE
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TRACT 3: Approximately 20.8 acres of rolling pastureland and woods, offering an excellent opportunity for livestock grazing, recreational use, or a rural retreat. This tract features a 38' x 88' (3,344 sq. ft.) pole barn with additional lean-to structures and existing fencing suitable for grazing operations. Additional improvements include an existing water well and the foundation of a former residence. The combination of open pasture, wooded acreage, and agricultural improvements makes this a versatile property with numerous possibilities. Pasture ground is predominantly Russell and Miami silt loams, 2%-6% slope; wooded ground is Russell and Miami silt loams, 6%-12% slope.
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Indiana sheep workshop set for Nov. 22

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. – Purdue Agriculture's Sheep and Wool Market Development Program (IN S&W) and the Indiana Sheep Association (ISA) are jointly sponsoring a new program called the Indiana Flock Exchange. Shepherds can participate in the Northern event Nov. 22 at the Pinney Purdue Ag Center.

Along with ISA, Cora Reinbolt, small ruminant Extension specialist at Purdue, organized the program. The Flock Exchange strives to reach all facets of the Indiana Sheep Industry, with the three inaugural workshops focusing on flock health and parasite management.

"Indiana's small ruminant industry is vibrant and diverse, filled with producers that have been working with sheep for generations and those just starting out," Reinbolt said. "They are interested in all sectors of the industry, from meat to fiber, show lambs to sheep dairies and beyond."

Reinbolt said the goal of the workshops is two-fold.

"Firstly, to provide an educational offering that is beneficial to all of our producers, and then, to go beyond a single event toward building a network of sheep farmers across each region," she said. "This network would be a way for all producers, no matter their level of experience, to be able to rely on one another for support and build events, marketing opportunities, and educational offerings of their own."

Program activities:

- FAMACHA certification training for all participants; FAMACHA is a proven method of screening sheep for parasites to avoid excessive deworming which can lead to parasitic resistance.

- Current state health issues affecting sheep session by the Indiana Board of Animal Health (BOAH).

- Experienced Producer Panel; this panel will feature sheep producers from the respective region of the state discussing their experiences in flock health and answering questions specific to their region.

The program will provide dinner included in the $10 registration fee. The workshop at Pinney Purdue will begin check-in at 1:30 p.m., with the program beginning at 2 p.m. EST.

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KNIVES: Many Case Knives, Uncle Henry, Buck, more.
COINS & PAPER MONEY: Kennedy Halves, Silver Eagles, Morgan Dollars, more Silver Coins, Proof Sets, 1917 "Big" Dollar, 1957 Silver Certificate, pennies, nickels, dimes & Quarters, more.
JEWELRY: Gold & Silver chains & pendants, earrings, Miscellaneous gold pieces.
MOWERS: 60' Hustler Zero Turn, Scag Walk behind, John Deere Mower, Murray Mower, more
TOOLS: Many hand tools, craftsman & other brands, Long Handle Tools, Craftsman Roll Around toolbox full of tools, Stanley Tool Caddy(-full), Truck Toolbox, Floor Jack, Bench Grinder, Drill Press, Vise, Ladders, more.
RELOADING EQUIPMENT: MEC Reloader, empty shotshell casings, Misc. powder, lead shot. more.
FISHING: Poles, Tackle Boxes, Vintage Lures, more.
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53± ACRES

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INSPECTION: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM EST
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Jan serviced, maintained and upgraded his quality, shedded line of farm equipment w/the intent to continue farming in 2026; but due to declining health, He will sell the following.

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TRACTORS: ***2008 CIH Magnum 275,*** MFWD, Deluxe Cab w/leather air ride seat, 3-pt, fast hitch, (3) PTO's, (4) SCV's + P.B., F.S. 480/80R46, 10-bolt duals, F.S. 380/85R34 front duals, (10) front weights, pr. of 1000 lb rear weights, 18-spd & Trimble FM1000 "Auto Steer" (Field IQ is unlocked) (PRE-DEF, fluids serviced, only 2102-hrs, SN Z8RZ03992); ***2002 CIH MX240 Magnum,*** MFWD w/CAH, 18-spd, 3-pt, fast hitch, lg. 1000-PTO, (4) SCV's, rear Michelin 480/80R46, 10-bolt duals, front Michelin 380/85R34 singles, (10) front weights, pr. of 500 lb rear weights, H.D. draw bar & Trimble FM 1000 "Auto Steer" (Field IQ is unlocked) (PRE-DEF, fluids serviced, shows 1851-hrs, has 1244 more, total of 3095-hrs, reman. CAPS inj. pump was replaced 1000-hrs ago, SN JJA0117548); ***2000 CIH MX180 Magnum,*** MFWD w/CAH, 18-spd, 3-pt, (3) PTO's, (4) SCV's + P.B., rear BFG 480/80R46 drive tires & Michelin 10-bolt duals, front BFG 380/85R34 singles, (10) front weights, pr of 500 lb rear weights & Trimble FM1000 "Auto Steer" (Field IQ is unlocked) (PRE-DEF, fluids serviced, 2772 orig. hrs, SN JJA0105087, NOTE: above 100,500 on S.N.); ***1966 Oliver 1950 w/"GM Detroit Diesel",*** "Hydra-Power Drive", 3-pt, fast hitch, (2) SCV's, 540-pto, BFG 18.4-34's & (2) sets of rear weights (5445-hrs, approx. 1000-hrs on major O/H, SN 168236); ***1973 Oliver 1555*** gas w/adj. wide front, 3-pt, (1) SCV, 540-pto, 460/85R30 radials, Oliver 1610 hyd. front loader w/skid steer-type mount (1-owner, only 2984-orig. hrs, SN 237072).

COMBINE / HEADS / CARRIERS: 2012 CIH 7088, 4WD w/"Field Tracker", rock trap, 2-spd chopper, dual spreaders, power folding hopper ext., Trimble FM1000 "Auto Steer" (RTK & Field IQ both unlocked), Pro 700, F.S. 480/80R42 duals (only 1296-sep / 1996-eng. hrs, SN YBG007129 – NOTE: See catalog for considerable maintenance info); 2014 MAC DON FD 75S, 35' flex draper w/new center belt & optional "Head Sight" kit for lateral tilt (1-owner, less than 4000 total acs. of use, SN 253753); 2014 CIH 4408, 8R30 poly corn head w/ end row augers, hyd. deck plates, (2) stalk stompers, height & tilt sensors (SN YEH630983, NOTE: updated chains, sprockets & tensioners); UF AWS-36, 36' all wheel steer carrier; UF HT-25, 25' carrier.

SEMI / HOPPER BOTTOM: 2014 Volvo VNV, tandem "Day Cab" w/ D13, 425-hp, I-Shift trans., 181" w.b., air ride cab & susp., 22.5's, alloy wheels (448k, NOTE: DEF system has been completely gone through by Volvo w/documentation); 2015 Wilson DWH, 39' alum. hopper bottom w/air-ride, ag hoppers, electric roll tarp, full alloy wheels & orig. Bridgestone 11R24.5's (low miles).

PICKUP: 2008 Chev. 2500HD, ¾-T, 4x4, reg. cab "Work Truck" w/6.0L gas V-8, auto, tilt, cruise, A/C, DMI "Cushion Hitch", 9200 GVWR (1-owner, only 61k orig. mi.).

TILLAGE: Sunflower 5035-28' finish tool w/ 5-bar harrow & new 7" sweeps (nice, 1-owner); CIH 496, 24'x7½" finish disk w/Remlinger dble rolling harrow; DMI 3200, 11-sh., 3-pt, NH3 appl. w/Hiniker cooler & hyd. shut-off; DMI 2500, 7 or 5-sh., 3-pt, no-till inline ripper; Kew. & Glencoe 12', 9-sh. disc/chisels; Kew. 11-sh, 3-pt chisel; JD 400-15', 3-pt hoe; Kew. 3200, 8R30, flat-fold, S-tine cult.; nice, White 508, 5-16" s.m. plow.

EQUIPMENT: Bush Hog 14115, 15' batwing mower w/ sm. 1000 pto, full chain pkg, solid tires & light pkg (1-owner, new Feb. of '25); Hurricane 20", 3-pt ditcher, sm. 1000-PTO; Fast 9610N, 1000-gal., single axle, p.t. boom sprayer w/ 80' triple-fold, hyd. lift boom, control box, hyd. drive pump & 46" radials; BB 2-axle, 1010-gal. water trailer w/ motor, pump & draw bar hitch; Int. 1100, 9'-3 pt sickle mower w/ lift cylinder; Navigator II Automatic 3-pt impl. guidance system w/ control box; Trimble FM1000 "Auto Steer" (Field IQ unlocked)

PLANTERS: White 8800, 31x15 "Central Fill" air planter w/ hyd. drive, no-till, dble spike closing wheels, lg 1000-pto hyd. pump, (3) section control & bean plates (SN 8831B09026); White 8816, 16R30 "Central Fill" air planter w/ hyd. drive, no-till, insect., 500-gal. liq. fert. tank, front-fold, (1) spider, (1) reg. closing wheels, lg. 1000-pto hyd. pump, (8) section control, Ag Leader controller, fold box (SN 8816L08049).

GRAIN HANDLING: (3) Brent gravity flow wagons w/ hyd. brakes, 22.5 rubber & rear hitches (models 644, 600 & 440); E-Z Trail 3400-400-bu, (2) comp. seed wagon w/ 13' auger & remote, tarp & 1384-B gears (nice); E-Z Trail 500 grain cart, sm. 1000-PTO, 18.4-26's, rear hitch & tarp; Farm King 1031, 31'x10", 540 load-out auger; Sudenga 60'x10", 540 transport auger w/hyd. lift; AGI 58'x8", 540 transport auger (approx. 30k bu. of use); Hutchinson 60' x 8" & W.F. 52'x8", 540 transport augers.

TERMS: NO Buyer's Premium. All items sold "AS-IS". If you are farm or dealer exempt, an Indiana Tax Exemption form will be required; or 7% Indiana Sales Tax will be collected. Loader available.

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"The Cost of Care: How Four Nurses Put Patients First in a Profit-Driven System" by Theresa Brown

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THE BOOKWORM SEZ
Terri Schlichenmeyer

Watch for falling stars.

Blow dandelion seeds or an eyelash from your cheek and see what happens. Cross your fingers, make a wish. Get the bigger side of the turkey bone this Thanksgiving. Knock on wood, toss a penny in a fountain, these are the ways to want a better outcome. Or read "The Cost of Care" by Theresa Brown, and hope.

Hope, says Brown, is what she was looking for when she started researching her book.

As it was for many medical professionals, the COVID epidemic had been brutal and she felt "burned up" after the worst was over. She was shaken by what she'd seen, and by what she could see coming to medical facilities and patients' homes across America.

She needed some good news.

Her first stop was in Pittsburgh, Pa., at The Midwife Center, a facility that primarily serves women with low-risk pregnancies who are on Medicaid. The Center doesn't insist on immediate IVs for laboring mothers, nor do they offer epidurals or automatic episiotomies; they safely treat labor and delivery not as a medical event, but as one that's natural and normal. The Midwife Center, says Brown, runs on a tight budget but it, like all the places she visited here, saves patients and taxpayers money.

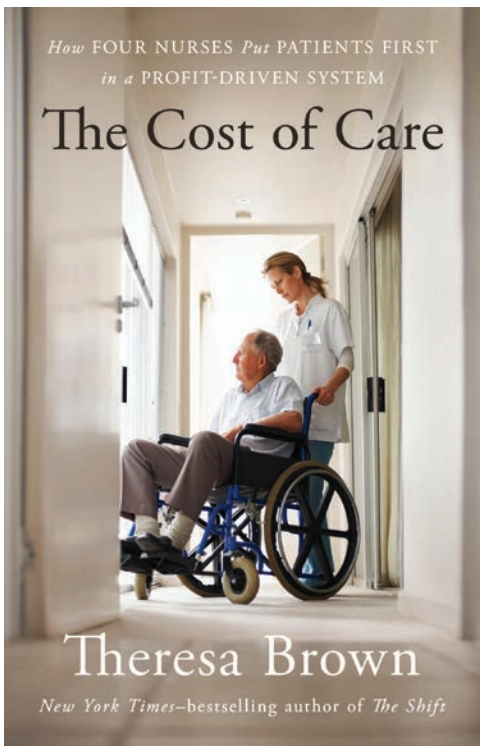
In Portland, Ore., she found Housecall Providers, an in-home primary care organization that sends an entire team of nurses and social workers out to people who are unable, often due to poverty or mental illness, to leave their homes. Brown followed nurses working with the CAPABLE (Community Aging in Place, Advancing Better Living for Elders) program, which included a handyman; she shadowed a palliative care nurse in a mid-sized Midwestern city; and she visited Connecticut Hospice.

America is the wealthiest nation on Earth, Brown points out, but our life expectancy is lower than, and our maternal mortality is higher than, that of economically similar countries. Our health care can't compare and, says Brown, we should do better.

In today's economy, it seems that we're all asked to do more with less. In the nursing world, as Brown shows, that can mean creativity, thinking outside the proverbial box, teamwork and comforting resourcefulness.

On that, you'll be hard-pressed to find a more compassionate, grace-filled book than "The Cost of Care." Here, Brown lauds the medical pros she knows before honing in on four places she thought would offer her the hope she sought, perceiving them somewhat as encouraging oases in the midst of profit-driven medical care.

She doesn't disappoint in her choices. The facilities she studied found ways to offer stellar care in tax-saving, deductible-saving, lifesaving ways through workarounds, grants, donations and unique programs that work. She then goes further, reminding readers that health care can be this way everywhere. It'll just take the right kind of work.



Readers who are facing a big hospital bill will want this book, as will medical professionals, politicians and hospital administrators. If you're concerned about health care in America, "The Cost of Care" is a five-star read.

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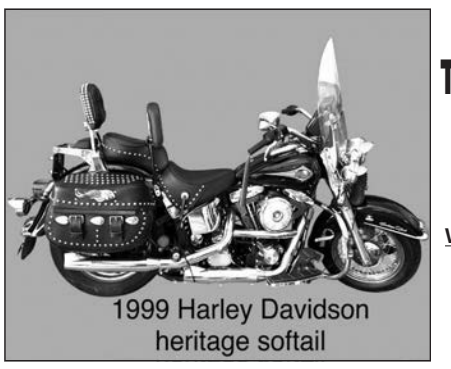
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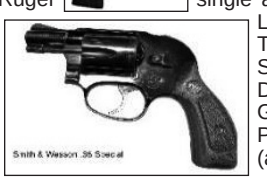
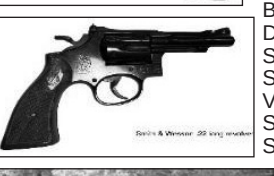




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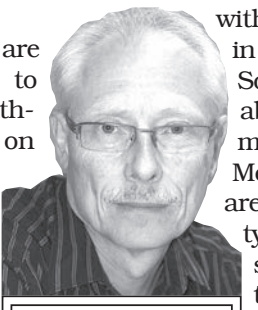
September cheese, butter stocks fell, but remain up from last year



Mielke Market Weekly
By Lee Mielke

U.S. butter stocks fell seasonally in September but remained above those a year ago. The USDA's latest Cold Storage report shows the Sept. 30 butter inventory at 295.7 million pounds, down 15.7 million pounds or 5.0 percent from August, but up 41.8 million or 16.5 percent from September 2025. The August total was revised up 4.3 million pounds.

American type cheese stocks fell to 792.2 million pounds, down 14.5 million or 1.8 percent from the August level, which was revised down 8.8 million pounds, and were down 12.6 million or 1.6 percent from a year ago.

The "other" cheese category saw inventory climb to 613.5 million pounds, up 1.9 million or 0.3 percent from August's mark which was revised up 7.2 million pounds, and was up 43.8 million pounds or 7.7 percent from a year ago.

Cheese stocks in September totaled 1.428 billion pounds, down 13.6 million or 0.9 percent from August, but up 32.9 million or 2.4 percent from a year ago.

Analysts viewed the report as neutral to the market. The Oct. 23 Daily Dairy Report stated, "While there's plenty of cheese stashed in cold storage warehouses, much of it is aged. Supplies of 4- to 30-day-old Cheddar suitable for delivery at the CME spot market remain tight, and that has spurred the recent spike in spot cheese values."

Meanwhile, August fluid milk sales mirrored those of a year ago, according to the USDA's latest data. Packaged sales totaled 3.5 billion pounds, unchanged from August 2025, and follows a 0.2 percent rise in July.

Conventional product sales hit 3.2 billion pounds, off 0.1 percent from a year ago. Organic sales, at 242 million, were up 2.4 percent from a year ago, and represented a typical 6.9 percent of total milk sales in the month.

Whole milk sales totaled 1.32 billion pounds, up 4.5 percent from a year ago, and up 3.6 percent for the eight-month period. Whole milk represented 37.9 percent of total sales for the month.

Skim milk sales, at 127 million pounds, were down 26.1 percent from a year ago, and down 15.0 percent year to date.

Packaged fluid sales, January to August, totaled just under 28 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from 2025. Conventional product sales totaled 26.0 billion pounds, up 0.1 percent from a year ago. Organic products, at just under 2 billion pounds, were off 0.3 percent, and represented 7.1 percent of total milk sales for the year so far.

The figures represent consumption in Federal market orders which account for about 92 percent of total fluid sales in the U.S. About 7.5 percent of U.S. fluid sales are consumed in schools.

CME block Cheddar cheese climbed to $1.7450 per pound Wednesday, highest since Oct. 31, 2025. It was trading Thursday morning at $1.7350 however, 3.25 cents below a year ago. It closed Friday at $1.7350. The barrels reached $1.7250 Wednesday, highest since Nov. 3, 2025, and were holding there Thursday, 8 cents below a year ago. They closed Friday at $1.72.

Central Region milk supplies are steady to increasing, according to Dairy Market News. Seasonal weather was having a positive impact on cow comfort. Milk components are increasing, providing better milk solids to cheese manufacturers. Spot milk was more available this week, but Class I and IV facilities continue to take large amounts. Spot prices at mid-week were flat-Class to $3-over. Cheese manufacturers are operating busy schedules, particularly for barrels and curds. Some contacts expect a potential decrease in production as the holidays approach. Spot load purchases of cheese are strong, and contacts anticipate this trend will continue in the coming weeks. Retail demand is firm, while food service demand is steady, according to DMN.

Milk supplies are balanced and cream availability is mixed across the West. Cheese manufacturers report steady demand for Class III milk. A greater share of production is directed toward cream cheese to meet seasonal fall demand. Cheese production remains steady, says DMN, and plants are operating at strong capacity. However, some reported unplanned downtime which temporarily increased milk availability in parts of the region. A health and safety recall was affecting select products from an artisanal cheese manufacturer in the West. Domestic retail demand was stable to slightly improved from the previous week.

Cheese remains the leading dairy feature in grocery store advertising, both nationally and across the West, says DMN. The 6-8-ounce block category remains the most advertised cheese format, while promotions for 6-8-ounce shredded cheese have increased sharply. Advertisements in the northwest for 6-8-ounce block cheese were more than double those in the Southwest compared to the previous week. Food service demand remains soft, while demand from international buyers is moderate to strong. Spot cheese prices rebounded from recent lows, but contacts say the recovery was partly tied to a temporary shortage of exchange-eligible young Cheddar, according to DMN.

After closing Friday at $1.34 per pound, CME butter dropped to $1.2850 Wednesday, lowest price since Feb. 10, 2021. It rallied Thursday, hitting $1.32, but 29 cents below a year ago.

Central region Class II and III production facilities continue to demand larger volumes of cream, says DMN, keeping multiples elevated.

Manufacturers indicate production is increasing to meet seasonal demand. Spot sales of bulk butter are steady, for both 80 and 82 percent butterfat butter. Cold storage volumes are slowly decreasing and overall market tone is steady to strong, says DMN.

Cream demand in the West has increased from Class II users though churn schedules remain full. Cream availability varies across the region, with tighter supplies reported in Arizona and parts of the Southwest, improved availability in California, and more readily available in the Mountain States. Churns are operating at full capacity. Export demand remains strong, though some contacts describe buyers as price sensitive. Domestic butter demand continues to improve, supported by firmer retail and food service sales. Contacts report strong butter movement during the middle of the month, although purchasing sentiment remains cautious. This aligns with the latest Cold Storage report which showed butter inventories declining 9 percent from the beginning of the month. Loads of 80 percent butter remain available, according to DMN.

Grade A nonfat dry milk closed Friday at $2.0950 per pound and continued its fall this week, dipping to $2.04 Wednesday, lowest since September 15. It regained 4.75 cents Thursday, clawing back to $2.0875, 95.50 cents above a year ago.

The Oct. 28 Daily Dairy Report says, "U.S. milk powder production has been falling the last five years as U.S. manufacturers route skim solids toward different uses. This dynamic accelerated this year as insatiable protein demand has pulled more skim solids into other uses, such as ultra-filtered milk, yogurt, and cottage cheese. While production has been under pressure, domestic demand for nonfat dry milk has been remarkably robust."

In other news of interest, the Federal Reserve voted 10 to 2 this week to leave interest rates unchanged. Class III milk futures prices have shown some improvement due to rising cheese and whey values, but finances are stretched on the farm, particularly for diesel. Wednesday's Class III futures settlements had the October price at $15.23 per hundredweight; November, $18.31; December, $16.80; January, $16.59; February, $16.94; and March at $16.91.

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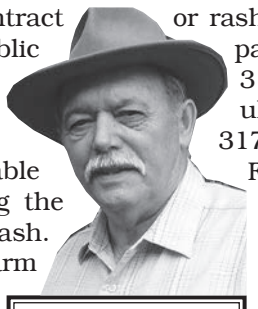
Avian influenza has been found in multiple Indiana counties



SPAULDING OUTDOORS
By Jack Spaulding

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has confirmed highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) as the cause of death for multiple geese in Hamilton County. Additionally, multiple blue-wing teal in Greene County were confirmed to have HPAI through surveillance conducted by the USDA Wildlife Services and DNR Division of Fish, Wildlife & Nature Preserves.

If you find dead wild waterfowl or raptors dying for no obvious reason or showing any of the following signs of illness, report it online at on.IN.gov/sickwildlife.

Signs of HPAI in waterfowl and raptors include:

Sudden death

Neurological impairment (e.g., lack of coordination, swimming or walking in circles, tremors, twisted neck)

Lack of energy and appetite

Swelling of the head, neck and eyes

Nasal discharge, cough, sneezing, lack of coordination, and diarrhea

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the public health risk for HPAI is low. However, it is possible for humans to contract the disease. Members of the public should avoid contact with sick waterfowl and other sick wildlife whenever possible. If a carcass must be handled, wear disposable gloves and a mask, double-bag the carcass, and place it in the trash. Wash hands with soap and warm water immediately afterward.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recommends waterfowl hunters wear protective clothing such as face masks and gloves to process birds, and to do so in a well-ventilated area or outdoors. Meat harvested from waterfowl should be cooked to an internal temperature of 165°F before consumption.

Please contact the Indiana Department of Health if you develop any of the following symptoms after touching or handling sick or dead waterfowl: fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, sneezing, shortness of breath, eye irritation or redness, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headaches, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, or rash. The Indiana Health Department can be reached at 317-233-7125 during regular business hours or at 317-233-1325 after hours. Follow the prompts in the automated menu to speak to the epidemiologist on call.

Some domestic and agricultural animals are also known to be susceptible to HPAI, including poultry, cattle and cats. If you have these animals at home, be sure to process any harvested waterfowl away from your animals and practice good biosecurity measures.

For more information on HPAI and to track suspected cases across the state, visit on.IN.gov/avian-flu.

For more information about poultry biosecurity measures, visit aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/defend-the-flock.

If you see any of your poultry acting sick or find any dead, please report it to the Board of Animal Health at IN.gov/boah/species-information/avianbirds/small-flock-and-exhibition-poultry/sick-andor-dead-poultry-questionnaire/.

Indiana Conservation Officer helps save a life

An Indiana Conservation Officer was in the right place at the right time on Oct. 23 and ultimately helped save a life.

At 9:35 p.m., Indiana Conservation Officer Alex Neel was on patrol when he overheard radio traffic reporting a medical emergency at a local restaurant in Cedar Lake.

Upon arrival, Neel found bystanders performing CPR on an adult female who was unresponsive and not breathing. After confirming her condition, he joined the resuscitation efforts and administered multiple shocks with his department-issued Automated External Defibrillator (AED). He continued lifesaving measures until the Cedar Lake Fire Department arrived and assumed medical care.

The woman regained consciousness and was transported to a nearby hospital for further treatment.

23 Conservation Officers graduate training

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Law Enforcement held graduation ceremonies recently at the Indiana Government Center in Indianapolis. Twenty-three new Indiana Conservation Officers officially joined the division during the event.

Conservation Officer Tyler Brock, the 2025 James D. Pitzer Officer of the Year, administered the oath of office to the recruits, who will fill positions in various locations around the state.

The officers and their assignment locations (by county) are:

Jayden Blizzard (Elkhart), Kyler Bowers (LaGrange), Donald Carty (Henry), Asa Christie (Warren), Paul Davis (Washington), Justin Eib (Steuben), Brody Fessel (Clark), Parker Gehl (Perry), Evan Halstenberg (Dearborn/Ohio), Joshua Hodge (LaPorte), Drake Huber (Scott), James Lowe (Fountain), Jacob Lundergan (Fayette), Daniel Lunn (Porter), Luke McDonald (Parke), James Miller (Johnson), Kyle Proper (Tipton), Devon Pruett (Washington), Clyde-Christian Rash (Adams), Levi Rogers (Posey), Gabriel Smail (Porter), Payton Lumpkin (Rush) and Noah Owsley (Steuben).

The new officers completed six weeks of recruit training and will next attend the 15-week basic law enforcement academy. Upon completion of the academy, officers will complete additional specialized training before doing 90 shifts of field training.

The DNR employs 214 conservation officers who, in addition to enforcing state laws, are often called upon to help during emergencies and natural disasters. They also engage in non-law enforcement activities such as outdoor instructional programs, including boater, hunter, snowmobile and trapper education. The division's specialty response, river rescue, cave rescue, underwater search and recovery units, and its K-9 teams are available statewide as needed.

'till next time,
Jack

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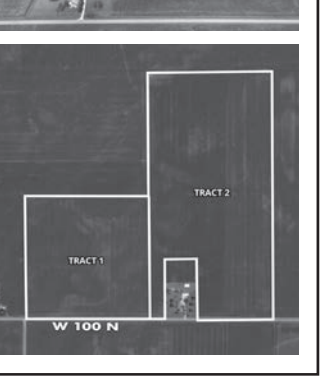

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What you do now can heavily impact how good your grass is later

GRAZING BITES

BY VICTOR SHELTON,
RETIRED NRCS AGRONOMIST/
GRAZING SPECIALIST

By November, most of us are thinking more about how much grazing remains rather than how much forage is still growing. There still may be some growth occurring if conditions are favorable, but shorter days and cooler temperatures are gradually bringing the growing season to a close. That doesn't mean we should be in a hurry to graze off everything that remains.

One of the better things we can do for pastures that struggled this year is allow desirable grasses to finish the growing season without another grazing event. Even after the first frost, cool-season grasses may continue photosynthesizing and rebuilding energy reserves whenever conditions allow. Grazing that growth before dormancy can reduce the reserves needed for early spring growth, particularly in plants that were already stressed during the summer.

Of course, there are exceptions. Sometimes reducing the vigor and competitiveness of existing grasses is exactly what we want to accomplish, especially when preparing a pasture for frost seeding clover later this winter. Frost seeding red or white clover into an existing pasture can be a relatively inexpensive way to improve forage quality, increase diversity and add a source of nitrogen through biological fixation. One of the biggest challenges, though, is getting adequate seed-to-soil contact and reducing competition from established grasses. Grazing a pasture a little closer after it has gone dormant can help accomplish both.

That doesn't mean we should graze every pasture down to the ground. It means knowing what we are trying to accomplish. A pasture with a strong stand of desirable grasses that needs more clover might benefit from closer winter grazing ahead of frost seeding. A pasture already struggling to maintain those desirable grasses may be better left alone. The same grazing practice can be beneficial in one situation and detrimental in another.

For most established cool-season pastures, I still like to see at least three or four inches of residual forage left behind; like always, that's the shortest stuff. That remaining growth serves several purposes. It helps protect the soil from temperature extremes, rainfall impact and erosion. If the leaves are still green and temperatures are favorable, they can continue collecting sunlight and contributing to the plant's energy reserves. That remaining canopy can also help suppress some unwanted plants by reducing the amount of sunlight reaching the soil surface.

In other words, what we leave behind is not necessarily wasted forage. It is part of maintaining a productive pasture. We sometimes get too concerned about utilizing every last bite without considering what that additional grazing might cost us later. I've noted very good regeneration of existing forages when they are allowed more recovery, especially over winter.

Another consideration this time of year is what happens to certain forages following frost. Sorghum, sudangrass, sorghum-sudangrass hybrids and Johnsongrass can all present a risk of prussic acid poisoning after frost or freezing temperatures. Frost damages plant cells and can result in the release of prussic acid, which can be deadly to livestock.

These forages should not be grazed immediately following a frost. A good precaution is to wait at least 10 to 14 days after a killing frost and until the plants are completely dead, brown and dried down. A light frost can be even more troublesome if plants survive and produce new growth. Those young shoots can be especially high in prussic acid. If regrowth occurs, additional precautions are needed, and waiting for a subsequent killing frost may be the safer choice. When in doubt, have the forage tested.

Prussic acid is not the only concern. Nitrates can also accumulate in stressed sorghum-type forages, especially where drought or high nitrogen fertility has been involved. Unlike prussic acid, nitrates do not simply disappear as the forage dries. It is important not to confuse the two risks.

As we move farther into winter, soil conditions also become an important part of deciding where to graze. Frozen ground can provide excellent opportunities to utilize stockpiled forage with relatively little disturbance. The trouble often comes when the ground thaws and becomes saturated. Hoof traffic on wet soils can quickly damage the soil surface and the crowns of desirable plants. Sometimes moving livestock to a different paddock, feeding area or more suitable ground for a few days can prevent damage that would otherwise be evident well into spring.

I also wouldn't be in too big of a hurry to utilize every acre of stockpiled forage before winter is over. Tall fescue, in particular, holds its quality reasonably well while standing and can provide some useful options beyond simply extending the winter grazing season.

One option worth considering is saving some stockpiled tall fescue for spring calving. A well-drained pasture with standing forage can provide a cleaner place for cows to calve than a heavily used winter feeding area. It also provides some available forage during a time when spring grass may not yet be growing enough to support much grazing. In a sense, it is standing hay that hasn't required cutting, baling, hauling or feeding.

Of course, that doesn't mean the cows won't need additional feed, particularly if forage quality or quantity is limiting. And even a good, stockpiled pasture can become muddy if livestock are concentrated on it during wet conditions. But having that standing forage available gives us another management option when we may need it most.

Good grazing management is not always about getting the most forage consumed today. Sometimes it is about protecting the forage we want tomorrow, preparing a pasture for improvement, or simply keeping a little standing forage available for when conditions are less favorable.

What we leave behind this fall may have just as much influence on next year's grazing season as what we harvest now. It is not about maximizing a single grazing event but optimizing the entire grazing season. Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

BQA Training – November 12, 2026, SIPAC, Dubois. Info: Jason Tower at towerj@purdue.edu or (812)678-4427;

Small Ruminant Event – November 22, 2026 - Pinney Purdue Ag Center. Info: Call (219)733-2379 or sboyer@purdue.edu

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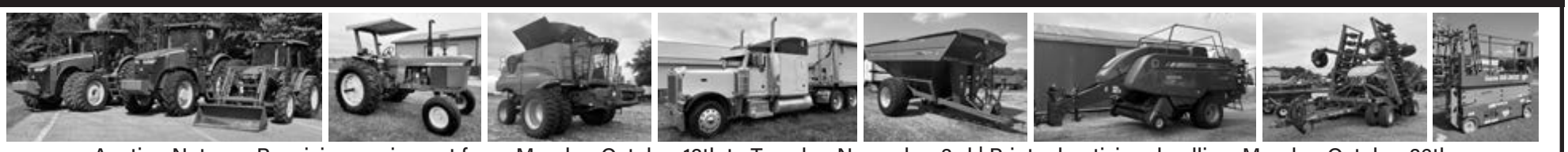

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Construction

2015 JD 350G excavator w/10,809hrs, 32" pads, mechanical thumb, 38" bucket
Koehring excavator w/Detroit diesel engine, joystick controls
Gradall excavator w/Cummins 5.9L engine, 37,133 miles showing, automatic trans, 445/65R22,5 rubber, runs good, leaking air through brake pedal, county highway department
Cat 303.5 mini excavator w/ open station, 2 buckets
2015 Cat 930M wheel loader w/ 8237 hrs, quick att, material bucket
Cat IT12 wheel loader
2012 JLG Skytrack 6042 telehandler w/3434 hrs, Cummins engine, 4wd, crab steer, 42' boom, 6000# cap
Genie man lift w/diesel engine
Genie GS-2632 man lift w/hard tires, ext platform
JLG 4069LE scissors lift w/721 hrs, 240/55D hard tires, ext platform
Hyster forklift w/hard tires, rebuilt cylinders
Ballymore PS-140H verical lift mast
2022 JD 333G skid loader w/1965 hrs, EROPS, ISO controls, air ride, 2spd, power quick att
Cat 262 skid loader
Bobcat S175 skid loader w/2340 hrs, 2spd, hyd quick att, aux hyd
Vermeer S600XT stand on skid loader
2- Allmond Night Lite Pro NL8 light towers w/460 hrs showing, Kubota D1105 diesel engine, cable lift
2014 Kaeser pull type air compressor w/4874 hrs, Kubota diesel engine
208 Dynapac CA134PD pad foot vibratory roller w/JD diesel engine, hydrostatic trans, 55" drum

Tractors and Compacts

Cat Challenger MT63 tractor w/ML99B loader, 4wd, cab, 4 remotes, 1000pto
International 3588 2+2 tractor w/4930 hrs showing, 1000pto, 3pt hitch w/top link, 3 remotes, no brakes, leaking cylinders, runs good, cosmetically rough
2017 JD 5090GN tractor w/3336 hrs, 4wd, cab, 4 remotes, 540pto
2015 CIH Puma 185 tractor w/7429 hrs, power shift, EROPS, 3 remotes, 3pt hitch, reversible pto, front weights
1990 JD 4555 tractor w/2160 hrs showing, 2wd, 15spd power shift, 1000pto, 3 remotes, LED lights, (recently spent 11k on pto clutch)
JD 4840 tractor w/2wd, EROPS, rear duals, front weights, 540pto
AC 6080 tractor w/3757 original hours, 2 remotes, 540pto, 3pt hitch w/ toplink, rear weights
JD 5083E tractor w/563 loader, 4wd, 3800 hrs showing, non-working hr meter, EROPS, 2 remotes, 540pto, 3pt hitch, LH Reverser, 6; bucket, quick att, limited edition
JD 5075E tractor w/2wd, unknown hrs, open station, 540pto, 3pt, 1 remote
2020 JD 5065E tractor w/520M loader, 696 hrs, 4wd, open station, 3pt hitch w/top link, 540pto, 1 remote, LED lights, diff lock, 6' bucket, quick att
JD 5510 tractor w/341 loader, 7007 hrs, 4wd, EROPS, heat, air, 540pto, 2 remotes, 3pt hitch, rear wheel weights
1967 JD 4020 Diesel w/6800 hrs showing, power shift, open station, 540pto
JD 7405 tractor w/740 loader, 4wd, canopy, farm retirement
NH TN65 tractor w/597 hrs showing, 2wd, 540pto, 2 remotes, 3pt hitch, top link, loader quick att, no brakes
Case 1370 tractor
Case 4690 tractor w/ 568hrs showing, diesel, 4wd, 3pt hitch
Kubota L3830 tractor w/LA723 loader, 4wd, 3pt hitch, 540pto
JD 730 tractor w/5453 hrs, factory wide front, power steering, 6spd trans, 540pto, 3pt hitch, 1 remote, deluxe fenders
JD B w/narrow front, 6 spd trans, gas, 540pto, straight tin, nice condition, selling for estate

Tillage and Planting

McFarlane reel disc 35' vertical till w/3 bar drag and rolling baskets, 20' blades, 7" blade spacing,
Landoll 22' disc chisel w/flat fold, rear leveling bar and drag
JD 726 disc w/hyd disc gangs, scraper kit, walking tandems, 3 bar leveler, rolling baskets
Sunflower 20' offset disc w/20" front blades, 19" rear blades, 8.5" spacing, hyd lift and fold
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
Wilrich 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 compatible, 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/3494/5288 hrs, 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/4100/4700 hrs, 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
2014 McDon FD75 45' flex draper head, CIH hookup
2- CIH 4408 8 row corn heads w/dual drive, single point hookup, light package, roller cones
2012 Geringhoff 12 row folding corn head, roller cones, CIH hookup
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/3x4 bales, 47,786 bale count, monitor
2014 MF 2250 round baler w/3x3 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, 31x13.50-15 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 package
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
Sunrise Welding 30' slant bar feeder wagon

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/314,339 mi, 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 & Garden and Sports

Yamaha Rhino 4- wheeler
Arctic Cat 300 4-wheeler
Arctic Cat 250 4- wheeler
Club Car golf cart
SDLooch golf cart, unused
Intimidator side by side w/8744mi, 4wd, diff lock, LED lights, 65MPH capacity, 3' hyd dump bed, receiver hitch, mirrors

Attachments

JD MX5 5' rotary mower
6' 3pt rotary mower
Rhino SE5 5' 3pt rotary mower
Landpride 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 Miscellaneous

500Gal diesel tank
Yard roller
500Gal fuel tank w/gas boy pump, nozzle
2- 500gal fuel tanks
10,000gal upright tank, 11x16.5'
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, 2⅝" 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- Monosen row units w/meters, no boxes, spike/rubber closing wheels, spring down pressure, one has bent frame
JD and CIH suitcase weights

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