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EPA issues late ruling on Dicamba soybean application

By TIM ALEXANDER
 Illinois Correspondent

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has ruled that no over-the-top, or in-season application of dicamba to dicamba trait soybean can be made after June 12, or soybean V4 growth stage, whichever comes first. The new ruling, issued February 16, is in effect for Illinois, Indiana and Iowa for dicamba products sold under the XTendiMax, Engenia and Tavium labels. The former cutoff date for dicamba application in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa was June 20.

According to Kevin "KJ" Johnson, executive director of the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association (IFCA) who has been in communication with the IDOA on the issue, the Department does not anticipate additional state restrictions to the recent federal changes ahead of the 2023 growing season. However, this doesn't mean the ruling sits well with fertilizer retailers and farmers. In addition to concerns around post-emergence weed control, the late-issued ruling sets a bad precedent, Johnson said.

"We will follow the new label changes as applicators and farmers. Our biggest issue is that this is coming out so late. This decision should have been made in September or October, before decisions on weed control products were made," he said.

A bright side to the late notice is that unlike a year ago, there is no projected shortage of other popular weed control products such as Roundup, Enlist or Liberty. "We have no such shortages this year, for farmers who want to consider making changes," Johnson said. "I would advise farmers to speak to their chemical retailers if they are considering changes to their weed control."

Aaron Hager, a weed specialist with the University of Illinois Extension, agreed that the timing of the EPA ruling — which was based on a request by dicamba products registrants — is very challenging for soybean producers who have already made their seed and herbicide choices. "I mean we're within 45-50 days away from beginning to plant soybean, and now we learn at literally the 11th hour these new restrictions that will come in place," said Hager.

"I think it would be very good advice for individuals who have purchased

dicamba soybean seed technology to use a variety that is also resistant to a glyphosate like Liberty...or another post-emergence herbicide. If we get into a late planting cycle here in 2023 and they can't make that deadline, it's always good to have an alternate or backup plan. Check with your supplier to make sure their inventory can cover your needs in case you need to make a change because of the new ruling."

The EPA ruling also caught the attention of the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB).

"IFB recognizes the timing of this announcement creates difficulties and challenges for our members who have purchased products containing this technology and are 40 to 50 days from planting soybeans," said IFB President Richard Guebert Jr. "We have conveyed those challenges to the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and IFB will remain engaged with state and federal regulators on this issue."

In addition to the new application cutoff date, applicators must also adhere to the following rules for using dicamba products:

- A pesticide containing dicamba shall not be applied on soybeans if the air temperature at the field at the time of application is over 85 degrees Fahrenheit or if the National Weather Service's forecasted high temperature for the nearest available location for the day of application exceeds 85 degrees Fahrenheit.

- Application on soybeans of a pesticide containing dicamba shall not be made after June 12th or the V4 stage.

- Before applying a pesticide containing dicamba on soybeans, the applicator shall consult the FieldWatch sensitive crop registry (<https://www.fieldwatch.com>) and comply with all associated recordkeeping and label requirements.

- Application on soybeans of a pesticide containing dicamba shall not be made if the wind is blowing toward: any Illinois Nature Preserves Commission site that is adjacent to the field of application; or an adjacent residential area.

- In addition, all dicamba applicators must complete mandatory pre-season training, and are required to check online versions of product labels within 7 days before application to check for state or federal application updates.



Above: The National Farm Machinery Show drew large crowds to Louisville, Ky., Feb. 15-18. For more photos see pages 2 and 3B. Photo by Deborah Behrends.

Kentucky Department of Ag funds Buy Local program

By Doug Schmitz
 Iowa Correspondent

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Kentucky Department of Agriculture is providing a number of grant funding opportunities to assist farmers, restaurants, local organizations and more, said Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles.

"These grant programs are unique in that they benefit the consumer and the producer, while at the same time advocating for a wide array of Kentucky farm products," he said.

The funding for the grants was made available after Kentucky Proud was approved for two years of funding from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. In addition to marketing campaigns for Kentucky Proud farm products, these funds are also designated for the various grant opportunities.

One of the programs receiving funding is the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's Buy Local program, which promotes and rewards participating restaurants, caterers, schools, and other food service participants dedicated to purchasing and using Kentucky Proud products for their customers.

"Buy Local is an incentive program offered by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture to reward restaurants and other food service participants for enhancing their menus with locally-sourced Kentucky Proud® ingredients," said Grace Ragain, Kentucky Department of Agriculture Buy Local coordinator.

Introduced in 2006 as Restaurant Rewards, the program was re-branded as Buy Local in May 2017.

"The initiative is a tool to help food service operations transition to and sustain purchasing local food from Kentucky farms," she said.

She said the goal of Buy Local is to "facilitate greater utilization of farmers' bounty, while making it easier for the food service community to prepare and promote these products for the dining pleasure of their patrons. Buy Local has incentivized chefs to purchase more than \$12 million of locally-grown and raised food from Kentucky's farm families.

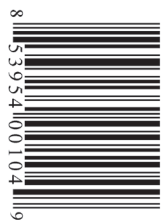
"The lasting relationships formed between Kentucky's farm businesses and locally-owned food service participants continue far beyond the grant incentives," she said. "The Buy Local program has proven to be both viable and mutually beneficial."

She said the Buy Local program is offered to Kentucky Proud food service members.

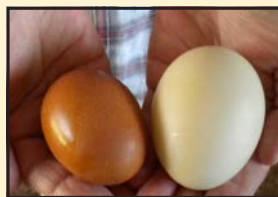
"Participating members are listed with contact information and web links on www.kyproud.com," she said. "Buy Local participants are promoted through event sponsorships, media promotions, and lifetime award recognitions."

Currently, the program offers participants up to a 15 percent reimbursement for the cost of eligible Kentucky Proud farm food, with a maximum of \$8,000 a year, or a lifetime cap of

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John Deere donates \$1 million to National FFA Organization

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS — John Deere's recent \$1 million donation to the National FFA Organization will be used, in part, to fund leadership and training conferences for the organization's members, according to an FFA official.

The core of the donation is unrestricted, explained Lori Randle, senior regional director for the National FFA Foundation, meaning it "allows us flexibility to move forward where it's needed with our strategic plan. John Deere has been a platinum partner for us for a number of years. The donation is greatly appreciated by all of leadership. It's a big gift."

John Deere has partnered with FFA for 80 years, making it the organization's longest-running sponsor. The donation was announced Feb. 15.

Aaron Wetzel, vice president of Small Ag & Turf Production Systems at John Deere, said in a release, "At John Deere, we are proud to serve the FFA and, ultimately, the next generation of agriculturalists upon whom we will all depend to provide the food, fiber, fuel and other resources essential to our shared prosperity. Farmers and those who support their work are the backbone of our nation, and FFA offers impactful educational programs that foster the innovation and inclusivity needed to keep our industry strong."

Randle said the donation will fund such events as the annual International Leadership Seminar for State Officers, which gives 75 current or past state officers the opportunity to understand global agriculture and to learn about different cultures. In January, the group traveled to Costa Rica.

The money will also help with the five-day New Century Farmer Conference, scheduled for this summer in Des Moines, Iowa. The conference is for FFA alumni ages 18-24 and focuses on production agriculture, Randle said.

The State Officer Leadership Continuum, which includes a three-day advocacy training event in Washington, D.C., will also receive some of the donation. The annual State Officer Summit is open to all state FFA officers.

John Deere's donation will also help support this year's Next Gen Conference in North Carolina, she said. "This summer, it will center around power, technical and structural pathways," Randle noted. "It will look at new and emerging ideas in technology, sustainability, products and trends."

The conference is open to all high school FFA members through a competitive application process.

"John Deere and FFA share a mutual belief in the importance of education and a strong future for agriculture," she stat-

ed. "For 80 years, FFA and John Deere have worked together to provide FFA members with the chance to develop skills necessary for school and future careers. This generous unrestricted gift assists with the FFA vision of growing the next generation of leaders who will change the world."

Last year, FFA raised more than \$20 million to help fund the organization, Randle said. Donations of any size are always necessary, she added. Donations of time are also important to the organization, such as serving as in-person or virtual judges for competitive events, Randle said.

"We have strong support from the agricultural industry as well as individuals passionate about FFA," she pointed out. "Individuals may learn more about donating at www.ffa.org."

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“These promotions, listings and recognitions are an additional benefit to the 15 percent reimbursement on direct-from-the-farm purchases,” Ragain said. “The program offers greater connectivity to our community of Kentucky farms.

“The funds are used to bridge the supply chain gap between food service entities and Kentucky farm families, while developing the sustained practice of sourcing from a Kentucky farm,” she

added.

She said Kentucky Proud continuously elevates Kentucky farms to capitalize on the growing locavore movement (which supports eating foods grown locally and sustainably, rather than prepackaged foods shipped from other parts of the world).

“The Buy Local program is just one example of these efforts,” she said. “Other campaigns include promotions of Kentucky Proud CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farms, farmers markets, agritourism businesses, opportunities to elevate products grown and raised across the Commonwealth, and much more.”

Right: Currently, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture’s Buy Local program offers participants up to a 15 percent reimbursement for the cost of eligible Kentucky Proud farm food.

For Buy Local guidelines and an application, go to www.kyproud.com/buylocal. For more information, contact Grace Ragain at grace.ragain@ky.gov, or (502) 782-4110.



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USDA reports corn and

Analysts predicting elevated corn and soybean plantings

What the United States will see for acreage this coming production season is becoming more of a market topic.

Last year, U.S. farmers seeded 88.6 million acres of corn as weather was a major issue for spring planting. This total is expected to be much higher this year with some analysts predicting U.S. corn plantings at 94 million acres. While possible, this seems like a stretch. To reach this level, the U.S. would need to see very little prevent plant and bring in acres from the reserve program. In the USDA baseline projections, U.S. corn acres were predicted at 92 million. This number is more realistic. The main reason some analysts are higher is because that is what they feel the U.S. will need for corn acres to satisfy demand. The uncertainty in this is how much corn demand the U.S. will lose to South America if Brazil's crop is as large as we predict.

We are also seeing estimates for elevated soybean plantings this coming year. Last year, U.S. farmers planted 87.5 million acres of soybeans and thoughts are this will increase to between 89 and 90 million acres this year. This is a highly monitored number as the stocks to use on soybeans is a minimal 4.8 percent right now and rationing is needed in the complex. Any loss of acres or

yield this year and that number will decline even further, and the need for rationing will increase.

While this is positive for the domestic market, the global outlook is much different. For one, the global soybean reserve is predicted to be at a three-year high at the end of the marketing year, given the massive crop that is coming out of Brazil. Brazilian officials are now projecting soybean exports for 2023 at 93 million metric tons (mmt), an increase of 14.1 mmt from last year. These factors will likely curtail demand for U.S. soybeans and help reserves build.

Trade is showing more interest in total U.S. wheat acres this year. U.S. farmers seeded a large 37 million acres of winter wheat this year. Spring wheat acres may also increase given recent weather pattern changes and elevated values. This has some analysts predicting 47 to 48 million total acres of wheat will be raised in the U.S. this year compared to 45.7 million last year. Given the ongoing strength in wheat and low cost of production we may see even more plantings than this estimate, which is already a seven-year high.

Not only is the United States going to see elevated export competition



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

from Brazil on corn and soybeans this year but on products as well. The most notable of these will be ethanol. Brazilian ethanol manufacturers are expected to consumer between 5 and 5.5 million bu of corn this year as ethanol production ramps up in the country. This ethanol is currently being offered at a 10 cent per gallon discount to the U.S., which will attract import interest. Brazil will also see elevated distiller grain production this year and that will likely be exported as well.

One of the most highly debated figures in the market right now is on the size of the Argentine soybean crop. In the February WASDE report, the USDA projected the crop at 41 million metric tons (mmt). Nearly all other estimates are below this level though, and some by a considerable amount. The group Oil World projected the crop at just 34 mmt. There are several variables in these estimates including total acreage and if analysts expect current weather conditions to persist. The question is how much soybean production in Argentina can be lost without impacting total South American output. Data shows that anything over 30 mmt in Argentina will be offset by the large crop out of Brazil.

U.S. ag product sales data for 2022

has been released. For the year, the United States sold a record \$200 billion of ag products. Of this, 19.2 percent was to China. Economists are predicting much less revenue in 2023, with \$150.6 billion in sales being predicted. Lower commodity values and a decline in global market share are main factors for the lower return. Farmers are still optimistic on their overall financial outlook though, mainly from lower input costs.

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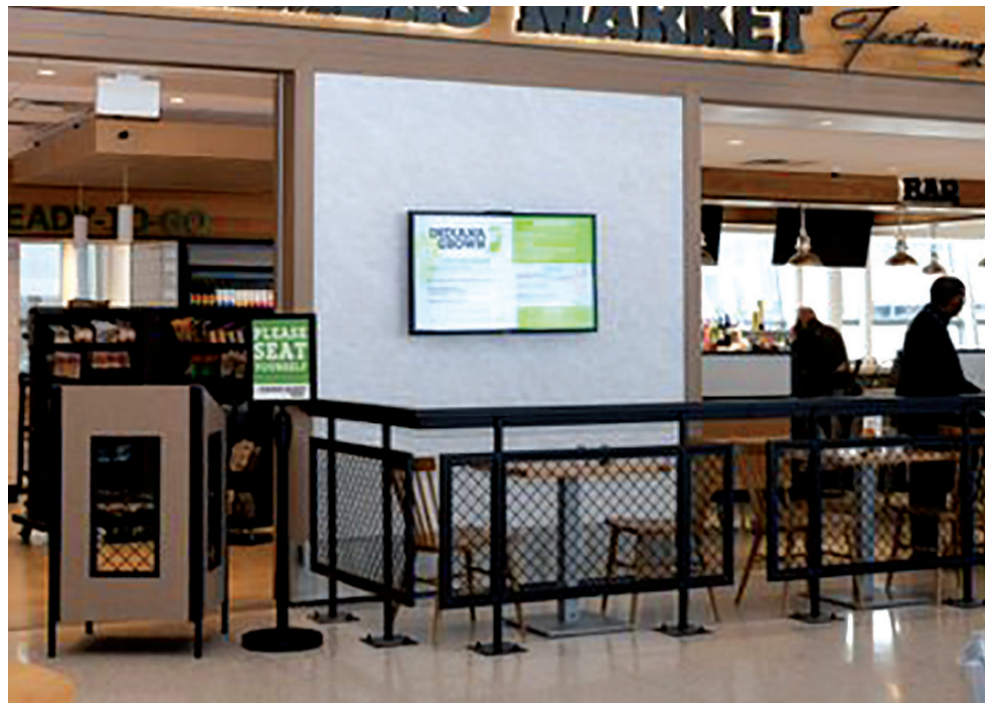
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Above: Indiana Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and members of Indiana Grown and SSP America cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony of The Farmers' Market featuring Indiana Grown, a new restaurant at the Indianapolis International Airport.

Indiana Grown opens restaurant at the Indianapolis Airport

By Tori Kolasa
Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana Grown, in

partnership with SSP America, has opened the newest restaurant at the Indianapolis International Airport. The ribbon cutting ceremony for The Farmers' Market featuring Indiana Grown was Feb. 7. The partnership was announced in 2019.

The market is located on Concourse B. The restaurant offers both a sit-down experience as well as a grab and go option for travelers.

Indiana Grown is Indiana State Department of Agriculture's answer to promoting products grown or made by residents of Indiana. The program was founded in 2015 and currently has more than 1,800 members throughout the state.

All the products served in the restaurant are from members of the Indiana Grown initiative. The products are from 60 different vendors, all residing and producing or processing their products in Indiana. The restaurant will be managed by SSP America, a restaurant management company specializing in airports with over 35 years of experience.

Indiana Grown Program Director Caroline Patrick shared, "This airport restaurant is an amazing outlet to put a spotlight on Indiana Grown members. People from around the world will be able to see and taste our members' exceptional products every day. Indiana Grown's goal has always been to highlight members and to market them as they do so much for our state. This restaurant showcases our products and our members on an international scale."

The Indianapolis International Airport hosted nearly 8.7 million passengers in 2022. All passengers moving forward will be given the opportunity to taste a little bit of what Indiana is made of. The creativity, drive and skill of each of the Indiana Grown members featured in this restaurant will be on full display to travelers from all over the world. Members of Indiana Grown have been given a unique opportunity to showcase their products and represent the state of Indiana to a huge audience.

Anybody wishing to learn more about Indiana Grown can visit the website at www.indianagrown.org.

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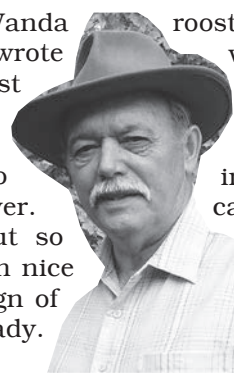


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Has spring sprung?

A faithful reader, Wanda Moore, of St. Paul, Ind., wrote this past week, saying, "Just wanted to let you know that while I was out in our yard this afternoon, I looked up to see three buzzards flying over. I was amazed they are out so early, but we have had such nice weather. I do hope it's a sign of an early spring. I'm so ready. Thank you. Wanda Moore."



SPAULDING OUTDOORS
By Jack Spaulding

Wanda, thanks for writing! It would be nice if buzzards brought spring-like weather, but actually, the opposite is true... spring-like weather brings the buzzards. Buzzards are an opportunistic lot, and they will only fly south in wintertime as far as it takes to get out of freezing weather. Buzzards aren't equipped with strong beaks and talons, and can't eat frozen carcasses. No hard, icy 'possumcicles or frozen raccoon bites for them.

As I said, buzzards are an opportunistic lot and will come north with each burst of spring-like weather. In the past, I have seen buzzards in Indiana in each month of the year. They don't have a particular date of arrival but can appear anytime with warming days.

Maybe someone should call the good people of Hinckley, Ohio, to tell them their buzzards have been seen hanging out here in Indiana. The town of Hinckley has had a special day since 1958... March 15, which celebrates the declared prompt arrival of their skyway sanitation engineers to their historic roosting area. According to the good people of Hinckley, the birds arrive at the

roosting area each year "like clock-work." They have now decreed the first Sunday following the 15th of March to be Buzzard Sunday. The town breaks out in celebration with a huge pancake, sausage gravy and biscuit breakfast.

A little further east, we have the good folks of Punxsutawney, Pa., who celebrate Groundhog Day on Feb. 2. Dressed in tuxedos and church finery and well dosed with spirits both high and liquid, they gather at dawn to rudely yank a hibernating groundhog from its den and check to see if the meteorological blessed marmot sees its shadow. If its shadow is spotted by the bleary eyed pasture poodle, it means there will be six more weeks of winter.

Stop the presses... if the groundhog sees its shadow there will be six more weeks of winter? In my diligent research for this article after my nap, I found the number of days between Feb. 2 and March 20 (spring) to be 46 days in a non-leap year. That tallies to be approximately 6 1/2 weeks.

The other caveat in the tradition is if the soil swine doesn't see its shadow, then spring is just around the corner. Yeah... and the corner is about 6 1/2 weeks away.

At the end of the day, the good folks of Punxsutawney have had a riotous morning of day drinking followed by a massive breakfast of biscuits and gravy and pancakes.

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Ben Steyer is the new CEO of Michigan Soybean Committee

By Kevin Walker
Michigan Correspondent

ST. JOHNS, Mich. - Ben Steyer is the new CEO for the Michigan Soybean Committee (MSC).

"The MSC board is excited to welcome Ben Steyer as the new CEO for Michigan Soybean," said MSC President Laurie Isley. "His desire to provide a strong return of investments to our farmers makes him a great asset to our organization and his experience leading a cooperative organization will serve Michigan soybean farmers well."

Steyer replaces Janna Fritz, who became CEO of the MSC in 2019. The MSC also underwent a name change recently, from Michigan Soybean Promotion Committee to Michigan Soybean Committee. Steyer will also work closely with the MSC's sister organization, the Michigan Soybean Assoc., which functions as an advocate for soybean growers in the state and federal governments. The MSC is involved in marketing and research activities for soybean growers and is the state approved checkoff organization, which means that an assessment is levied on growers at the point of sale to pay for the group's activities.

Fritz left the organization to take a position with a seed company, Steyer said in a recent interview. Prior to being named as CEO, Steyer worked as the executive director of 1-800-SWEEPER, a co-op organization made up of independently owned and operated power sweeping companies. His work with the organization included continually developing new ways to bring value to the co-op members and strategically leading the organization.

Steyer grew up on a grain farm in northwest Ohio and, although

not a farmer he married into a farm family in Michigan and is now based in Monroe County in the southeast lower portion of the state. He lives with his wife Whitney and their two sons, Jackson and Tyson near his in-laws' corn and soybean farm. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Tiffin University in Ohio. Steyer also worked previously at a seed company and was selected to be a board member of the Independent Professional Seed Assoc., which represents independently owned seed companies. Steyer also participated in Syngenta's Leadership at Its Best program, a leader development and advocacy training program supported by the American Soybean Assoc.

Steyer said he plans to focus on renewable fuels and stated he wants to make sure that the organization "executes on the executive plan that the board put in place years ago." That plan includes consumer education, producer education, production research and creating demand for Michigan soybeans. "We work pretty closely with Michigan State University on a lot of projects, including different kinds of pest control, or just testing how effective it is to plant your soybeans early," he said. "We publish results, but we also have new farm research meetings in the winter to help farmers plan for the coming planting season. This year there were six meetings; they happened in January and February. Over the years growers have come to value what they learn in these meetings. Many of the same growers attend year after year."

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I've already gotten calls and reminders of people telling me, "Spring is here... I saw a robin."

Like the buzzard, the robin is opportunistic. Some of them are just flat lazy and don't fly south, but winter-over in Indiana hanging out along undercuts in creek banks. Seeing one or two robins can happen about anytime there is a warmup throughout the winter months. But, when you see large flocks of robins having returned from their migration to Florida, it does indicate spring is getting close.

Input on deer management

This month, you may have received an email inviting you to participate in the 2023 Deer Management Survey. The survey is how DNR receives input from Indiana residents on the state's deer management. DNR uses the results to set the annual antlerless quota, understand opinions on current deer management topics, and identify new topics needing to be addressed or studied. Please take the time to fill out the survey to voice your thoughts on deer management in our state.

If you did not receive a survey this year and would like to receive an invitation, send an email request to DeerSurvey@dnr.IN.gov.

Funding to reclaim long abandoned mining land

Recently approved federal funding

of up to \$385 million over the next 15 years will allow Indiana to reclaim more former coal mines to their pre-mining status. Hoosiers who own such property are encouraged to report it to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), even if you don't want the work done right away.

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Owners of such land should call 1-800-772-MINE (6463) or the Reclamation office number, 812-665-2207, or email their information directly to the AML program at abandonedmineresrestoration@dnr.IN.gov.

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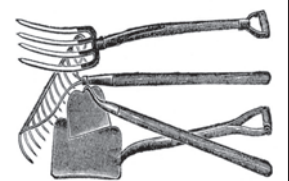
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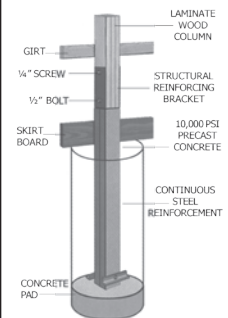
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Ohio producer tells story of coming to America, starting sheep operation

By Susan Mykrantz
Ohio correspondent

MT. HOPE, Ohio – Ulf Kintzel grew up in East Germany during communism. Two days after the 23rd anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, Kintzel shared the story of his journey as an apprentice shepherd in East Germany to a farm owner in the Finger Lakes region of New York as one of the keynote speakers during the 2022 Ohio Organic Conference in Mt. Hope.

Kintzel said communist countries, such as East Germany, struggled economically because they lacked technology and trade partners. He added that communist countries were limited in their trading partners due to the fact they didn't have a common currency to exchange with other countries.

When he left school, Kintzel began serving a two-year internship as a shepherd in East Germany tending a flock of Merino sheep.

"Merinos could graze land that couldn't be used for agriculture," Kintzel said.

He added that the sheep had access to grain when they were grazing because machinery in communist countries wasn't very efficient, so there was always a higher loss of grain left for sheep to graze.

When the wall came down in 1989, Kintzel said the flock was going to be dispersed because it was no longer economical to raise sheep in the former communist country.

Kintzel moved to former West Germany and again took a job as a shepherd, watching a flock grazing on an army training area where the sheep were used to keep the area free from vegetation.

He said during the summer, the flock would graze its way up the hill and by fall it would be moving back down the hill to the valley below.

But Kintzel knew that he needed to make other plans if he wanted to have a future as a shepherd.

"In Germany, if you don't come from a farm or have a parcel of land in your family, it is hard to become a landowner," he said. "If I wanted to make a home for myself, I knew I needed to leave Germany."

In addition to a degree in agricultural engineering, Kintzel was good with sheep, good with herding dogs, and could speak English, so he immigrated to the United States in 1995. He found a job in New Jersey, where he rented land on a closed 4-H camp. But farming on rented land didn't look prom-

ising for a future, particularly with a wife and a family.

In 1996, Kintzel and his wife purchased 100 acres in the Finger Lakes region of New York and later added 26 acres. After buying the land, Kintzel began buying sheep.

"I bought whatever sheep I could buy cheap," he said. "But I bought a good ram to upgrade the flock. By the time the breeding reaches 15/16 percent, an animal is considered purebred."

Kintzel concentrated on building a flock of White Dorper sheep. He selected the Dorper breed because they shed their coats and don't need to be shorn. How easily the sheep shed their hair depends on the health of the sheep. Healthy sheep shed easily, according to Kintzel.

"Wool is worth nothing and shearing is expensive," he said.

White Dorsers are a cross between Horned Dorsets and Persian Black-head sheep.

Kintzel said the White Dorsers are a meat-type sheep, known for easy lambing, excellent mothering ability, and a calm temperament. Dorsers mature early and can breed at eight or nine months of age, according to Kintzel. They can also reach a market weight of 80 to 95 pounds by four to five months of age, even on pasture. Kintzel said 85 to 90 pounds is the ideal weight because if they get heavier than that, the carcass will have more internal fat.

"Dorsers can get a decent fat cover with grass," he said.

Kintzel said he used to sell his market lambs directly to the customers, but now he works with a good vendor to market the lambs. "I have several different bloodlines so I can meet the needs of my buyers," Kintzel said.

Kintzel said the strength of the flocks depends on the ewes, selecting for milking ability, fertility and productivity. Because he lambs in March, the flock is kept inside a pole barn. Singles stay in the lambing jugs for a day while twins or triplets stay in the jugs for two to three days.

Kintzel said while the flock was on pasture most of the year, they had shelter when the weather was bad. He added that the shelters didn't have to be large, but they opened to the east away from the wind and cold.

"You should always have shelter and a windbreak," he said. "The sheep can decide if they need it and when the sheep lie down, they will be protected and comfortable."

Right: Dorsers-White Dorsers are a meat-type sheep, known for easy lambing, excellent mothering ability, and a calm temperament. Susan Mykrantz photo



Even though Kintzel uses pasture as much as possible, he feeds round bales in a feeder during the winter. He tries to move the feeder to different areas to scatter the manure around the field.

Kintzel said when you have a pasture-based operation you need to have a guard dog. If predators like coyotes get into the flock, they can do some serious damage.

Kintzel said his guard dog breed of choice is typically a great Pyrenees. "They are laid back, they have a good disposition, and will stay with the flock," he said.

Michigan Ag Council names next class of ambassadors

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Ag Council has announced the fourth class of Michigan GROWN, Michigan GREAT Ambassadors, a training program that helps develop young influencers for the agriculture industry in Michigan. These seven ambassadors will serve as public faces for the Michigan GROWN, Michigan GREAT campaign, engaging with consumers on important issues in agriculture and gaining knowledge and insight into Michigan's diverse farming sector.

The 2023 Michigan GROWN, Michigan GREAT Ambassadors were selected using a competitive application and interview process. The seven selected bring diversified experience in the agriculture industry, from asparagus and dairy production to potato production and veterinary sciences. The ambassadors are:

- Cassidy Acker, St. Louis, Mich.
- Carmen Beemer, Middleville, Mich.
- Carly Claucherty, Springport, Mich.

- Megan Grusczyński, Gaylord, Mich.
- Cora Okkema, Blanchard, Mich.
- Emma Woller, Montague, Mich.
- Zoey Zupin, Kentwood, Mich.

The ambassadors will undergo a comprehensive training program and will spend the remainder of 2023 promoting the Michigan GROWN, Michigan GREAT brand at farmers markets and other events throughout the state, as well as promote the program through social media, the Michigan Agriculture & Food podcast and in blogs.

"I am very excited about the group of ambassadors we have this year," commented Noelle Nachreiner, executive director of the Michigan Ag Council. "Each individual is bringing a different experience and perspective of Michigan agriculture to the group, but their common goal is the same – to share their enthusiasm for Michigan food and farmers and build trust in farming practices among consumers."

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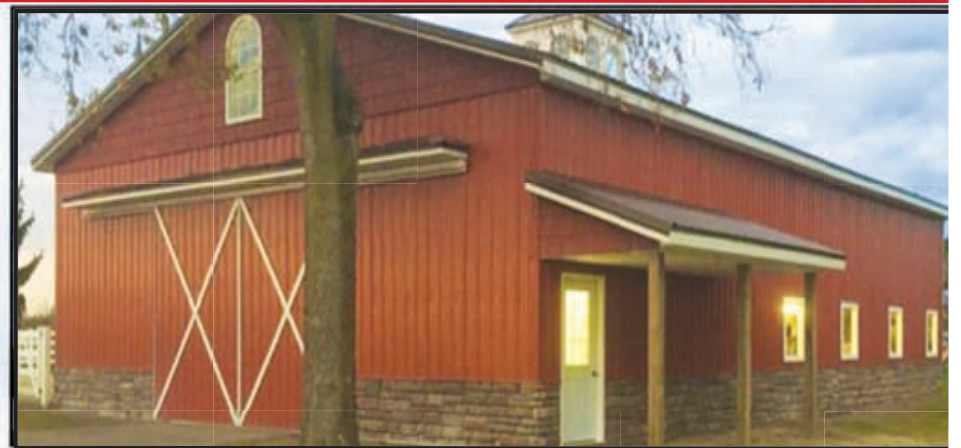
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Consumers taking a hard look at buying duck eggs

By DOUG GRAVES
Ohio Correspondent

DIAMOND, Ohio — According to inflation data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics last week, January egg prices rose 8.5 percent compared to the month before. In the year through January, egg prices soared 70.1 percent. A dozen eggs now costs more than a pound of ground beef.

On average, Americans eat roughly 300 eggs per year according to the USDA. That average may plummet though as a highly contagious, deadly avian flu has wreaked havoc in the egg market, constraining the national egg supply. That, plus higher feed and transportation costs for producers, has raised prices.

Alex Ross of Moon Farm in Diamond, Ohio, is having a hard time keeping up with the demand for chicken eggs.

"There's been nothing in my stand for the last three months, every egg that gets laid on this farm is pretty much sold before it's been laid," said Ross, who adds that four dollars a dozen is almost his break-even point.

However, what's bad news for chicken egg producers has become news of prosperity for those with duck eggs. So now Ross has given his customers an alternative.

"During my delivery route I didn't have enough chicken eggs because I was selling them so quickly," Ross said. "So, I asked people if they'd like to switch for a dozen duck eggs or a couple dozen quail eggs. My customers took advantage of

that. They tried something new and they really liked that."

Chicken eggs and duck eggs look similar in appearance, though duck eggs are slightly bigger. There are other noticeable differences.

"Duck eggs taste like a chicken egg but a little bit better," Ross said. "Duck eggs are a little higher in fat, but they have a very creamy, stronger egg flavor."

Author and farmer Jesse Frost of Kentucky, says the market is wide open for duck eggs and it's a perfect time for small-scale farmers to step in.

Frost offers several reasons why selling duck eggs makes sense. For starters, he says, duck eggs fetch a higher price.

"Partially because of the size, and partially because of the novelty," Frost says. "Farmers can generally charge more for duck eggs than chicken eggs. I've seen them sold from \$4 per dozen to \$1 per egg."

Frost points out that customers allergic to chicken eggs can often eat duck eggs and will seek them for this reason. And, he says, duck eggs are good for baking as the fat content of duck eggs makes baked goods richer, "and some bakers even say fluffier," he says.

While the high price in eggs has driven many to become urban chicken enthusiasts, Frosts says there are benefits to having ducks on the grounds rather than chickens.

"I have a general rule that I don't get animals that don't benefit the garden (because that's where our money is made) so we use our ducks to generate high-nitrogen compost that we then



Above: Duck eggs (at right) are slightly bigger than chicken eggs and their shells are thicker. The high price of chicken eggs has consumers considering the duck egg as a substitute. (photo submitted)

either run through our worm bins or through a regular composting method for plant food. At night, we keep our free-ranging ducks in a stationary coop with mulch beneath it. The mulch is regularly refreshed, and every month or so we pull all the manure-soaked mulch back and pit it up, then replace it. The resulting compost is very rich so you don't need much, but the ducks will happily give you plenty for your garden or your pastures."

When it comes to nutrition, duck eggs stay fresher longer due to their thicker shell. Duck eggs are richer, with more albumen, which makes cakes and other pastries fluffier. Duck eggs have more Omega-3 fatty acids. Finally, people who

cannot eat chicken eggs due to allergies can often eat duck eggs.

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Bird flu has cost the government \$661 million so far

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—The ongoing bird flu outbreak has cost the government roughly \$661 million and added to consumers' pain at the grocery store after more than 58 million birds were slaughtered to limit the spread of the virus.

In addition to the cost of the government response and rising prices for eggs, chicken and turkey, farmers who raise those animals have easily lost more than \$1 billion, said an agricultural economist, though no one has calculated the total cost to the industry yet.

The bad news is that with the outbreak entering its second year and the spring migratory season looming, there is no end in sight. And there is little farmers can do beyond the steps they have already taken to try to keep the virus out.

Unlike past years, the virus that causes highly pathogenic avian influenza found a way to survive through the heat of last summer, leading to a rise in cases reported in the fall.

The outbreak is already more widespread than the last major bird flu outbreak in 2015, but it hasn't proven as costly yet partly because the government and industry applied lessons learned eight years ago.

"The past year has been devastating for the turkey industry as we experience, unequivocally, the worst HPAI (highly pathogenic avian influenza) outbreak in the industry's history," National Turkey Federation spokeswoman Shelby Newman said.

In the current outbreak, 58.4 million birds have been slaughtered on more than 300 commercial farms in 47 states. That is because any time the virus is detected, the entire flock on that farm — which can number in the millions — must be killed to limit the spread of the disease. Only Hawaii, Louisiana and West Virginia have yet to report a case of bird flu. Iowa — the nation's biggest egg producer — leads the nation with nearly 16 million birds slaughtered.

In 2015, about 50 million chickens and turkeys were slaughtered on more than 200 farms in 15 states.

That previous outbreak remains the most expensive animal health

disaster in U.S. history. The federal government spent nearly \$1 billion to deal with infected birds, clean up barns and compensate farmers. It cost the industry roughly \$3 billion as farmers incurred additional costs and lost money when they didn't have any birds on their farms.

Egg prices shot up to \$4.82 a dozen in January from \$1.93 a year earlier, according to the latest government figures. That spike prompted calls for a price-gouging investigation although the industry maintains that the combination of bird flu and significantly higher feed, fuel and labor costs is what's driving prices so high.

The price for a pound of chicken breast was \$4.32 in January. That's down slightly from last fall when the price peaked at \$4.75, but it is up significantly from the year before when chicken breasts were selling for \$3.73 per pound.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics doesn't track retail turkey prices the same way as part of its inflation data, but the Agriculture Department says the wholesale price of turkey went from \$1.29 per pound last January just before the bird flu outbreak began to \$1.72 per pound last month.

The number of birds slaughtered peaked last spring at almost 21 million

in March, leaving farmers leery of what they must face in the months ahead. University of Georgia virus researcher David Stallknecht said there is some hope that this spring might not be quite as bad because turkeys and chickens may have developed some immunity to the virus.

The key problem with bird flu is that the highly contagious virus is spread easily by wild birds through their droppings and nasal discharges. Despite the best efforts of farmers, it is hard to keep the virus out.

Farmers have gone to great lengths by requiring workers to shower and change clothes before entering barns, sanitizing trucks that enter a farm and investing in separate sets of tools for every barn. Some farms have even upgraded barn ventilation and installed laser systems to discourage wild birds from congregating.

"We recommend all producers redouble their efforts to protect their birds through good biosecurity practices," said Lyndsay Cole, a spokeswoman for the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service that's leading the government's response.

Farmers began following those steps after the 2015 outbreak, and this outbreak has only reinforced the need

to tighten biosecurity.

"America's egg farmers continue to double-down on biosecurity protocols to protect our flocks and maintain a stable egg supply. We are grateful that there has been little to no farm-to-farm spread in this current outbreak," said Oscar Garrison, senior vice president of food safety and regulatory affairs at the United Egg Producers trade group.

Poultry and egg producers, partnering with the government, are parsing this outbreak for new lessons in keeping birds healthy.

"That's really the key - early detection. It's kind of like a forest fire - the earlier you detect it, the easier it is to contain and eradicate," National Chicken Council spokesman Tom Super said.

Officials say bird flu doesn't represent a significant threat to human health. Human cases are extremely rare and none of the infected birds are allowed into the nation's food supply. And properly cooking poultry to 165 degrees Fahrenheit will kill any viruses.

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The Izaak Walton League shares its Farm Bill agenda

By Celeste Baumgartner
Ohio Correspondent

GAITHERSBURG, Md.—The Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) thinks the 2023 Farm Bill can help farmers reduce their need for expensive inputs like fuel, fertilizer and pesticides, said Duane Hovorka, IWLA's Agriculture Program director.

"We think there are three things that need to be in the new farm bill," Hovorka said. "No. 1 is we need to put soil health at the center of agricultural policy. We think that the benefits of soil health for our natural resources; the economic and other benefits of healthy soils for farmers and ranchers make it critical that we revise our agricultural policy so that

we understand and learn the benefits of healthy soils."

IWLA also thinks it is important that the Farm Bill protect the \$20 billion that Congress provided in 2022 to help farmers and ranchers adopt climate-friendly farming practices, Hovorka said. The Farm Bill needs to meet rising demand from farmers for conservation assistance.

"The third thing we want to see in the new Farm Bill is leveraging more state, private, and local dollars to multiply the benefits of the federal investment for conservation needs," he explained.

A new State and Tribal Soil Health Grant program would support state, local and private initiatives and investment in soil health

systems adapted to each state's soil, climate, and farming systems, Hovorka said.

Programs like Conservation Innovation Grants (under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program), the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, and the Regional Conservation Partnership Program all leverage state and other funding to support conservation.

Concerning soil health, Hovorka said that a growing body of research is shedding light on how important healthy soils are for both our natural resources and net farm income.

"What we've learned about the science of healthy soils has come a long way over the last 10 years," he said. "What we're understanding is how critical those are to the infiltration of water into those soils. That has an impact on flooding downstream. It has an impact on how resilient our crop and grazing land is to droughts or flooding. It also has an impact on water quality and on recharging our groundwater."

America has lost half of the topsoil it had in colonial times, Hovorka said. After several decades of progress, where we saw reductions in soil

erosion. The National Resources Inventory says cropland erosion in the United States increased between 2007 and 2017.

Producers and economists agree that restoring healthy soils can help farmers cut their fuel use and radically reduce their reliance on expensive inputs. When soils are healthy, they feed the plants, so farmers can reduce their fertilizer bill. Healthy plants - fed by healthy soil - are resistant to pests and disease, so farmers need fewer pesticides.

"When you reduce or eliminate your tillage, or use cover crops in the winter, when you can go beyond one or two crops in your rotation, then you start breaking up pest cycles," Hovorka said.

"If you're on grazing land, if you're using well-managed rotational grazing so you move the animals around every day or two, that can have a huge impact on increasing the carrying capacity of the land because you're restoring the health of the plants," he explained. "You can put more animals on the land and you also get an environmental benefit with reduced runoff, with more wildlife habitat."




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Cross breeder expects first pure-bred sheep delivery

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

MITCHELL, Ind. - She grew up in a big city but an Indiana woman is now on the cusp of delivering what she expects to be her first pure-bred high-end sheep.

Diane Squibb, 55, is also making primarily handmade rugs from the wool of her growing flock.

Squibb, who grew up wanting to be an engineer, said living the farm life was not something she ever imagined herself doing as a child in Indianapolis or well into adulthood.

"If you would have said to me six or seven years ago that I was going to have sheep, I would have laughed at you. Thirteen years ago, I would have told you, you were crazy. Now, I'm like I wouldn't imagine life without it," she said.

Five years after she started breeding sheep, Squibb said she expects her first-pure bred Valais sheep native to Sweden to be born in March.

Her plunge into breeding stems from catching her first glimpse of totally pure-bred Valais sheep on Facebook while she and her husband were living on a slightly over two-

Right: Diane Squibb loves her crossbred Valois sheep and expects to deliver her first purebred species in March.

acre farm west of Indianapolis.

Her attention was especially drawn to their curly locks of hair, black faces and loving behavior she described as similar to a dog.

"They are so adorable. I just fell in love with them. It's a unique breed," she said.

Right away, she set out to acquire some of her own Valais sheep but learned having them transported here from other countries was prohibited to avoid the risk of spreading disease.

However, Squibb discovered semen from the Valais breed could be imported here from other countries. After considerable research, she obtained three female Scottish Black Face sheep from Maryland about five years ago due to their physical similarities with the Valais breed.

She had a nearby reproductive specialist artificially inseminate them with pure bred Valais semen

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Above: A floor loom was acquired by Diane Squibb to learn how to make rugs and other products from the wool of her sheep.

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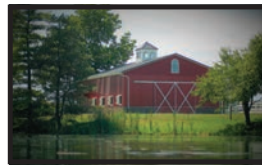
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Food as Health Alliance addresses food insecurity, chronic diseases

By **DOUG SCHMITZ**
Iowa Correspondent

LEXINGTON, Ky. – The University of Kentucky has launched the Food as Health Alliance, where researchers will collaborate with local clinicians, community partners, food commodity producers, healthcare partners and students, to address food insecurity and chronic-related diseases in the Commonwealth.

“Specifically, researchers, clinicians, healthcare, community partners, and students will explore innovative strategies to improve patient clinical outcomes and the health of Kentuckians,” Alison Gustafson, University of Kentucky professor of dietetics and human nutrition, and Food as Health Alliance program director, told Farm World.

“This will be accomplished by addressing the larger construct of food security, food access, agriculture, and expanding the concept of food as health, through the food as medicine framework intersection of food and health,” she said.

She said the alliance started in the fall of 2022 as a response to food insecurity and recurring diet-sensitive disease, while at the same time responding to the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Health.

According to recent studies, there are a variety of negative health consequences related to food insecurity, which, she said, “is why this is such an important priority for us.”

She said poor nutrition leads to a variety of health problems, such as birth defects, anemia, nutrient deficiencies, cognitive issues,

aggression and anxiety in children. In adults, it can increase the risk of depression, nutrient deficiency, and chronic diseases like diabetes and heart disease.

James Matthews, University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment associate dean for research, said there is a lack of application of clinical and community research findings to diet-related chronic disease and food insecurity.

“The mission of the Food as Health Alliance is to increase and sustain UK’s impact in the interdisciplinary arena of food, agriculture and health for everyone across the Commonwealth,” he said.

Gustafson said the alliance has four pillars: policy, research, training and education, and outreach.

“Through our research efforts connecting clinical partners to referral for food-as-medicine programming with community partners such as various agriculture, food distribution, and processing, we will create scalable and affordable food-as-health programming to reduce food insecurity,” she said. “This will also help to inform policy for lasting and sustainable change.”

She said food insecurity is associated with 10 of the costliest and most deadly preventable diseases.

“In addition, diet-affected health conditions cost the U.S. over a trillion dollars in direct medical expenses each year,” she said. “Produce prescription and medically tailored meal programs have early promise at reducing health care costs, and improving clinical outcomes.”

“Yet, there remain many key questions related to implementation and delivery among rural and

urban communities,” she added. “In addition, key partnerships still need to be established to sustain long-term delivery of these food-as-health programs.”

She said key outcomes of the Food as Health Alliance in year one will include:

1) Research development focused on bridging together clinical and community care to reduce food insecurity, health disparities, and diet-sensitive outcomes among residents of Kentucky through food-as-medicine programs (i.e., meal box delivery tailored for diet-sensitive diseases);

2) Networking events to improve transdisciplinary work across the state;

3) Training activities to improve clinician, students’, and patients’ understanding of food-as-health framework; and

4) Outreach programs to improve patient adherence to programs, and improve clinical outcomes.

Lauren Batey, Food as Health Alliance program coordinator, said the program will be a huge benefit for those all across the Commonwealth.

“There are so many amazing individuals and organizations, both here at UK and across Kentucky, that are interested in reducing food insecurity, improving diet-related health outcomes, and improving the lives of all Kentuckians,” she said. “Now, we can all work toward a common goal, and leverage one another’s assets.”

She said the alliance is starting to engage students from multiple colleges within the university.

“Soon, we hope to recruit student researchers from both the (College of

Agriculture, Food and Environment), as well as the UK Colleges of Medicine, Public Health, Dentistry, Nursing, and others that are interested, to focus on food-as-medicine-type research efforts,” she said.

“We will have opportunities for these students to help with things such as data analysis and patient education, among other program aspects,” she added.

Currently, the University of Kentucky is working with various food venues, and with local businesses and retailers, to pilot-test effective food-as-medicine programs across the state.

Batey said programs such as the Food as Health Alliance not only help people reduce food insecurity, but have significant clinical and financial outcomes, and reduce hospitalization.

“There is strong evidence, from studies across the nation, that programs like this have a significant impact on health and the economy, and we would love to kick something off to help those across Kentucky,” she said.

She added the growing evidence that partnerships between healthcare systems and local food assistance programs can improve dietary health is what led the alliance’s approach to recruiting partners.

“Medically tailored meals, meal box delivery and produce prescription programs can address structural barriers like access to healthy food and transportation, improve glycemic control, hypertension, breast cancer screening, dietary intake, and food security,” she said.

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New data shows 250 percent climb in covercrop acreage

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. —New data from the Operational Tillage Information System (OpTIS) tracked a 250% climb in cover crop acreage — from 2.8 million acres in 2015 to 7.5 million acres in 2021 — led by row crop farmers in the

southern portion of the region. The Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC), which hosts free access to OpTIS data on its ctic.org website, dubbed this release “OpTIS 3.0.”

“The new OpTIS 3.0 release consists of

two elements,” notes Dr. Dave Gustafson, project director at CTIC. “The first is the 2021 data, which identify established cover crops and tillage practices across a region that extends from central Colorado to the Ohio border and from the southern edge of Tennessee up to the Canadian border. The second new element is that Regrow Ag, our long-time partner and developer of OpTIS, has improved the algorithm used to analyze the satellite imagery behind OpTIS.”

The new data set also indicated that conservation tillage — leaving 30% or more of the soil surface covered with crop residue — was flat to slightly down through the 2015-2021 timeframe, with year-to-year variations that were likely due to spring weather.

Regrow developed the computer algorithm behind OpTIS, which analyzes publicly available satellite imagery to track cover crop adoption and conservation tillage trends. Regrow worked with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and CTIC on the development, testing and application of OpTIS.

Soren Rundquist, OpTIS science lead

for Regrow, explains that the algorithm was adjusted to fine-tune its ability to differentiate among cash crops, cover crops and weeds in different parts of the Corn Belt.

“In efforts to enhance the detection of cover crop fields using satellite sensors, the algorithm logic was updated to capture the regional variation on healthy vegetation emergence,” Rundquist says. “Changes were applied to data from 2015 to 2021.”

As a result of these updates, users can now access interactive maps that allow them to track changes in cover crop adoption and tillage practices between 2005 and 2021. OpTIS data through 2020 have also been run through Regrow’s De-Nitrification-De-Composition (DNDC) model to simulate carbon and nitrogen dynamics in the soil.

A webinar on Friday, April 14 will delve into the new data, new algorithm, and an exploration of how people are using OpTIS in their research. Check ctic.org/OpTIS for webinar details in the coming weeks.

Ways to remember what God has done for you

Deuteronomy 6:12 “. . . then watch yourself, that you do not forget the LORD who brought you from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”(NASB)

Memory is a wonderful gift, and we all have varying degrees of this valuable commodity. Yet, in reality, we are often a forgetful people. God knows our tendency to forget and regularly reminds us to watch ourselves lest we overlook something important.

I am one of the forgetful people. I can’t count how many times I have gone to the basement to grab something only to get down there and wonder what it was I came to get.

I know I am not alone in this human frustration. So often God’s people forget even bigger things than the reason for the visit to the basement. Sometimes they forget what God has done for them, and this is tragic.

Moses spoke for God in reminding the children of Israel of all He had done for them as He delivered them from bondage in Egypt. Then he gave some specific ways to keep the memory of God’s goodness fresh in their minds.

Parents were to teach God’s laws to their children. In this way they would personally review the truth as well as passing it on to the next generation. They were instructed to continually talk together all throughout the day. This constant dialogue would keep the truth sharp and fresh.



VERSES FROM MAMA
By Sandra Sheridan

Next Moses instructed them to create visible reminders. They were to bind the words on their hands and on their forehead as well as writing them on the doorposts. They would see and hear of all of the wonderful works of the LORD on a daily basis and this would be for their benefit.

God gave specific instructions about certain feasts and celebrations the people were to observe regularly. These special events served the purpose of keeping the memory of God’s great deliverance fresh and renewing joy in His gifts.

So often our forgetfulness comes from distraction. I forget my purpose when visiting the basement usually because I try to multi-task by taking down things that need to be put away. God knew that once His people entered the Promised Land and experienced all of the blessings, they would forget the One Who had brought them there in the first place.

If you are like me, you will have times when you are forgetful. But don’t make the mistake of forgetting the most important thing – all God has done for you.

Talk about His goodness daily. Fill your home with Scripture. And celebrate the real meaning of special holidays with joy. By incorporating all of these into your regular routine you will be keeping your memory in working order, and you won’t have to worry about overlooking the most important thing.



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Farbest Foods CFO chosen to lead poultry, egg association board

**By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent**

HUNTINGBURG, Ind. - The CFO of Farbest Foods in Huntingburg, Ind., was elected chairman of the board of directors for the U.S. Poultry & Egg Association in January.

Jarod Morrison said the board's role is to support the association's staff as it carries out the organization's mission to serve its members through research, education, communications and technical services. Morrison previously served as vice chairman, secretary and treasurer of the board. Next year, after his one-year term expires, he'll serve as past chairman.

The association has 27 board members and 24 staff members, Morrison said.

"At our meetings, our staff has the opportunity to share what's going on in their specific areas, whether it's environmental health and safety or student outreach," he explained. "They'll tell us what they're working on and ask for our thoughts on what they could do to better serve our members."

"Our organization invests \$3-\$4 million a year on programs focused on our mission. The board reviews how the funds are deployed."

The association has 391 members representing producers and

processors of broilers, turkeys, ducks, eggs and breeding stock, as well as allied companies, according to the organization.

Morrison was born in southern Indiana and has a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Southern Indiana. He has a master's in business administration from Purdue University.

"I started my career (after graduation) not in agriculture, but working for GE Plastics (later GE Advanced Materials)," he said. "I later worked for MasterBrand Cabinets, based out of Jasper."

In 2015, he joined Farbest, where he followed a man who retired as CFO after 37 years at the company. "I'd like to be here as long as possible," Morrison noted. "It's a great goal to retire one day from Farbest. It's a great family owned company I'm lucky to work for."

"I didn't grow up working in agriculture but in southern Indiana, agriculture is really important to our area. We have the opportunity to support local farm families."

Morrison began attending U.S. Poultry & Egg Association seminars in 2016. The following year, he was nominated for the organization's board of directors.

"We have a really good staff," he said. "It was hard to navigate the challenging times due to COVID-19."

We didn't have a trade show in 2021. As board members, it was really great to see the staff execute trade shows in 2022 and 2023."

The pandemic wasn't the only challenge to the industry and the association over the last couple of years, Morrison said. Last year, 47 states reported cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), beginning with Indiana in February. Since then, about 58 million birds have been destroyed, according to the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Commercial layers and pullets account for about 44 million, and turkeys, about 9.8 million.

"You have animal disease challenges that can cause unexpected

supply disruptions," Morrison said. "This has caused a significant impact to the industry. These are the types of things you have to pay attention to. Things can change rapidly. Elevated food prices have also certainly been a challenge. Unfortunately, HPAI has created this situation. You also have to take a step back and look at the Chicago Board of Trade. Key prices on feed - corn and soybean meal - have gone up."

The nation continues to see some HPAI cases, though not nearly as many as last year's outbreak, he said. "This has lasted longer than expected. I believe in U.S. agriculture. For the association, we continue to be very focused on biosecurity."

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Sheep

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from New Zealand and United Kingdom.

Squibb kept having each generation of her female newborns fertilized with Valais semen to increase the percentage of genes from the breed in each birth.

She was one or two deliveries away from meeting the qualifications of pure-bred status when she decided to short cut the process to save money on what has been a very costly venture.

She ordered fertilized eggs from a pair of 100-percent Valais sheep and had them inserted into the wombs of her highest percentage crossbred version of the species.

The embryos took in three of her sheep, which are due give birth to four lambs on her farm in March.

Eventually, Squibb hopes to at least recover the money she has sunk into crossbreeding by growing her herd of Valais sheep and selling them since pure-bred ones command as much as \$25,000 to \$30,000 apiece.

Squibb said she's also looking to offer fertilized embryos and semen from her pure-bred sheep for sale.

She and her husband, Joel, have more room to keep a sizable herd since moving in July to a 60-acre

farm outside Mitchell in the southern part of the state.

"It's an investment. It's definitely an investment," she said.

Squibb, who's a nurse, and her firefighter husband did not grow up or work on a farm, but was raised in a rural area.

They settled on living in the country once they married and later obtained a few animals like alpacas, chickens and donkeys.

For eight-years, Squibb also bred and sold full-blooded German shepherds. Her dog breeding and nursing skills have helped in her sheep adventure by not having to contact experts like a veterinarian to perform certain tasks like administering shots.

During the pandemic, Squibb, spending more of her personal time at home, also learned how to make yarn and products like rugs from the wool of her sheep laying around in bags after each sheering.

She acquired a spinning wheel and other tools like a carding machine to strengthen the fibers in the wool before pulling and twisting the material into long strands. She also obtained a floor loom for weaving the strands into the dozen or so rugs she has made and sold ever since.

"I did a lot of research. I'm a research person. When I get my mind set on something, I want to know everything about it," she said.

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Small maple syrup producers keep traditions alive

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

ROCKVILLE, Ind. – An annual festival for more than a half century is coming up to celebrate maple syrup in a state where the age old craft is practiced mostly for enjoyment.

Last year, 4,000 people attended the Parke County Maple Fair in Rockville, said Neysa Jones, executive secretary with Parke County, Inc., an organization dedicated to promoting local tourism.

Jones said people come not just from the local area but other more distant locations such as Chicago and Kentucky. "It's a longstanding tradition," she said.

Indiana ranked No. 1 in the nation for maple syrup production over a century ago until development removed much of what used to be vast acres of maple forests. According to USDA, less than 1 percent of maple syrup made in the U.S. now comes from Indiana, but production in the state in recent years has been on the rise.

The fair, established in 1964, is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 25, 26 and March 4, 5 at the Parke County fairgrounds at 1472 N. U.S. 41.

The fair includes pancakes with maple syrup and sausage served all day and local vendors along with tours of six working maple syrup camps in the county. Jones said fair-



Above: Jim Meece showing how sap is boiled down into syrup in an evaporator at his Sweetwater Sugar Camp during last year's Parke County Maple Fair.



Above: What maple syrup looks like once sap is boiled down was displayed by Jim Meece during last year's Parke County Maple Fair.

goers will be given maps to each maple syrup making site and all 31 covered bridges in the county to explore as an option.

In addition to syrup, there will be vendors offering maple sugar candy, maple syrup cookies and other products like jams, jellies and handmade crafts. Local artists will also demonstrate their talents and have works of art for sale.

The tradition of collecting and boiling sap into syrup is very much alive in Indiana, mostly from small-

scale producers like Jim Meece, who used to help his stepfather make liquid gold as a child in Parke County, about 60 miles west of Indianapolis.

Meece, 73, said he purchased the property, including a 35-acre maple woods and a sugar house built in 1949, from his mother in 1980.

He and his wife married three years later. "We've been operating it on our own ever since," he said.

Meece said his 600 taps yield enough sap to make 150 to 200 gallons of syrup each season.

He offers some of his syrup at the fair.

"They actually get a lot of people. It's kind of a fun place to go and see," he said.

As a small producer, Meece said he receives just enough from sales to cover the cost of fuel oil, electricity

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Above: A pancake and sausage breakfast drew good sized crowds in the 4-H building at the Parke County Fairgrounds during the annual Maple Fair last year.

Maple Fair

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and other operating costs.

His profits rest more with the satisfaction he receives from practicing and showing others the craft.

"This an art to me. People come to see me make maple syrup. They come to buy maple syrup that they know I made from my trees. It's absolutely 100 percent pure, nothing added to it and they know we made every drop and that's important to me," he said.

During the fair, Irene Wirth will offer some of her syrup made from about 20 acres of maple trees on property once owned by her grandfather, Fred Swaim.

She said her grandfather used maple syrup as a sweetener on things like cereal instead of sugar. "Anything he wanted to use sugar on, he'd use the maple syrup," she said.

Her father, Marvin Williams, was one of the people involved in starting the fair. Wirth, 75, was raised and still lives on the property where she makes over 100 gallons of syrup in a typical season.

She said there are some larger scale maple syrup producers in the state but "most of it is more of a mom and pop thing."

Wirth said she still makes syrup because she loves the taste and enjoys carrying on a tradition especially when other family members join in.

Her two grandsons help as much as they can around their work schedules.

"It's just in me. It's just something we're supposed to do this time of the year," she said.



Above: This is how it all begins. The trees are tapped and the sugar water collected. It is then boiled down to become maple syrup. Photos courtesy of Jim Meece

According to USDA, more than one-half of the maple syrup produced in the nation last year came from Vermont, which produced over 2.5 million gallons. Following Vermont were New York, Maine, Wisconsin and Michigan.



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Demand for butter down; but demand for fat is keeping prices up

The USDA's latest Supply and Utilization data shows dairy's commercial disappearance in 2022 was strong, up 1.6 percent, according to StoneX broker Dave Kurzawski in the Feb. 20 "Dairy Radio Now" broadcast.

Total cheese usage was up 2.1 percent, according to Kurzawski, buoyed by exports, which were up 12 percent from 2021. American cheese exports were up 38 percent.

The story on butter was not as good. Disappearance was down 4.6 percent for the year. Exports, however, were up 47.6 percent, indicating domestic demand was lagging, he said, down 7 percent, prompting the question "Why is butter at \$2.40 per pound?"

The simple answer, according to Kurzawski is that "The demand for fat is not down. Demand for butter at retail is down and demand for butter at restaurants is down, but demand for fat is probably as strong as it's been for quite some time."

Total nonfat dry milk utilization turned positive in December, following six consecutive months below 2021 levels. Domestic usage rose above a year ago in August and powder exports saw their biggest volume since December 2019.

Cheddar block cheese at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange climbed to \$1.89 per pound Tuesday but closed Friday at \$1.88, up 1.75 cents on the week but 10.75 cents below a year ago.

The barrels ended the week at \$1.5475, 2.75 cents lower, 38.75 cents below a year ago, and 33.25 cents below the blocks. Sales totaled 6 cars of block and 45 of barrel for the week, highest barrel total since the

week of May 17, 2021.

The week was wanting in fresh news for the market to feed on. Traders will have plenty the week of Feb. 20, though it will be shortened due to the Presidents Day holiday Monday. The Global Dairy Trade auction is Tuesday morning, the January Milk Production report is issued Wednesday afternoon, and the January Livestock Slaughter report is out Thursday. The January Cold Storage report is issued Friday afternoon, long after the markets have traded for the week.

Midwest barrel processors tell Dairy Market News that larger contractual based customers have cut back purchases, which affected production schedules this week and moved milk into other varieties when possible. Some retail Cheddar-Italian style cheesemakers said sales were "hearty." Milk remains notably available and spot loads at \$10 under Class III were reported for the 8th consecutive week but prices varied throughout the region. Some cheesemakers were not seeing offers that low but found milk closer to \$4 and \$5 under Class. Eyes are still on the large price gap between blocks and barrels. While marketers expect an eventual convergence of the two, there is a bit of instability, however, market tones are not necessarily bearish, but viewed more as mixed, says DMN.

Western cheese demand continues mixed domestically. Both steady and softer sales into retail and food service markets were noted. Contract sales were steady with some reports of inventories being sold out through first quarter and almost sold out for most of second quarter. Export sales saw an uptick. Some cheesemakers are shifting from blocks to barrels. Ample regional milk volumes are available and cheese production is steady to strong, says DMN.

CME butter climbed to \$2.4575 per pound Tuesday, highest since Dec. 22, 2022, but closed Friday at \$2.3750, down 3.75 cents on the week and 31.50 cents below a year ago, on

10 sales for the week.

Midwest butter sales are reportedly "meeting expectations," says DMN, however "Expectations in mid-February represent a somewhat low bar when compared to the spring and late summer/early fall months." Butter contacts say sales could be worse. Cream continues to flow to butter plants, and at favorable pricing for churning.

Cream volumes are also readily available in the West and cream demand is steady to light. Less than fully staffed production schedules have been a challenge to some operations but strong butter production continues. "Stakeholders look to assure midyear demand coverage," says DMN, "but demand is light ahead of the expected increase related to the spring holidays." Retail demand is light and some report sales are below seasonal forecasts. Spot market demand is mixed as some contacts note light demand, while others note no spot market activity taking place. Second quarter contract sales had a slight uptick from the previous week but export sales are light, reports DMN, due to "uncompetitive prices compared to the world stage."

Grade A nonfat dry milk dropped 3.75 cents Tuesday, following the GDT Pulse, and fell to a Friday finish at \$1.22 per pound, 4.50 cents lower on the week and 63 cents per pound below a year ago, with 9 sales reported for the week.

Dry whey gained a penny Monday and closed Friday at 45 cents per pound, up 2.50 cents but 36 cents below a year ago, with only 1 sale recorded on the week.

Dairy farms are calling it quits. The Daily Dairy Report's Sarina Sharp wrote in the Feb. 10 Milk Producers Council newsletter, "Livestock auctions have a growing line-up of dairy herds on the docket." She adds: "The combination of high slaughter volumes and low heifer supplies could speed contraction in the milk cow herd, but the shift from today's surplus to tighter milk supplies will take some time. And if markets bounce

back prematurely, the painful process will drag on even longer."

In politics, the Green Bay-based American Dairy Coalition (ADC) gave a thumbs up to Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) for "the dairy priorities she has announced ahead of the upcoming 2023 Farm Bill negotiations, especially her plan to reintroduce the Dairy Pricing Opportunity Act."

An ADC press release stated that Gillibrand first introduced the legislation in 2021 with Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) and Susan Collins (R-Maine). "The introduction of this bill was a direct result of Sen. Gillibrand's 2021 Senate Agriculture Subcommittee hearing on modernizing milk pricing and the FMMO system and has paved the way for critical discussions surrounding FMMO reform in not just Class I pricing, but potentially other areas as well," says the ADC.

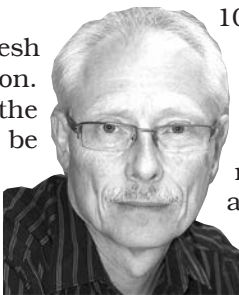
The wholesomeness of dairy needs to be defended and the latest salvo is a book, No. 5 on a New York Times list of "10 Nutrition Myths Experts Wish Would Die." "Plant Milk is healthier than dairy milk."

"It's just not true," said Kathleen Merrigan, professor of sustainable food systems at Arizona State University and a deputy secretary of agriculture under President Barack Obama, in the article.

"Indeed, the myth persists, despite how plant-based beverages have much-lower protein, numerous additives of dubious value, and a lack of uniform quality that should give anyone pause."

A press release from the National Milk Producers Federation states, "It's also not shocking that the misinformation continues. Money talks, and the plant-based sector is well-funded, with plenty of media allies and a ready-made base of support in a vegan community that insists a diet that's impossibly difficult to follow and prone to malnourishment should be adopted by everyone."

"It also comes down to the names of the products themselves. If (whatever substance of the moment) is put in front of the word 'milk,' then a false impression of nutritional equivalence, if not superiority, is easy to create."



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Trends in the farm toy shows

The Gateway Mid-America Toy Show took place Feb. 2-4, 2023. This was the 41st year, making this one of the longest running farm toy shows around. The show had a large crowd with numbers of around 2,000 people in attendance. Kevin Collins, a vendor who along with his wife Nancy deals with literature, and memorabilia, said that they have noticed an uptick in sales this year. "People are buying everything during an almost recession, I wouldn't believe it," he said.



WRENCHING TALES
By Cindy Ladage

Kevin noted that brands that he hasn't sold in a while like DeLaval and Funks Seed have come back strong this year. "People are looking for different things," he added. With auctions going online, and everyone coming out of the pandemic he thought everyone is ready to get out.

The Gateway show is one where collectors were able to attend a live auction. A few of the auction highlights sold by auctioneer Dennis Aumann and his team out of Ohlman, Ill., were a John Deere 4430 toy w/ cab WF 1/8 scale, an International Harvester 886 1/16th scale, and a Toy Farmer Big Bud 900 HP to name a few. Aumann said, "The auction went well. We were also set up in our room."

Aumann said it is hard to say what something will bring, but he mentioned one example where a gentleman bought a four-piece farm set up from the 1960s and brought it to the auction a couple years ago. "He gave \$24.95 for it and brought one of them. That morning he sold one, and a bidder gave \$7,200 for it. On Friday morning, he brought the other one in and set it down and said he hoped for more for this one."

Aumann said he really didn't know how much it would bring. The toy did well, it sold for \$9,300. The only items that he didn't think did as well were some trucks because, he said, "This is primarily a farm toy auction."

Vendors said toy prices are up. Vendor brothers Dan and Doyle Case were set up in a room. Doyle Case explained that toy brands like Nylint RV's, plastic toys and other farm toy variations are selling well. "People are expanding and paying more," he said.

Part of the draw that brings in the crowd is the sheer joy of visiting. "My dad would come to this show just to talk farming," Doyle Case reminisced.

Not all vendors were selling just farm toys, literature and memorabilia. Patsy Gustafson hit a great niche with her themed potholders and jar openers. Even John Deere and IH and other collectors get arthritis and sometimes need help opening a jar or two.

Warren Knutson found a neat toy with his Shell Service Station, then located a companion piece with a boxed Texaco Station set. "Shell gave away hot wheels in the early 1970s," this toy car collector said. "I found this at a flea market, then saw the Texaco game in a room."

More trends in the farm toy business were highlighted at the end of the day at the Toy Talk Round Table. Moderator Dale Bernard put questions to farm toy modelers of different ages who create different types of toys. The toy modelers were set up at a table. Situated from left to right were Jason Shireman, Garret Mauch, Sidney Sylvester, Seth Eberhart, Rick Conner and Curt Eberhart.

The first question was how the modelers got started in the farm toy hobby and business. Shireman said that he started out "carpet farming" as a kid and at an early age started customizing. Mauch played with sandbox toys and used the internet and Facebook and really got involved once out of college. Sylvester, who is just a high school senior, said he had farm toys and got into the hobby from his brother. He is into puller toys and creates 3D printed toys and makes four to five different varieties. Seth Eberhart is a second-generation collector. His father Curt got him into the hobby, he creates displays. Conner began in 1981 reassembling toys he had when he was young. Curt Eberhart said, "I was poor and didn't get what I wanted so I started collecting."

When asked what they wanted in the future from the farm toy manufacturers, answers varied widely, from those hoping for more detailing to those hoping for more non-grain options to more pullers and four-wheel drive machines. The big question of the day that Bernard asked was, "What do you see as the future of the hobby?"

Everyone wondered if 3D would cause controversy or be embraced. When the dust settled, the answer was that all the different methods are unique, and don't really compare but offer their own special opportunities. Some of the take-aways though were that 3D printing has made many models more affordable and brought in a younger crowd. Shireman predicted that a whole new aspect, Virtual reality will come on the scene sometime soon.

Mauch was amazed by what the youth can do and said that how to videos and 3D details are responsible for a lot of the creativity out there. "Without 3D, I'd just be a collector. Now, if there is something you want, there is no reason you can't



Above: The Shell Station Warren Knutson had collected.

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Above: Many gimmicks were used in introducing new tractors such as this balloon touting the Farmall 706 and 806.

Memories of new tractor introductions

Tractor sales are extremely important to most farm equipment dealers. They provide year-round revenue, unlike seasonal equipment. After-sales from parts and service are equally important.

When a tractor manufacturer conducts a new-product announcement, the goal is to convince their dealers that they are an improvement over old models, and to get them to order and sell the new ones. All manufacturers do this, but my description of those I attended is limited to the those that IH announced while I was with the company, and those that our dealerships sold.

During the years I was with International Harvester and then after I became an IH dealer, I attended 10 such announcements. Each was unique. Usually, the company paid for overnight lodging and meals, and the dealer paid travel expenses. Here are my recollections:

1954 - The Farmall 300 and 400 replaced the H and M without great fanfare or a national gathering. New features like power steering were optional, as was a two-point fast hitch. Horsepower was increased. Many parts were interchangeable with the older tractors (One complaint that came later was the fuel tank on the 400. Many felt it was too small).

1958 - the Farmall 460 and 560 introductions were more elaborate but I was serving two years in the Army and did not attend this one.

1963 - Farmall 706 & 806. This was a major product change with an elaborate introduction. Following dealer meetings for the entire IH dealer organization, a huge display and introduction to the public was conducted at the 1963 Farm Progress Show. The three-day event included product presentations every hour and an arena show. A regional event in 1965 added the new

ALL ABOUT TRACTORS

BY PAUL WALLEM

and larger 1206 to the line.

1967 - The 756, 856 and 1256 announcements were more subdued with less dramatic changes. I had joined

International Harvester Export Co. at this point, and we brought some of our largest overseas distributors to this event. Those representing IH in South America were some of the largest retailers of these models.

The 1456 came two years later.

Later in 1967, my team conducted a new product announcement in Panama for South and Central American distributors. New models of smaller tractors built in Great Britain and Germany were released. We also brought down a 4100 from the US factory. At this event, distributors speaking Spanish, Portuguese and French attended. We held banquets in Panama City for them, and had the mayor of the city speak. We also took them for a tour of the locks at that end of the Panama Canal. Mixing three languages along with English was quite an experience.

1971 - By this time I was the IH dealer in Belvidere, Ill. Moline was the location for a huge introduction of the new 766 plus 966, 1066 and 1466. The 100 Hydro was hydrostatic. The 1466 was available with V8, and named 1468. One criticism was the new cab. The dealers didn't like it.

1976 - Announcement of the new 986 - 1086 and 1486 was primarily a company/dealer joint effort to put the new models in the field for customers to try out. At our Belvidere dealership, we invited Miss Illinois and her friends to attend. I think they attracted more young farmers than the new tractors did.

1979 - The announcement of the 2 plus 2 tractor was a large stage production in Phoenix. Professional actors were part of the show. Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass entertained at the evening banquet. Orion Samuelson (WGN) was the MC. The 3388 and 3588 were a major shift in tractor design, and were the first articulated four-wheel drives.

1981 - Our dealerships were attempting to market the Big Bud AWD, built in Havre, Mont. We attended a small but well-presented meeting at the factory. It was a massive and impressive tractor, and we stocked a 325 HP model at our Wisconsin store, and

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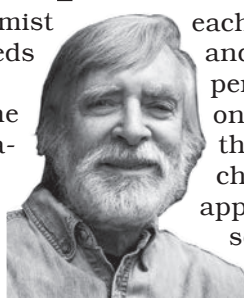
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By Bill Felker

each come 5 percent of the time, and 40s are recorded 35 to 40 percent of the years, highs only in the 20s or 30s occur the remaining 50 percent, and chances for a high in the teens appear for the last time this season. Average temperatures now rise at their spring and early summer rate, one degree every three days, until the second week of June.

Zeitgebers (Events in Nature that Tell the Time of Year)

Cardinals are singing near 6:40 a.m. Wild violet leaves begin to grow when the snow melts.

Migrant crows return with their young. Chipmunks come out to play and mate in the sun. Rabbits are breeding as wild multiflora roses sprout their first leaves.

The steelhead salmon run comes to a close in Lake Erie. Carp mate in the river shallows. Feeding seasons begin for walleye, sauger, saugeye, muskie, bass and crappie.

Sweet corn has been planted along the Gulf coast. Redbuds and azaleas are in full bloom in Georgia, rhododendrons just starting to come in. In the lowlands of Mississippi, swamp buttercups are open, violets and black medic, too.

Measure the height of hyacinths, daffodils and tulips. Note the color and size of lilac and other buds. Count the number of pussy willows emerged. Check for chickweed greening in the bushes. Spring does not necessarily arrive with warm weather; it is the accumulation of individual events that finally overwhelm the winter.

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• Five weeks until the peak of Middle Spring wildflowers in the woods, and crab apples flower.

• Six weeks until American toads sing their mating songs in the night.

• Seven weeks until tulip time in the garden and toad trillium time in the woodlands.

• Eight weeks until the Great Dan-delion and Violet Bloom begins.

• Nine weeks until azaleas and snowball viburnums and dogwoods bloom.

• 10 weeks until iris and poppies and daisies come into flower.

Mind and Body

The S.A.D. Index, which measures seasonal stress on a scale from 1 to 100, rises gradually from the lower 60s at the beginning of the period to the lower 70s by the end of the month (the last time they climb so high in this first half of the year). Even though the nights are shortening quickly and the odds for decent weather improve by the day, the waxing moon at perigee becomes full as February ends, increasing the chances of seasonal affective disorder. For full S.A.D. statistics, consult Poor Will's Almanack.

In the Field and Garden

Before spring growth begins, spray ash, bittersweet, fir, elm, flowering fruit trees, hawthorn, juniper, lilac, linden, maple, oak, pine, poplar, spruce, sweet gum, tulip tree, and willow for scales and mites.

Apply more fertilizer to trees, shrubs and perennial beds. Water the earth thoroughly in order to get everything off to a good start.

Normal average temperatures break 32 degrees throughout the lower Midwest, and many tulips, hyacinths and lilies of the valley are emerging from the ground.

Winter wheat is greening and developing in the fields, offering a patchwork promise of April.

Mares show signs of estrus, as the days grow longer. The last of the lambs and kids conceived in middle autumn are born.

Plant sweet peas and the first row of regular green peas directly in the garden, as conditions permit.

Make plans to sell kids and lambs to the Easter Market at the end of March and in early April.

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By Lois Rivard, Placerville, Calif.

When we sold our cattle ranch and moved to a smaller place, our Australian Shepherd, Shorty, was a very unhappy dog. He would whine and start down the driveway, wanting us to follow him back home. He was used to herding cattle, and here he had nothing to do.

There was small pen of laying hens, but he wasn't interested in them until one day a hawk swooped down,

(Poor Will continued on page 11C)

Astronomical Data and Lore

The Great Groundhog Moon waxes throughout the period, becoming full at 3:17 on Feb. 27. Rising in the evening and setting in the morning, this moon passes overhead in the middle of the night, encouraging creatures to be most active around that time, especially as the cold fronts of Feb. 24, 28 and March 3 approach.

Before midnight, Leo and Regulus are overhead. The Pleiades and Taurus lead Orion into the far west. The Big Dipper protrudes deep into the center of the sky. By 6 a.m., the stars have become a prophecy of Late Summer, August's Vega almost overhead, Hercules a little to its east, the Northern Cross to its west. Just before dawn, the stars of Capricorn lie in the southeast. Sagittarius and Scorpius (easily identified by the red star, Antares, in its center) fill the south. West of Scorpius is the boxy Libra. West of Libra is Virgo, marked by Spica, the brightest of the southwestern stars.

Weather Trends

Snowdrop Winter often arrives around the 24th, often one of the windiest days of the month, and colder temperatures often return for up to 72 hours. While 50s and 60s

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Above: These new tractors were introduced in 1963.

Tractor

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a 450 HP in Belvidere. They drew a lot of attention but were too big and expensive for our market. Later, we obtained the Steiger franchise that proved highly salable.

1981 Fall - 5088-5288-5488 - These new Internationals were a major change. Here were the increases in horsepower versus the replaced models:

- 986 - 117 HP replaced by 5088
- 150 HP
- 1086 - 146 HP replaced by 5288
- 177 HP
- 1486 - 162 HP replaced by 5488
- 205 HP

This announcement came at a time when farm incomes were still being battered by high interest loans and poor dealer sales. International Harvester was trying to recover from a very

expensive strike. Things kept getting worse, and just three years later Case and IH merged.

1984 - This was my last tractor announcement. Dallas was the site of this national dealer meeting when details emerged regarding the CaseIH merger. All dealers for both brands attended. My most vivid recollection of that event was the color announcement. All future equipment would be red.

Mixed emotions were heard constantly from dealers of both brands, regarding future dealer locations.

Paul Wallem was raised on an Illinois dairy farm. He spent 13 years with IH in domestic and foreign assignments. He resigned to own and operate two IH dealerships. He is the author of THE BREAKUP OF IH & SUCESSESSES & INDUSTRY FIRSTS of IH. See all his books on www:PaulWallem.com. Send your comments about this column to pwallem@aol.com.



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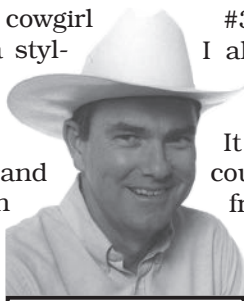
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Top five fashion questions answered

I know the cowboy and cowgirl community looks to me as a stylish trendsetter who is always in fashion. As a man of few fashion surprises who owns at least three pairs of jeans and a stack of T shirts, some even without colorful pictures of cows or cars on them, I realize I have a responsibility to share my insight as to what's fashionable.



It's THE PITTS
By Lee Pitts

I'm constantly barraged with questions like, "What's in style, shotgun chaps or chinks? Fringe or no fringe, vest or no vest, Pendleton or polyester, a feather in one's hat or a hat band, belt or suspenders, wrist watch or pocket watch, jinglebobs on your spurs or no jinglebobs?"

As a leatherworker I'm often asked if it's fashionable to put your name on the back of your belt or did that style go out with Lyndon Johnson? (I prefer initials on the tip of your belt). And yes, you should wear a belt and pull up your pants. Even though teenagers are often seen with their pants pulled down like they have \$500 worth of nickels in them, it's not a style that will ever catch on with the cowboy crowd. Can you imagine Trevor Brazile getting off his horse after roping a calf and mooning the crowd in Vegas at the NFR?

The top five questions I get from people who want to dress as stylish as myself are...

#5 Levi or Wrangler? I was a Levi man in my younger years but that was before I learned that Levi gives hundreds of millions of dollars to extremely liberal causes, while Wrangler sponsors the NFR. So now I'm a Wrangler man. Okay, okay, the fact that Levis now cost \$60 per pair might have a little something to do with my fashion awakening. At any time, you could add up the cost of everything I'm wearing and the total wouldn't be near \$60. Compromise position: Cinch jeans.

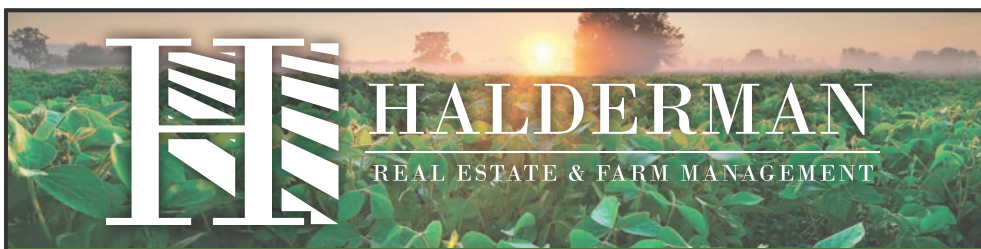
#4 Square toe or pointy toe? I notice a lot of rodeo cowboys and cowgirls are wearing square toed boots these days but call me old-fashioned, I believe that proper boots should have pointy toes so you can get your foot out of the stirrup faster with less hang up. Compromise position: My favorite boots have always been Justin Ropers with a round toe. Under no circumstance should a cowboy or cowgirl wear those silver toe caps on their boots that make them look like derelict rock and roll singers.

#3 Outside or inside? Because I also make spur leathers, people ask if the buckles should be on the outside or inside. It depends on what part of the country you're from. If you're from California, the buckles should be on the inside so you can put a big gaudy concha on the outside of your spur leathers. If you live closer to Texas and Nebraska, it's fashion forward to wear the

buckles on the outside, which is more practical. Compromise position: I really like the three-piece spur leathers with a concha on the outside and the buckles in the middle.

#2 Wild rag or bolo tie? Wild rag for sure, unless you happen to be from Arizona. I've traveled that state extensively and have found that only an Arizonian can wear a bolo tie and look good at it. Arizona cowgirls are also the only ones who look good with big old Squash blossoms around their neck. Maybe it's the turquoise? Compromise position. Do like I do and don't wear either one because neither a wild rag or bolo tie looks good with a tee shirt.

#1 Black or white? The number one question: "Is it more fashionable to wear a white (actually grey) or black hat?" I used to wear nothing but silver bellies but I'll admit that nothing looks better than a properly shaped black hat, except under really dusty conditions. I've seen some auctioneers wear brown hats, but you have to be really courageous and good looking to pull this look off. Compromise position: Just wear a straw hat all year round. They're lots cheaper and you won't care as much if one happens to blow away or get stepped on by a bull or horse. I'll admit straw hats don't look good if you wear one with a suit, but I tend to avoid any enterprise that requires wearing one of them darn things.



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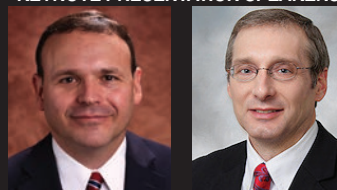
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Above: Toys on display in one of the vendor rooms.



Above: A couple of collectors taking a break at the busy show.



Above: More trends in the farm toy business were highlighted at the end of the day at the Toy Talk Round Table Moderator Dale Bernard put questions to farm toy modelers of different ages who create different types of toys.

Wrenching

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have it."

Sylvester also said he would not be in the hobby if not for 3D. He predicts the melding of powder, laser and metal together to provide, "higher detail at lower cost."

Seth Eberhart really wrapped it up by saying, "3D and scratch building, they are all separate. I wish I could do that, but they are two different things. 3D doesn't hurt, it's different, it pushes scratch builders to build to new levels."

Chuck Steffens, a builder who was in the audience, added in that the 3D is also causing competition among the farm toy manufacturers and this push is also coming from the laser cutting and CNC machine talent as well. Everyone is stepping up their game with the new and upcoming technologies.

One look at the farm layouts at the toy show and it was clear that the layouts and creativity are at a high level of talent. The annual model and display contest brought contestants from Illinois, Missouri, Texas, Iowa, Minnesota, Arkansas, Michigan, Kansas, and Kentucky. One young man came back to enter a layout contest after having been absent for 15 years. The hobby keeps drawing individuals back year after year even though the hobby changes and rearranges over time.

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COMBINE - GRAIN AND CORN HEADS

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2005 (Ser # 710973) JD 9660 STS Combine, 2 WD, chopper, bin ext., 18.4R-42 rubber w/matching duals, 18.4-26 rear, 3611 engine, 2192 separator; 2005 (Ser # 711820) JD 630F 30' Hydra Flex Grain head; 2005 (Ser # 711432) JD 608C 8R 30' Corn head; Unverferth HT-30' Head carrier; Killbros 20' Head carrier; 08 Killbros 1820 (800 bu.) Grain Cart w/tarp & 30-5L-32 Ag rubber (Nice).

(2) GRAIN TRUCKS - SEMI TRACTOR - PICK UP CARGO TRAILER

1993 IH 8100 grain truck, Cummins Diesel engine, Eaton - Fuller Hi-Low 9 spd. trans. w/metal 18' grain bed, 54" sides, 11R-22.5 tandem axle rubber w/275,858 on odometer; 1989 Freightliner Conventional FID 120 Grain Truck, Cat 3406 Diesel engine, 10 spd. trans. w/Omaha Standard 18' metal grain bed, 52" sides w/18" wooden ext., 11R-24.5 tandem axle rubber w/612,000 on odometer; 1976 Mack R700 day cab Semi Tractor, Mack 676 Diesel engine, Mack hi-spd. trans., tandem axle 22.5 rubber w/453,391 on odometer; 2000 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 3/4 ton P/U, 350 V-8, A.M., w/nice 7 1/2' x9' aluminum flat bed, miles over; 2001 Cargo Express tandem axle 16' Lx7 1/2' Wx6 1/2' T w/side door & 2 rear doors, 15" rubber, ball hitch, black color in good condition.

IMPLEMENTS

2002 JD 1760 RIG wngfold WNG Conservation 12R30" liquid planter w/insect. boxes (Serial # AO1760R700127); 2009 JD 1990 CCS Seed Master 30' 12 row/15" bean planter, 70 bu. hopper w/ Unverferth Loading auger, (Ser # AO1990S730260) 3 pt., 12 R 11 shank Anhydrous tool bar; Case/IH 183, 3 pt., 8 R 30" Flat fold Danish tine cultivator; Case/IH 4800 22' Field cultivator w/walking tandems & harrow attachment; Case/IH 3950 22'x7 1/2' spacings disc; JD 714 9 shank 12' disc chisel w/walking tandems; IH 510 3 pt. 6-16" trip back plow; Rhino SE-15-4A 15' bat wing Rotary mower w/6 - 10" solid tires; Killbros 350 Gravity wagon w/IH gear; 3 pt. 7' Blade; (2) 1500 gal. poly tanks; Assortment of metal & wood gates; Other misc. items.

AUCTION NOTE: The Swanson's are retiring from farming. Their equipment has been well maintained and the majority has been shedded. Auction Company will be on site Friday March 3rd for your inspection day. Loader tractor available day of auction.

SALE ORDER: Very little Misc., followed by Tractors, Implements, Combine, Heads, Trucks, Grain Cart, & Grain Equipment. Please be on time this is a 2 - 2 1/2 hour auction.

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VIRTUAL ONLINE AUCTION

The Hoenig Farms are located in Sections 1, 2 & 14, Jefferson Township, Lee County, IA, within close proximity of the city limits of Ft. Madison, IA. Make plans now to participate in this upcoming Lee County, IA land auction. These farms offer productive tillable farmland and include Koszla, Richwood and Sparta soils. All tracts are nicely located at the west edge of Ft. Madison, IA and feature unlimited possibilities for ag producers or for the investor/developer.

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Finding love for those over 60

"Gray Love: Stories About Dating and New Relationships After 60," edited by Nan Bauer-Maglin and Daniel E. Hood, c.2023, Rutgers University Press, \$24.95, 303 pages

It was supposed to be a nice night out.

But you drove around and around looking for the restaurant and once you found it, you learned that you needed reservations. Practically before the evening started, you sensed that your food could be as cold as your date. As in "Gray Love," edited by Nan Bauer-Maglin and Daniel E. Hood, looking for love wasn't like this when you were younger.

You thought you'd be happy alone. After the divorce, the funeral, the last break-up, you didn't think a little you-time was a bad idea. And it wasn't – but love, someone to go to the movies with or dine with or snuggle with, seems more and more appealing now. Today, though, as the forty-two essays in this book confirm and as you've learned, that's easier said than done.

You want a partner, someone your age, but you fear becoming a caretaker. You like doing your own thing, but having someone around to do it with would be nice. You have company but you are "without intimacy." Or you don't want a full-time someone but it's scary to think about "falling off a ladder alone."

So you go online because, well, people



THE BOOKWORM SEZ
Terri Schlichenmeyer

don't meet like they used to. That's when you learn that dating sites are generally ripe with people who lie about their ages, who seem clingy or who want things you can't give, "the Uncertain, the Angry... the Unattractive," and – let's be honest – jerks. Unlike real life circa 1973 or 1993, there's nobody to vouch for singles online.

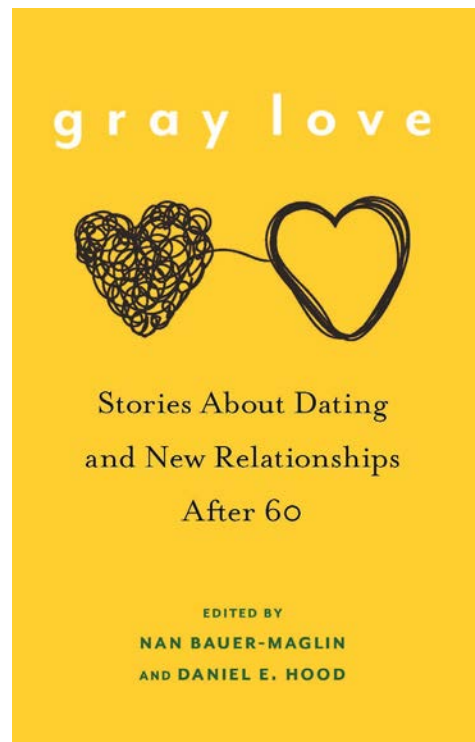
You wonder, "What would I wear?" You learn about scams the hard way, while tales of love at way-up-there-ages are inspirational. Dating someone of the same sex isn't out of the realm of possibility, but nobody's asked – or you did, and it was wonderful and why didn't you do that before? Love is love. You date the wrong people, you date the right people, you're exhausted and disappointed. And sometimes, even for awhile, you're someone's "sweetie."

According to a study quoted in "Gray Love," about twenty-five percent of American adults live alone. If you're one of them and open to a relationship, you need this book.

Just know that this is not a how-to manual. Editors Nan Bauer-Maglin and Daniel E. Hood don't offer advice in their introduction, and most of their storytellers didn't Ann-Landers their way into this book. Instead, you'll read tales of dating and mating gone happily right and very, very wrong, told in ways that will make you laugh, sigh, and know that you're not alone in your late-life search for love. The mixture here is

diverse and wide: if one tale makes you want to swear off dating forever, the next one offers Happily Ever After.

Be aware that a few of the tales in "Gray Love" flirt with the explicit and others might ruffle a feather or two. Still, it could be great to share it with a millennial or older GenZ'er. If you see this book on a bookshelf, take it out.



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COMBINE and RELATED: 1994 John Deere 9500, 2-WD w/ chopper, spreader and hopper ext (5017 / 3338-hrs); 2003 JD 893-8R30 "Poly" cornhead; JD 643-6R30 low tin cornhead; 1994 JD 925-25' table; 20' and 25' head carriers.

FORKLIFT: 2006 Mitsubishi FG25N-G / LP dual fuel, 4500 lb cap. w/ 3-stage, side shift and pneu. tires (1590-hrs).

PLANTER and DRILLS: 2009 Kinze 3600, 16 / 31 mechanical split-row planter, KPM III (14k acres, no fert); Great Plains 1500, 15' x 8" no-till, press-wheel drill w/ caddy; IH tandem drill w/ (2) 5100, 21 x 7 drills (SOLD COMPELTE).

DIESEL PICKUP: 2012 Ford F-250 S.D., XLT, crew cab, 4x4, 6.7 diesel, auto, 10,000 GVW, nicely equipped (silver ext., 125k); VINTAGE PICKUP: 1970 Dodge "Camper Special", V-8, 4-spd, 2WD, not running.

GRAIN TRUCKS: 2003 Int'l 4300, S.A. w/ 18' steel bed and hoist, DT466 diesel, E.F. 6-spd, air brakes, 22.5's (295k); 1976 Int'l 1600, ten-wheeler w/ 20' steel bed and hoist, 345 V-8, 5 & 2-spd.

MELON EQUIPMENT: (5) 12' to 16' melon wagons; Howard 3-pt, 74" tiller; 54' x 12" portable melon conveyor; MT 3-pt mechanical transplanter; Holland 3-pt, 1R plastic layer; cultivators; and more.

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Trucks/Trailers: Brown 40' Flatbed Semi Trailer, 20' "Jack Roberts" Gooseneck Live-stock Trailer (New Floor), 79 Ford 700 Grain Truck 58K mi, roll top, 370 5+2 Speed, Tyler Fertilizer Spreader 5-6 ton. **Tractors & Skid Loaders:** Bobcat 450 Skid Loader, Deutz FWA 110 Tractor with loader, Deutz FWA 120 Tractor. **Implement:** John Deere 8300 No Till Drill, Meyer Manure Spreader. **Hay Equipment:** New Holland Mower Conditioner, 3-Point Round Bale Mover **Livestock:** Farrowing Crates, **Misc:** Vermeer 1600 Wood Chipper, 2 John Deere Suitcase Weights, 2 Wheel Horse Lawn Mowers, Massey Ferguson 3165 diesel tractor w/MF 200 loader (blown head), Massey Ferguson backhoe attachment, Feeder on wheels, Dearborn 2 bottom plow, Bale Mover, New Holland 268 Hayliner Square baler, John Deere Z255 lawn mower, John Deere 12 row cultivator, White 5 bottom plow, White 271 Disk, Killbros 350 Gravity Wagon, 3-point hitch Wood Splitter, 4' tiller, 1973 John Deere 1520 tractor, 9 Shank Chisel Plow, First Choice Hay Tedder, Woods 5' Bush Hog, Kinze 2500 Planter, 8-row, 30" splitters, New Holland Model 58 Bale Thrower, 1000 Gallon Aluminum Nurse Tank w/cradle, Case 1270, Case 1370, Massey Ferguson 14' Disk, 2012 Chevy Traverse, 1936 John Deere "A" Unstyled with 2-row cultivator, Sitrex Hay Rake, 2005 Ford F550 Power Stroke Diesel 4 x 4 w/flatbed, 2009 Dodge 5500 2-wheel drive Cummins Diesel, Hesston 560 Round Baler, Concrete Feed Bunks, IH 370 Disk, 2 John Deere Suitcase Weights, 686 International, Kubota backhoe attachment for a Bobcat, John Deere 7200 6-row planter, John Deere 7200 12-row planter, International 490 24' disk, Brillion Chisel Plow, Kinze planter marker brackets, 6" auger screw, 6" bin sweep, Heston 13 Wheel Hay Rake, 8" Hutchinson vertical auger, Feterl 28' load auger, 6" Hutchinson vertical auger, 6" bin auger screw, 6" bin sweep, Kinze marker brackets, JD7200 Planter 6-row, JD 7200 Planter 12-row, Kubota backhoe attachment, Brillion chisel plow, IH 490 Disk, 24', IH 636 tractor, Spike harrow drag, Dual tractor tires, 3-pt hitch backhoe attachment, 7 shank chisel plow, Skid loader bucket, Press wheels for JD 1770, JD 2640 tractor w/145 loader, 3-point hitch post hole digger, Clamp on forks, Oliver 3-bottom plow, IH plow 3-14", Lowe post hole attachment for skid loader, Hutchinson/Mayrath Transport auger, Ritchie Best Way Sprayer, McFarlane 24' Harrow, JD 825 Cultivator, 32' Remlinger rolling basket, 10' Chisel plow, 3-point, Quick hitch, Gravity Wagons, Poly Tanks, Swing-Away augers, JD 1100 field cultivator, Massey Ferguson 4-bottom plow, Meyer 7.5' snow blade, Buzz saw, Kewanee 12-foot disk, Krause 10' disk chisel, ATV sprayer, NH3 applicators, JD 1010 field cultivator, Timberline tree shear attachment for skid loader, Rolling baskets for 25' implement, DMI Tiger-Two chisel plow, DMI 22' cultivator, Brillion cultipacker, 23', Snapper walk behind mower, IH Case 28' disk harrow, Farm Fans grain cleaner, 15' Harrow drag, Ellis 1-row transplanter, Grapple bucket, 1951 Allis Chalmers WD tractor, McKee 24' field cultivator, Ferguson 2-bottom plow, Case IH insecticide boxes, Fertilizer openers/row cleaners, Tyler 6-Ton dry fertilizer spreader, Brillion 30' Danish Tyne field cultivator, Allis-Chalmers 912 lawn mower, 7' Grader blade, Case 15' disk, Material bucket for skid loader, John Deere toolbox, Craftsman rolling tool chest, JD 608C chopping 8-row corn head, 1969 IH 544 utility tractor, Stainless Steel saddle tanks, Tractor top link, 60' Spray boom w/3-point hitch, DMI Gravity wagons, 14' Cultipacker, JD 7000 6-row planter, Dunham loader bucket w/mounting bracket, Demco sprayer w/60' boom, 1973 JD 1520 tractor, DR Wood chipper, Allis-Chalmers 7045 tractor, Best Way field pro sprayer w/monitor, JD 1760 planter, 12-row, Smart boxes for insecticide, Long back hoe attachment for 3-point hitch, 9' snow blade for Ford tractor, Anhydrous Applicator, 17 knife, JD 6-row cultivator, Simplicity Citation zero turn mower, Massey Ferguson 135 diesel tractor, JD LX255 Mower, Kewanee 10 ton running gear, John Blue piston pump, Ace centrifugal pumps, Unverth 220 rolling harrow, IH 900 Hay Bine, Locust fence post, Steel fence post, Livestock gates, HM 12C Hydro Mac skid loader, International 550 manure spreader, Hog Feeders, Cattle waterer, Bulk bins, 1994 Pines 48' Van trailer, Farmhand 7 wheel & 5 wheel hay rakes, Hay wagons, Rhino 15' batwing mower, 10' x 12' storage shed/chicken coop, New Holland 488 haybine, Penta 3020 SD vertical mixer, 1988 WW 16' Livestock trailer, Chicken Coop on running gear, 1994 24' flatbed trailer with poly tank & pump, JD 1508 Batwing mower, Gehl 125 feed grinder, 1981 Ford F350 bucket truck, 1993 Dodge Dakota pickup truck, 2006 Chevy Duramax 2500HD LT 4 x 4, Marting hog ringing box, 14' Skid loader trailer, 16' Valley bumper trailer with dovetail, 1990 ASM 34' Hopper bottom trailer, Portable calf feeder, Heston 13 wheel hay rake, 1985 Ford L9000 diesel truck with flatbed, 1989 East 45' flatbed semi trailer, 2018 Wink semi trailer, end dump, New Holland 850 round hay baler, JD 9' sickle bar mower, McCormick elevator, 2001 Cron Kite trailer, New Holland silage chopper, Fox Max II self propelled silage chopper, 1997 Butler 10 ton tag trailer, 1998 International 4900 straight truck, 1983 International flatbed truck, Snorklift Manlift, Kuhn FC283 RTG hay mower, 2000 Toyota Corolla VE, New Holland sickle bar mower, Liquid manure tank, Fuel tanks, P & H bumper, Nipco heater, Pressure washers, 1978 Ford 600 truck with lime bed, IH 1586 tractor, IH 1083 corn head, IH 1688 combine, 3 phase welder, IH 886 tractor, Portable chicken coop, Calf huts, IH 1466 tractor, Ford 3000 tractor with loader, Rock picker, New Idea manure spreader, DMI center dump wagons, Noble 9 shank chisel plow, Round bale trailer, Air compressors, 2x6 tongue & groove treated boards, Badge silage blower, Floor crane, 10' Trailer, Platform scale, Gehl 315 manure spreader, Hog barn fans, IH pull type manure spreader, 2005 Ford Ranger, 500 Gallon pull type sprayer, 1981 JD 2640 tractor with 148 loader, JD 3-bottom plow, JD 5-bottom plow, Rotary Hoe, 1986 International 9370 Semi tractor, 15 Passenger bus, JD gator tires with rims, Beefco T50 Tiller, Redball 680 sprayer, Tonnuti RCSS V rake,

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Poor Will

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hitting one hen on the head, flying off with it, but dropping it about 50 feet away. Shorty ran over and brought the hen back to the pen.

For several days, he lay beside her, licking the big knot that appeared on her head. He growled at anyone who came near, so we put food and water out for both dog and hen.

After several days, the hen tried to walk. She had a strange gait and was definitely not normal. Her head wobbled, her cackle sounded more like a croak, and the knot gave her head a strange shape.

Our boys named her ADDLED because of her condition and fixed a small place for her - to keep the other hens from pecking at her.

From then on, it was a common sight to see dog and hen walking along together. Shorty was always right beside her. He would stop and wait when Addled scratched in the dirt for a worm. He had found a job and a good buddy. Addled lived to a ripe old age and laid an egg every day.

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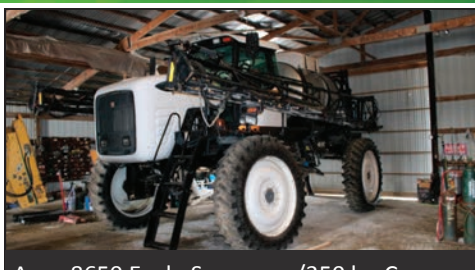
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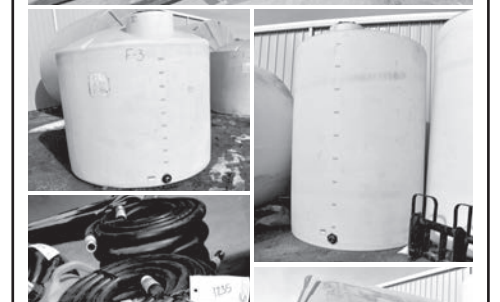
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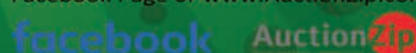
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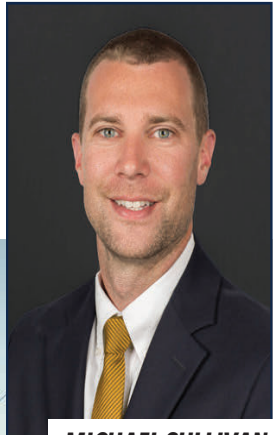
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