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Small crop spawns big business for Ohio woman

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

HILLIARD, Ohio – Delaware, Fairfield and Franklin counties are no strangers to farming, whether it's livestock or crops. But a new, tiny form of agriculture is happening indoors for one Columbus-area woman.

A computer scientist by trade, Becky Kent decided that microgreens fit her lifestyle and were something she could grow to success. Success she found and she named it Red Brick Micro.

Microgreens are young vegetable greens that are approximately 1-3 inches in size, have an aromatic flavor and a concentrated nutrient content. They fall somewhere between a sprout and a baby green.

Microgreens are typically used as a garnish or topper for many recipes to help add more flavor to the dish. They are added as a last step of the recipe as cooking them will remove some of their

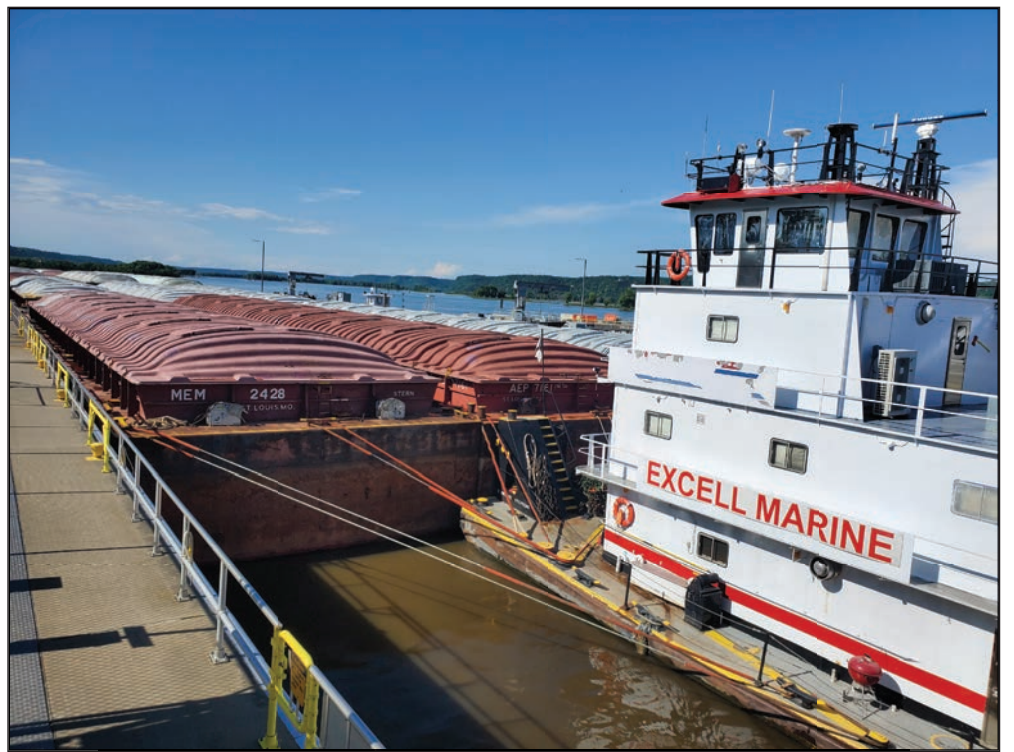
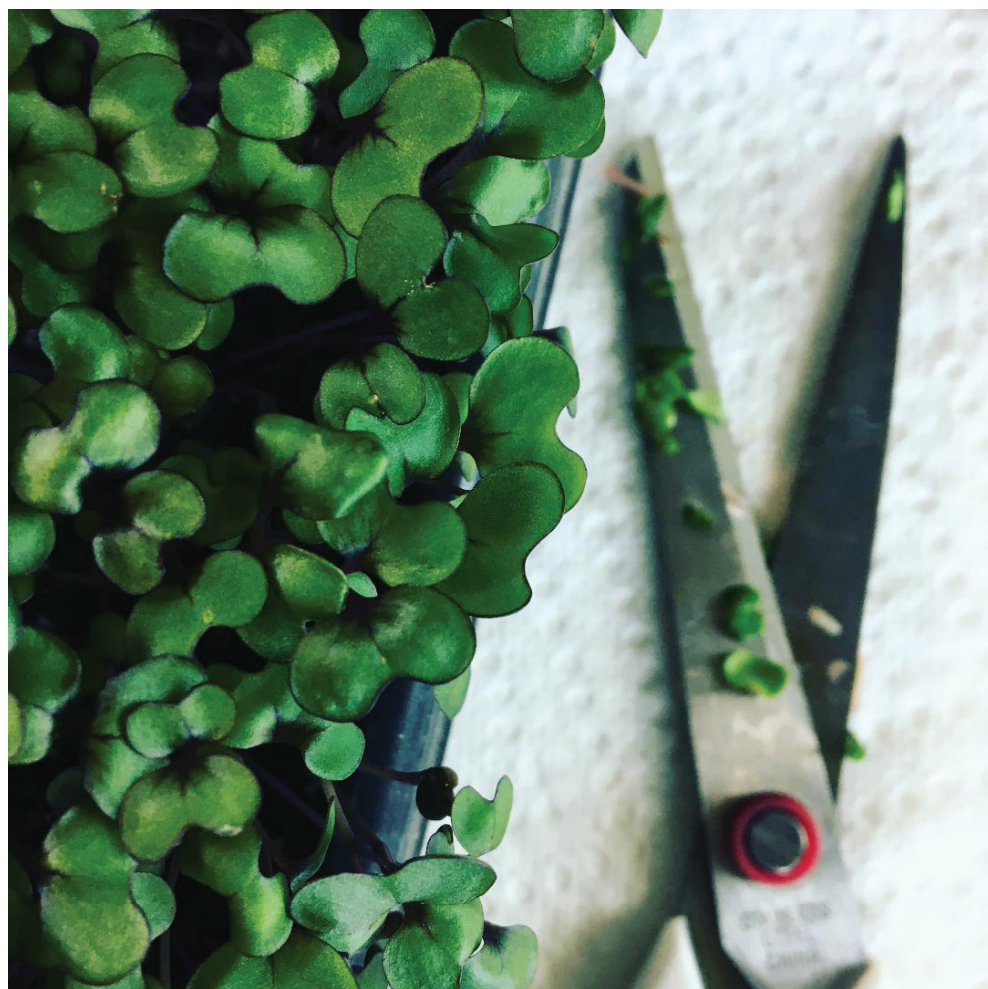
Below: The COVID-19 pandemic actually created a surge in Becky Kent's microgreen business as she now sells her plants through Market Wagon. (photo submitted)

nutritional value. Growers of these tiny plants know that when plants first produce leaves is when they are at their most nutritional stage. They can be up to 40 percent more nutritional than their adult counterparts.

"I have puttered around in the garden as far back as I can remember," Kent said. "Some of my earliest memories are picking strawberries from the garden with my grandpa. My mom and I have done farmers market sales for 10 years, selling items like tomatoes, potatoes, garlic, cut flowers. My dad always called me a Johnny Appleseed. I love to plant stuff, but hate to weed and take care of it. When I started seeing microgreen videos on YouTube I was intrigued. Plant, water, harvest. That's about it."

Her fascination for the tiny plants drove Kent to create an in-home business she calls Red Brick Micro. "My microgreen business grew steadily as I began selling only to restaurants," she said. "I had 10 accounts I'd sell to weekly, but then they all stopped buying due to the coronavirus. Fortunately, I found

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Above: A 15-barge tow is making its way through Lock & Dam #10 in Guttenberg, Iowa. A group of barges moving together is called a tow. According to Exploring the Economics of Using Barges on the Mississippi River to Transport Agricultural Commodities, by Margaret Budde, Louisiana and Tanna Nicely, Tennessee, a barge can carry 1,500 tons compared to 112 tons for a boxcar and 26 tons for a semi trailer. Photo by Connie Swaim

MVP Dairy in Ohio earns Certified B Corp designation

By Michele F. Mihaljevich
Indiana Correspondent

CELINA, Ohio – The MVP Dairy north of Celina, Ohio, became a Certified B Corp earlier this year, a step a co-owner said shows the company's commitment to environmental sustainability, social responsibility and the care and well-being of team members.

Certified B Corp businesses meet the highest standards of verified social and environmental performance, public transparency and legal accountability to balance profit and purpose, according to B Lab, a non-profit that administers B Corp certification. More than 3,300 companies in 71 countries have been certified.

For the dairy, the attributes needed to become a B Corp are things the company's owners already believed in, Ken McCarty said. The dairy is owned by the McCarty family of Colby, Kan., and the VanTilburg family of Celina. All are fourth generation farmers.

"(The families) were raised to believe that if you're not growing, you're dying," McCarty explained. "People may misunderstand that to mean we want to get bigger and bigger. That's



Above: The MVP Dairy north of Celina, Ohio, earned B Corp certification earlier this year. The dairy opened in July 2019 (photo provided).

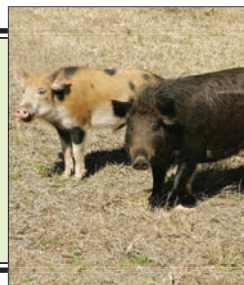
not the philosophy drilled into us as kids. Our philosophy is more about continuous improvement. Striving to improve your operation, how you take care of teammates. How are you accountable to the public good? How are you accountable to the cattle?

"My mom and dad, our grandparents and great-grandparents believed in building something for the future. The vision we believe in is something besides profitability. The communities that sustain us are sustained. Our

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responsibility as farmers goes beyond the bottom line.”

MVP Dairy had its grand opening in July 2019. The facility is on 82 acres owned by the VanTilburg family. It provides milk for the nearby Danone North America plant in Minster, where such yogurt brands as Dannon and Activia are made. The dairy is permitted for 4,500 cows.

Danone is also B Corp certified. McCarty said one reason the dairy opted for the certification was to align with Danone’s stated mission.

The road to certification starts with an initial assessment to see if a company is qualified, said Allison Ryan, the dairy’s director of marketing and communications.

“It can take multiple years to achieve,” she noted. “It’s not a day long process where someone pops in and checks your books. A lot of the things the dairy has been doing led up to it being B Corp certified. We worked

with a B Lab analyst for six months.”

MVP Dairy was notified it was certified March 20. The certification is for three years.

B Lab continuously looks for ways to tweak what makes an entity eligible for certification, Ryan said. Those changes mean the dairy needs to be diligent in looking for ways to improve, she added. “We may look around and see what other businesses are doing that we’re not. We have to look at how we can incorporate that. It’s not about being the best in the world but being best for the world.”

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another outlet to sell through and that was Market Wagon."

Market Wagon, which launched in Indiana in 2016, is an online farmers market providing weekly deliveries of fresh local produce, meats, cheeses and other homegrown or homemade fare. Market Wagon has multiple locations in Indiana and Ohio.

"Once the COVID-19 pandemic began, business through the Market Wagon exploded," Kent said.

Everything that Kent delivers is grown to order and cut within 24 hours of delivery to ensure the highest quality and shelf-life. Red Brick Micro uses non-GMO seed and grows naturally without the use of chemicals.

"Restaurants want microgreens not just for health reasons, but also because they're pretty, they're delicate and look nice on the plate," Kent said. "The general public buys them because they are healthy. They're proven to have more nutritional value than many other plants. For example, a kale microgreen is more nutritious than a regular sized one."

Kent's array of veggies includes standard microgreens such as arugula, cabbage, kale, daikon radish and red arrow radish. Premium microgreens include leeks, mustard (mizuna, red garnet or wasabi) and Rambo radish with deep purple leaves and stems.

Below: Kent's microgreens are grown in close proximity. (photo submitted)



Above: Becky Kent is a computer scientist by trade, but prefers the delicacy of microgreens. (photo submitted)

Micro herbs include sweet or Thai basil and cilantro. She also grows pea shoots and sunflower shoots.

"What I didn't foresee was how much I would enjoy the relationships," she said. "Getting to know local chefs, talking to customers at the farmer's market and seeing the creative ways my products are being used all over town."

Kent's basement is her microgreen garden. Her basement also includes a partial sunroom. She nurtures her plants in five racks and each rack has five shelves. There are four trays for each shelf, with each tray measuring 10" x 20".

"The thing about microgreens is that you're growing very, very intensely and for a short amount of time," she said. "And, you're growing way more than those plants would typically grow in one area. You have to concern yourself about mold and damping off."

Humidity can devastate microgreens. For that reason, Kent has several dehumidifiers constantly running. "You must be careful not to over-water because the plants will rot," she added.

Microgreens. Farming or sorts, just on a very tiny scale. "It is very rewarding to go out to dinner and have my plate presented with produce that was in my basement that morning," she said.

For more information about Red Brick Micro, contact Becky Kent at 614-446-2359 or redbrickmicro@gmail.com.



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For Week Ending June 19, 2020							
	Delivery Month	Friday's Last Close	Change		Delivery Month	Friday's Last Close	Change
Soybean	July 20	\$ 8.76	- \$ 0.6	Soybean Meal	July 20	\$ 289.3	- \$ 0.5
	Aug 20	\$ 8.75	- \$ 0.6		Aug 20	\$ 291.7	- \$ 0.2
	Nov 20	\$ 8.80	- \$ 0.2		Sep 20	\$ 293.2	- \$ 0.4
	Jan 21	\$ 8.84	-----		Oct 20	\$ 294.7	- \$ 0.2
Wheat	July 20	\$ 5.15	- \$ 8.4	Oats	July 20	\$ 3.31	- \$ 14.2
	Sep 20	\$ 5.20	- \$ 7.0		Sep 20	\$ 2.83	- \$ 15.4
	Dec 20	\$ 5.30	- \$ 6.4		Dec 20	\$ 2.69	- \$ 12.2
	Mar 21	\$ 5.40	- \$ 6.2		Mar 21	\$ 2.75	- \$ 6.2
	May 21	\$ 5.44	- \$ 6.0		Cattle	Aug 20	\$ 96.75
Corn	July 20	\$ 3.31	+ \$ 3.3	Oct 20		\$ 99.80	- \$ 1.08
	Sep 20	\$ 3.36	+ \$ 3.4	Dec 20		\$ 104.20	- \$ 0.83
	Dec 20	\$ 3.44	+ \$ 3.4	Feb 21		\$ 108.33	- \$ 0.68
	Mar 21	\$ 3.56	+ \$ 3.5	Apr 21		\$ 110.78	- \$ 0.68
	May 21	\$ 3.62	+ \$ 3.6	Hogs	Jun 20	\$ 47.58	- \$ 0.85
Soybean Oil	July 20	\$ 28.26	+ \$ 0.44		July 20	\$ 54.30	+ \$ 0.73
	Aug 20	\$ 28.46	+ \$ 0.45		Aug 20	\$ 57.33	+ \$ 1.55
	Sep 20	\$ 28.62	+ \$ 0.43		Oct 20	\$ 53.70	+ \$ 1.58
	Oct 20	\$ 28.80	+ \$ 0.45				
	Dec 20	\$ 29.17	+ \$ 0.49				

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Heifer Calves	23 Top of \$ 145	Top 25	\$67-\$77 (\$70.56 avg)
Breeder Bulls	13 Top of \$1490	Top 50	\$60-\$77 (\$67.32 avg)
		Bottom 25	\$19-\$54 (\$43.54 avg)
FEEDERS & DAIRY FEEDERS		Mixed	40 Top of \$99.50
Dairy Feeders	161 Top of \$780	Holsteins	Top of \$88.50
Group of 11	703 lb avg \$650	Bulls	13 Top of \$112
Group of 10	655 lb avg \$645	Organic	3 Top of \$73.50
Group of 10	657 lb avg \$625		
Group of 10	439 lb avg \$380	SHEEP/GOATS/HOGS	
Group of 7	294 lb avg \$300	Sheep	94 \$71-\$207.50
Feeder Cattle	22 Top of \$.79/lb	Goats	17 \$70-\$220/Head
		Hogs	19 \$10-\$52
HAY & STRAW		BULL CALVES	
Hay	9 loads \$100-\$205/ton	Bull Calves	56 \$.20-\$1.40 (\$.95 overall avg)
5 loads	\$150-\$205 avg \$173/ton	Top 10	\$1.25-\$1.40/lb. (\$1.34/lb. avg)
4 loads	\$100-\$140 avg \$130/ton	Top 25	\$1.10-\$1.40/lb. (\$1.23/lb. avg)
		Top 50	\$.50-\$1.40/lb. (\$1.02/lb. avg)

A Note from Rick: It was a good week for markets at TLA. We had our June Special Feeder Sale on Tuesday and we had a good selection of Holstein replacement heifers that sold very well. As a whole, the heifers ranged from \$.90 to \$1.00/lb. We didn't have very many steers to offer, so I'd call that market untested. Slaughter cows were very strong on Tuesday as well. This market has slowly crawled back up to what I would consider to be very good prices. This, along with the continued climb of milk future prices on the CME, are giving the Dairy producers a light at the end of the tunnel. We had a great 3 day Riding Horse and Pony Sale in conjunction with J&S Auctions. We had a lot of great consignments to offer and the sale went very well. It's been rough having to reschedule and cancel so many of the sales that we had planned this Spring, but for the most part our patrons have been great to work with and very understanding. We'd like to thank everyone for their cooperation and we are excited about being able to stay on schedule moving forward. Hope to see you at TLA!

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Wild pigs hard to eradicate in Michigan due to ground cover

By Kevin Walker
Michigan Correspondent

IRON MOUNTAIN, Mich. - Wild pigs are still a problem in Michigan, and those in the pork industry in the state and elsewhere want to make sure the problem isn't forgotten about.

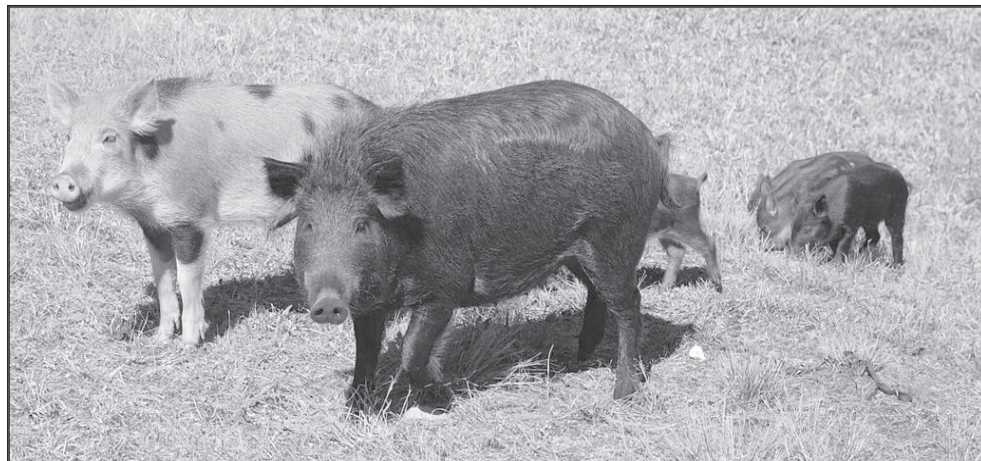
In the early 2000s there were an estimated 5,000 wild pigs living in the state; today there are an estimated 1,000-3,000, according to figures from the Michigan United Conservation Club. By far most of the wild pigs in the United States live in the South, with half of all wild pigs, or hogs, living in Texas. According to the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, wild pigs are also prevalent in three counties in southern Indiana, in much of southern Ohio, as well as Kentucky and Tennessee.

Although not as large a problem as before, Michigan Pork Producers Association's (MPPA) CEO Mary Kelpinski said the pork industry

doesn't want to lose sight of the problem. Unlike other parts of the country, wild pigs or hogs can be hard to spot due to all the ground cover, she said.

"Our concern at MPPA is that wild pigs can have a lot of diseases, including pseudorabies," Kelpinski said. "Another thing is African Swine Fever (ASF). Feral pigs in other countries have been found to have ASF. It's not been found so far in North America; we want to keep it out."

In a video news release from March 19, agriculture secretary Sonny Perdue called the threat from ASF "very real," adding that in 2017 U.S. pork producers marketed more than 120 million hogs valued at more than \$20 billion, and provided an estimated 25 billion pounds of meat to consumers worldwide. "Additionally, the U.S. pork industry supports more than half a million jobs - the majority of those in rural areas," Perdue said. "We know what's at stake and we're determined



Above: There are an estimated 1,000-3,000 wild pigs living unconfined in the state of Michigan.

to keep African Swine Fever out of the United States."

Also, at the National Pork Industry Forum held in March in Kansas City, Mo., USDA's Undersecretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Gregory Ibach announced additional measures to help stop the spread of ASF, for example, by instituting a national standstill of at least 72 hours to prohibit all movement of swine, in the event ASF were ever detected inside the country; and other measures. USDA is currently working on a vaccine against ASF. ASF cannot be transmitted to humans and doesn't pose a human health risk.

The USDA is forecasting that China's 2020 pork production will fall to 36 million metric tons, a decrease of more than 33 percent from the 54 million metric tons produced in 2018. According to China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, since China confirmed its first ASF outbreak in August 2018, about 1.1 million pigs have been culled from its herd.

In Michigan, there's been some conflict between those in the pork industry, and others who raise wild pigs and use them for hunts in the state's preserves. At one point state regulators imposed a fairly strict regimen for those who keep wild pigs, or exotic pigs, but were stopped at one point by a court that said the regulations were over broad.

Since then, Kelpinski said, it's been discovered that escaped domestic pigs don't survive very well in the wild and, although they can breed with genuine wild pigs, that does not usually happen. The big concern is that wild hogs could transmit damaging diseases to the industrial domestic herd. In some states, she said, hunters shoot wild pigs from helicopters, but that's not possible in Michigan due to all the ground cover. "They've been trying to eradicate them in all the states where they exist," she said. "Unlike deer, they don't have one or two offspring. They can have six piglets at a time, and pigs are very adaptable."

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VIEWS AND OPINIONS

Dicamba ruling begs the question: Who is in charge?



HOOSIER AG TODAY
By Gary Truitt

The last thing we need right now in agriculture is more uncertainty. Between trade, government aid, the weather, and the pandemic, farmers have had enough uncertainty for one season. However, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit decided to add a little more. At first, they banned the use of Dicamba weed control products at the request of several environmental groups, saying the Environmental Protection Agency had not properly evaluated the risk of the product. This decision came in the middle of the growing season when farmers were using the product.

The EPA responded by telling farmers they could go ahead and use any products they had on hand. The environmentalists went back to the Court and asked it to ban use of the products immediately. While the legal battles continued, farmers and agribusinesses were caught in the middle, not knowing what to do, what they could do, and what the future of Dicamba is. The Court then decided to allow farmers to use the supplies on hand.

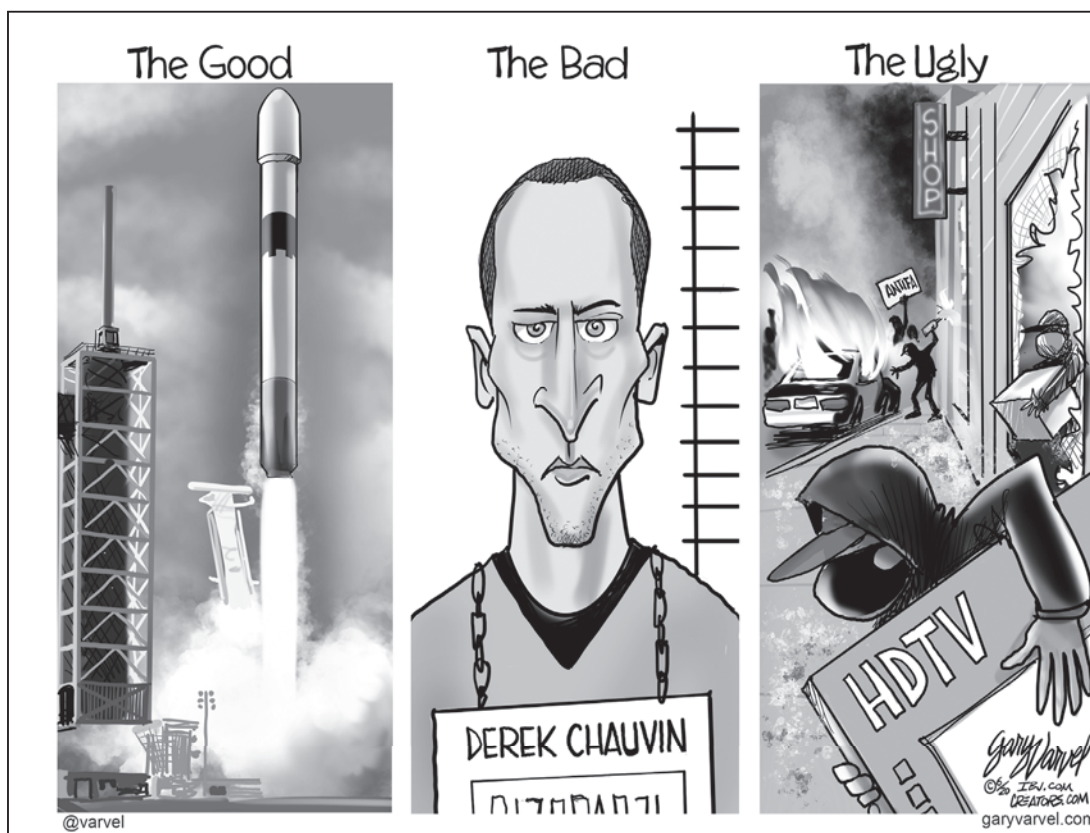
What is at stake here is tremendous. An estimated 64 million acres of Dicamba-tolerant seed is already in the ground — with no viable weed control alternative that can realistically be deployed. Expected yield loss for soy and cotton is as high as 50 percent, with losses estimated at as much as \$10 billion.

This also sets a dangerous precedent when it comes to regulating our food and agricultural system. Until now, government regulatory agencies have been given the authority to regulate the safety of our food and the safety of the tools used to produce it. The FDA, USDA, and EPA all play key roles in this process. Comprehensive, long-standing legislation, like FIFRA, have set standards for products, review, and licensing. There is even a framework within this system for appeal and review. Yet, now, the legal system wants to short circuit this system.

The EPA called the case against Dicamba “a distorted characterization.” The plaintiffs in the case represent a group of well-known, anti-technology organizations with a good deal of funding from the organic food industry. According to the Activist Funds website, “The Center for Food Safety [one of the major plaintiffs] is a project of the International Center for Technology Assessment (ICTA). CFS is headed by Andrew Kimbrell, who was mentored by Jeremy Rifkin. Rifkin is perhaps America’s most notable anti technologist.” CFS has stated goals which promote organic agriculture by restricting traditional farming methods: “Ensuring the testing, labeling, and regulation of genetically engineered (GE) foods; Preserving strict national organic food standards; Preventing potential animal and human health crises caused by food borne illness — including ‘mad cow’ disease.”

Dicamba is a technology with a troubled legacy. It was developed because agriculture did not do a good job in responsibly stewarding Glyphosate and needed an effective chemistry to deal with resistant weeds. The track record on handling Dicamba has not been stellar, either. Much of the drift issues with the products are a result of application issues. Some of the application issues have been accidental and some have not. If this technology remains on the market, we will need to do a more responsible job in using it.

While the plaintiffs would have us, and the three judge panel, believe this is an environmental problem, the truth is that this is another attempt by forces opposed to ag technology to use the legal system. Policy makers in Washington need to decide who is in charge when it comes to regulating food and agriculture. Will it be scientists and researchers or judges in robes? Without this certainty, agriculture will be left in confusion.



No one ever loves the umpire

While the coronavirus pandemic was hammering global trade earlier this year, the various U.S. bureaucracies devoted to trade barely skipped a beat before returning to their usual grind.

For example, the United States and the United Kingdom (U.K.) just began talks on a bilateral trade pact prior to the U.K.’s Oct. 31 “Brexit” from the European Union (E.U.). Also, on July 1, NAFTA 2.0, the new-but-not-new North American Free Trade Agreement, will go into effect as scheduled.

What has changed drastically, however, is trade itself. In short, it’s a beaten-up mess, even more sickly than the economies of key traders like the United States, China, and the European Union.

“In the current alternate universe we’re living in,” Bloomberg News noted June 15, “global trade is collapsing and the WTO [World Trade Organization] and the liberal order itself are in a true existential crisis.”

Liberal order is a little-used phrase in U.S. ag circles even though almost every American farmer and rancher — due to their increasing dependence on government and global markets — would be sunk without it.

In fact, it isn’t a political term; it’s perfectly descriptive: The liberal order is a rules-based, international system organized by the United States and its democratic allies on key principles like open

markets, democracy and multilateral institutions such as the WTO and World Bank. Its broader goal is peace and its key tool is commerce.

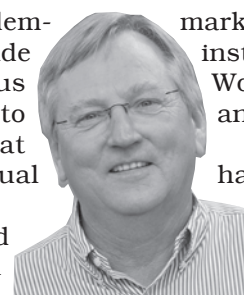
American farmers and ranchers have long used a colorful phrase to explain it more accurately: Hungry people don’t shoot their grocers. They’re right. Since the liberal order’s rise, the United States has built three generations of peaceful farm policy on its core foundations: open mar-

kets, free trade and international rules. The proof is in the post-war pudding. U.S. farmers and ranchers have dominated global ag export markets for decades, from decidedly anti-democratic Cold War enemies like the Soviet Union in the 1970s to the vast, reawakening giant, China, in the 2000s.

But for all its strengths, the liberal order is still a delicate balancing act. If you want its benefits — open markets, free trade and peace — you must constantly reinvest to maintain its foundations: rules, trust in its institutions and strong, unwavering American leadership.

Alas, the Trump Administration has turned America’s traditional leadership role in international trade on its head. Within hours of taking office in 2017, the administration pulled the United States out of the nearly completed Trans-Pacific Pact, a 12-nation trade deal that involves about 40 percent of global trade.

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U.S. struggles to remain competitive

One of the biggest hindrances the United States is seeing in the global market is being price competitive with other suppliers. The obvious one that we look at when hearing this is South America. Over the past few weeks the United States has seen itself become more price competitive with South America, mainly with Brazilian soybeans. U.S. soybeans have dipped below Brazilian offerings by as much as 15 cents per bushel, yet buyers are still opting for soybeans from Brazil.



MARKET ANALYSIS
By Karl Setzer

The one of these getting the most attention is China, as not only are they buying more expensive soybeans, but at a time when the United States normally controls the world soybean trade; that being next fall. Trade tensions between the United States and buyers such as China need to be accounted for in pricing just as much as other factors. The possible addition of tariffs on purchases is a major one of these factors as they can quickly make a cheaper commodity more expensive.

It is a proven fact that buyers will pay more for a commodity if they can be guaranteed lower freight costs as well. This does not favor the South American sellers as much going into the Asian market as it does others. A main one is Ukraine, who has become

a major grain supplier into that market in recent years.

The combination of all these factors means that a seller may actually need to be much cheaper than normal to maintain its share of the global commodity market. As we involve into more of a global market and competing countries ramp up their production, the need to be competitive will be even greater.

The United States is starting to see some benefit from global currency values. The Brazilian Real has finally started to stabilize after months of declines that dropped it to record lows. At the same time the U.S. dollar is starting to show signs of topping. This wide currency spread has deterred buyers from coming to the United States in recent months regardless of the price of the commodity, especially soybeans. A firming basis in Brazil is even more beneficial for the United States' export program.

Chinese officials have started auctioning off their government corn reserves. The initial reaction to this is that it is being done to avoid imports. While this is partially true, China also does this to rotate inventory ahead of harvest. The real question is if China will find any buying interest for the corn, as the country's government stocks tend to be low in quality.

High soybean exports out of Brazil

have cut into the country's corn loadings. An estimated 100,000 metric tons of corn are expected to be shipped in May, well below the 1.5 million metric tons from May 2019. Not only are soybean loadings limiting Brazil's corn shipments, but so is a need to rebuild domestic corn reserves after depleting them a year ago.

Trade is keeping a close eye on global weather, with Argentina quickly becoming a point of major interest. Drought has impacted Argentina for the past several weeks, with the most attention falling on how it has affected the country's logistics. Water levels remain very low on the Parana River, which is Argentina's main transit artery. Even with reservoirs being emptied into the river it is barely raising water enough to allow for barge movement.

Drought is also affecting Argentina's crop production, as farmers in the country are holding off on wheat planting until rains return. Forecasters believe these dry conditions could persist through the summer and possibly well into the fall months.

The next phase of crop development trade is monitoring for potential weather issues in the United States in the pollination period on corn. Typically this gets underway in late June to early July in the Southern Corn Belt. Thoughts are pollination may be a week or more later this year though

given the slow start to the growing season last spring. This may actually be a benefit for the corn crop as it will bypass much of the current heat that is set up across the Corn Belt.

s traders sort through supply and demand balance sheets, one number that is getting attention is corn demand from the ethanol industry. The USDA again lowered its ethanol demand projection on corn, this month by 50 million bu. This put yearly demand at 4.9 billion bu. Even this may still be too high given the recent weekly usage that has been seen, even with the uptick in demand. Just as many questions are arising on the new crop ethanol demand projection of 5.2 billion bu as some plants that are currently off-line claim their will remain so indefinitely.

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A year later, it began a largely phony tariff war with Canada, China, the European Union, and other key food importers that remains unresolved today.

But the biggest victim in the White House's ongoing undermining of international ag trade is the World Trade Organization. The WTO is like baseball's home plate umpire - few players or fans for either side love the ump, but there wouldn't be a game without someone ensuring fairness.

Long before the pandemic began to erode global markets, the Trump White House began to erode the WTO's role in market rule enforcement. Its most cutting action occurred last year when it blocked the nomination of new judges to the WTO's "dispute resolution forum, the Appellate Body." That effectively meant the WTO "was no longer able to operate."

Other key global traders, sensing an opportunity to seize part of America's global authority, stepped in to do just that. "In January, 17 WTO members, including the European Union, China and Brazil, began setting up a parallel WTO court without the U.S.," Politico reported June 14.

So where's that leave American farmers and ranchers?

Here's where: The pandemic has crushed 25 percent of the world economy. U.S. farm prices are stuck in a tariff-dug, years-long profitless rut leaving producers heavily dependent on federal assistance in 2020 and 2021. Our ag export competitors and customers are now forming their own ruling trade organization without us.

In short, we're the pouty schoolboy who grabs the bat and ball and stomps off the field because we don't like the rules. Rules we, in fact, wrote.

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Critter Barn under financial strain from COVID-19

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

ZEELAND, Mich. - A popular agritourism destination in Michigan is hoping to survive a major financial strain brought on by COVID-19.

It's not unusual for a thousand people or more at one time to be at the Critter Barn at Zeeland in the southwest part of the state during the spring, summer and fall.

The 3-acre educational and working farm houses more than 200 animals. The site hadn't had one visitor because of restrictions to slow the spread of the virus until June 9, when the gates reopened under a 100-person-capacity limit established by the governor as the state begins to reopen its economy. Normally, more than 100,000 people annually visit the grounds.

Mary Rottschafer, founder of Critter Barn in 1990, said the operation has survived the outbreak by cutting back on staff and with federal COVID-19 relief funding, but those dollars from Uncle Sam are running out. She's now charging admission for the first time after relying strictly on donations over

the years to meet expenses.

"We can't afford to have a whole bunch of people come and not make at least some contribution. I'm not happy about it. It's where we are," Rottschafer said.

Adding to the pain of the financial crisis is the need to raise \$3.1 million for expanding and relocating the Critter Barn four miles away to a 27-acre undeveloped site donated by a supporter. The ongoing fundraising campaign to pay for the move has collected \$2.5 million.

Rottschafer said the need to relocate is urgent because of the high cost of maintaining the aging facility and limited space to accommodate a sharp growth in visitors. Fundraising is more challenging from the major economic slowdown caused by the virus, she added.

Work has already begun on the parking lot, utilities and other infrastructure at the new site. The hope is to start building the 14 barns planned at the new location in the near future.

"If the amount of money that we've raised and the amount of money it's going to cost come together then we're going to start putting up our new barns," Rottschafer said.

It appears fate played a role in how Critter Barn came about.

Rottschafer said she and her husband were looking for a house in 1984 with enough land for them to have a large garden since both of



Above: Critter Barn in Michigan, which holds a special place in the hearts of many, is trying to get through a financial crisis brought on by COVID-19.

them were big into planting flowers and crops.

She was a third and fourth grade teacher at a Christian school in nearby Holland when they came across a house on an old dairy farm and bought it. Her church group later put on a comedy show there featuring several piglets draped in blankets simply as a joke.

Rottschafer said she enjoyed the occasion so much she kept the piglets and started adding more animals to the ones she already had prior to the church performance.

She was later asked to host school field trips and things took off from there with Rottschafer diving head first in her quest to learn more about farming.

"The rest is history. We've been learning and teaching ever since," Rottschafer said.

There are rabbits, sheep, goats, ducks, chickens and other animals at Critter Barn, which is also a working farm. Pigs, turkeys and bulls raised there are sold for meat. Crops such as tomatoes, carrots and soybeans are grown on small plots.

Visitors learn about modern farming while interacting up close and personal with the animals.


"When we milk a goat anybody who wants to can come up and squeeze that goat with us. We're very, very hands on," Rottschafer said.

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Below: Critter Barn in Zeeland, Mich., founded in 1990, was closed until June 9 because of COVID-19 restrictions.



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Hoosier co-ops to join forces for Michigan acquisition

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind. - Two Indiana agricultural cooperatives are forming a joint venture in an effort to acquire a CHS-owned agricultural retail business based in Hamilton, Mich. The Michigan Ceres Solutions in Crawfordsville and Co-Alliance LLP in Avon say the effort will demonstrate the continued importance of the cooperative model serving local farmers.

The parties said negotiations will continue with due diligence in the coming days and weeks, with the hope of obtaining necessary board approvals to complete the transaction later this year.

Ceres Solutions, a 100 percent farmer-owned local cooperative, serves customers across 37 counties in Indiana and Michigan. The business offers a comprehensive line of energy, agronomy, seed and feed products and services.

"With more than 650 experienced employees, Ceres Solutions is focused on delivering service, stewardship and innovation to earn and keep customer trust," said Ceres Solutions CEO Jeff Troik.

"We're pleased to partner with Co-Alliance with the goal of expanding our mutual retail operations to serve farmers throughout central Michigan with agricultural products and services."

Co-Alliance LLP is a member-owned supply and marketing operation serving farmer-members and customers across Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Illinois. It specializes in agronomy, propane, fuels, grain, seed, hog production and feed. Co-Alliance is a partnership that operates more than 50 locations.

"The customer-focused company strives to fulfill its collective mission to lead with people and technology, grow profitability, give back locally and remember it is a cooperative," said Co-Alliance CEO Kevin Still. "This strategic joint venture with Ceres Solutions combined with the potential purchase of extensive retail assets will add capabilities and scale to extend reach and drive growth for both cooperatives and our respective owners."

CHS supplies energy, crop nutrients, seed, crop protection products, grain marketing services, production and agricultural services, animal nutrition products, foods and food ingredients, and risk

management services.

"The sale of assets would allow CHS to reinvest in retail operations that are more closely aligned with its core business supply chain and all parties involved will negotiate a wholesale supply agreement as part of this three-way package."

CHS also operates petroleum refineries and pipelines and manufacturers, markets and distributes Cenex grand refined fuels, lubricants, propane and renewable energy products.

Two months ago, Co-Alliance LLP acquired the agronomy services arm of Cyclone Grain Company, Inc. of Frankfort, Ind. Cyclone Grain provided liquid fertilizer and anhydrous ammonia to Boone and Clinton county area farmers since 1969. That company has been owned and operated by members of the Neal family for two generations and was of the few privately owned elevators in the state of Indiana.



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Critter Barn

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Critter Barn also goes outside the farm to places such as public libraries with their animals and teachings.

More than 100 adults and children with special needs also take part in activities.

"That's a big part of who we are too," she said.

The plan for the new location includes revenue generating features including bunk houses for overnight stays by families and groups so operating costs no longer rely on donations.

Rottschafer said things are very tight right now financially but she's trying hard to keep a positive outlook. "I feel confident. We've been at this for 30 years. We're not going to let it go now. We're going to get to the new farm and we'll get there somehow," she said.

Below: Critter Barn is planning to expand to a larger site but finances strained by COVID-19 may have things at a standstill.





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Cash incentive for Ohio county fairs with junior event

By Doug Graves
Ohio Correspondent

COLUMBUS, Ohio – County fairs are back on in Ohio and an added cash incentive will be given to those who sponsor a junior fair.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine signed an executive order last week allowing fairs focused on supporting members of 4-H and FFA, though some had already planned to move ahead with modified fairs anyway. Each county will receive \$50,000 in state money to be used for safety measures due to COVID-19. Fairs that do not conduct a junior fair this year will receive \$15,000 that can be used toward safety measures associated with their 2021 fair. The funding plan is subject to State Controlling Board approval next week.

“Some of the 94 county and independent fairs held across the Buckeye state each year had canceled, and others had canceled traditional aspects but pledged to continue with some sort of junior fair or livestock show,” said Howard Call, executive director of the Ohio Fair Managers Association. “Now, with the state allowing fairs to reschedule (which previously had not been permitted) some fair boards are reconsidering.”

While the Ohio State Fair has already canceled its 10-day event, news allowing county fairs to proceed was music to the ears of county fair organizers across the state. “This was grassroots – fair managers and others calling the governor, talking to legislators,” Call said. “The power of the voice was critical here and leaders got the message of how important these fairs are locally.”

County fair organizers around central Ohio charged forward with fair plans. The board of the Pickaway County Fair met in special session and voted unanimously to hold a full fair. The fair runs June 20-27. Officials with the Hartford Fair in Licking County have now planned to move ahead with as close to a full fair as possible, starting Aug. 9.

The board of the Delaware County Fair, which features the ever-popular Little Brown Jug harness race each September, is still a go in some form. General Manager Sandy Kuhn said the board will decide on whether it will be a full or modified fair at a July 14 meeting.

Leaders of the Union County Fair, set for July 25-Aug. 1, had decided to hold a junior fair and harness racing only, but leaders were still pleased by the state’s decision. “We are extremely grateful,” said Michelle Kuhlwein, Union County Fair board member. “What the governor did for us with the \$50,000 that’s going to be coming in, it’s going to ensure that these fairs are going to be able to be here for the kids in the future. It’s very exciting.”

Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder said much time and thought went into the decision, but that it was a good one. “Our county fairs aren’t just a highlight of summer, they’re an opportunity for young people to highlight their work and talents during the junior fair competitions. 4-H and FFA aren’t just about blue ribbon projects, they’re about blue ribbon kids.”

Guidelines for county fairs will be standard throughout the state. Fairs must discourage large gathering of people on the midway or in other



Above: Ohio Fairs cutline – County fairs in Ohio have been given the green light to proceed as planned those who offer a junior fair (photo submitted)

parts of the fairgrounds. One-way traffic in buildings or other areas is recommended. Six-foot distancing in lines at resting or food areas should be followed and extra cleaning and sanitizing will need to be in place throughout the grounds. No mask requirements were mentioned in the guidelines, except for livestock judges who must come close to exhibitors.

Rides are permitted and food concessions are allowed with restrictions. Grandstands are limited to half their seating capacity or no more than 2,500. Spectators must sit at least six feet apart, except for

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County fairs in Ohio that have canceled altogether include Trumbull, Lawrence, Montgomery, Butler, Carroll, Columbiana, Cuyahoga and Morrow.

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Net farm income projected to be in the red for 2020

**By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent**

WESTLAFAYETTE, Ind. - Government COVID-19 relief and crop insurance payments are expected to play a larger role in keeping farms in the United States above water for 2020.

That was among the projections during a June 12 webinar by Purdue University agricultural economists Jim Mintert and Michael Langemeier.

Langemeier said net farm profits have not been above the long term average since 2013 but the outlook calls for 2020 to be the second worst in terms of revenue left after operating expenses since 2007. The worst year for net profits during the time period was 2015. The red ink forecast for 2020 is not expected to approach those dismal levels but could be similar.

Mintert said more COVID-19 relief

payments along with crop insurance claims and an unexpected increase in low prices would help but not enough to put farmers close to the much higher earnings from 2007 to 2013.

"Even with the fairly big government payments we're still looking at a net farm income that's substantially lower than what we recorded in 2018 and 2019," Langemeier said.

Mintert said some farmers may have taken advantage of unexpected financial opportunity in mid-March when the profit ratio for soybeans jumped way ahead of corn. The price of corn noticeably dropped because of a 45-50 percent reduction in demand for ethanol from less gasoline consumed because of COVID-19 travel restrictions.

Mintert estimated 1 million or more acres farmers originally intended to use for corn may have gone toward soybeans to achieve higher crop returns. He said

the sharp price ratio disparity might have come too late for some farmers with supplies already in hand for planting but others could have had time to make the switch.

The actual planted acres report from USDA is expected to be released at the end of June or early July.

"We think some people responded to that. We don't have a grip on how many. That's what the acreage report is going to tell us in a couple of weeks," Mintert said.

Mintert said the good news for corn growers is demand for ethanol last week stood at 24 percent of what it was in January since the loosening of stay at home restrictions. Demand should go higher during the upcoming summer travel season. "That's a positive for corn prices throughout the corn belt," he said.

About 40-percent of U.S. corn is used annually for ethanol production.

Langemeier said profitability for soybeans could be similar to 2017 and 2018.

"Those were some very positive years for soybeans," he said.

Mintert said USDA projections of more exports from China is another factor working in favor of soybeans, but given tensions between the countries whether that happens remains to be seen.

Also not helping corn prices are projections of year ending stocks increasing from 15 percent to 22 percent this year. Several months ago, Mintert said USDA projected record yields for corn at nearly 16 billion bushels or about 2.4 billion acres more than 2019.

He said the sudden price ratio change favoring soybeans before seeds went into the soil could affect the outcome of the early projections. "A 1 to 2 million acre shift from corn to soybeans could easily happen," he said.

Ohio Beef Council creates fund to provide meals

COLUMBUS, Ohio - As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact communities across the state, the Ohio Beef Council (OBC) has established the Beef Families Care Fund (BFCF), a matching program to assist non-profit agricultural groups that are working to provide beef meals and nutrition education to Ohioans in need and encourage beef consumption in communities across the state.

"Ohio beef farmers are proud to help feed their local communities," said Jamie Graham, chairman of the OBC Operating Committee. "We are firmly committed to caring for and supporting Ohioans struggling with food insecurity."

BFCF is made possible through

the Ohio Beef Checkoff Program and will continue through the remainder of 2020. This one-time program is a direct result of several pandemic-related event cancellations, including the 2020 Ohio State Fair. OBC has reallocated these beef checkoff resources to assist groups that are providing beef meals and nutrition education to local food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens and other entities that help to feed hungry Ohioans. Matching funds are available to groups and their projects for up to \$5,000, per project and entity. Funds can be used for beef processing expenses, direct beef donations and other projects as deemed acceptable by OBC.

Ohio's beef farming families recognize that beef is a nutritious source of several essential nutrients, such as protein, zinc, iron and B vitamins, and pose health benefits to people of all ages. It is for these reasons that Ohio beef farmers are committed to ensuring that all families have access to fresh, wholesome beef.

"As an organization, we believe in taking care of others," Graham said. "We are proud to reallocate these funds to provide Ohio beef to local families in need. In these difficult times, no one should go hungry or struggle to find nutritious foods, like beef, to feed their loved ones."

For more information on BFCF or to apply for funding, visit OBC's website,

www.ohiobeef.org.

The OBC was established in 1970 and engages with Ohio's producers and consumers to strengthen the demand for beef with the goal of maintaining the profitability and growth of Ohio's beef industry. OBC is part of a coordinated state/national marketing effort funded by beef producers through the beef checkoff program.

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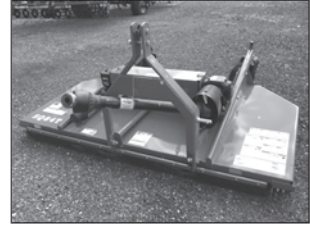








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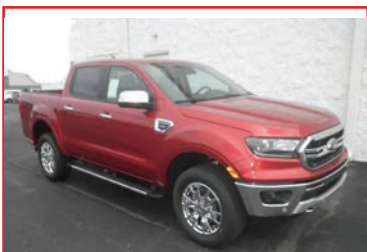
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CDC issues COVID-19 guidance for farmers

By Tim Alexander
Illinois Correspondent

DES MOINES, Iowa - How to protect farm employees and respond to positive cases of COVID-19 on the farm was addressed during a National Pork Board (NPB) webinar featuring animal agriculture safety and health experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"There is a lot of information to sort through out there when it comes to testing for COVID-19," said Dr. Megin Nichols, CDC veterinary epidemiologist for the CDC and the National Institute for the Division of Foodborne, Waterborne and Environmental Diseases, of the testing options available to employers.

"There are two types of tests: viral tests and antibody tests. Viral tests will tell you if you have a current infection. PCR based tests or antigen tests are examples of viral tests, which test for the presence of the virus.

"An antibody test, which is usually a blood test, will tell you if you have had a previous infection. It is actually looking for the antibodies against COVID-19 in the blood. An antibody test may not be able to show if you have a current infection, because it can take from one to three weeks

after infection for your body to make antibodies. We are looking at this at the CDC because we don't know if having antibodies from a previous infection can protect someone from getting the virus again, or if it does offer some protection, how long that protection might last."

No matter which testing method an employer might choose for their farm, ranch or other agricultural operation, crafting a management plan for preventing and managing the impact of COVID-19 is an important first step. Preparation, observation and response actions should all be addressed within the plan, according to Nichols.

"We have some strategies for farmers who are planning for or responding to COVID-19 on their farms. The first is to look at conducting a daily health check, making sure you are asking employees if they are having symptoms and encouraging them to self-report if they are having symptoms of respiratory disease," she said. "The next is to conduct a hazard assessment of the workplace. There is information available on our website (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/community/guidance-agricultural-workers.html) on how to best conduct this assessment."

On the website, CDC's recommended guidance for farm operations includes screening and monitoring workers; managing sick workers; addressing return to work after worker exposure to COVID-19; engineering controls; cleaning, disinfection and sanitation; administrative controls; and personal protective equipment.

"Conducting a worksite assessment is a process of identifying the risk of infection, analyzing it, identifying actions to prevent it, and monitoring to make sure the action is working and the risk is controlled. The assessments should be done periodically as part of a sound occupational and public health practice," said Dr. Jennifer Lincoln, associate director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's Office of Agricultural Safety and Health, who also participated in the NPB webinar.

Cloth face coverings in the workplace are highly recommended for all employees "if it is something that can be done given the work they are doing," Nichols added. "This helps prevent the spread of respiratory droplets coming through the face mask. We also recommend implementing social distancing practices for all farm workers, and ensuring proper building ventilation."

The CDC experts also offered guidance for shared agricultural housing units, transportation and children on the farm. "In the guidance we talk about supporting social distancing during the entire time farm workers are housed, including working, recreating and sleeping. We also recommend offering individual rooms for workers and families when possible. Within sleeping rooms these must be at least six feet between beds and we ask you to minimize or avoid the use of bunk beds," Lincoln said.

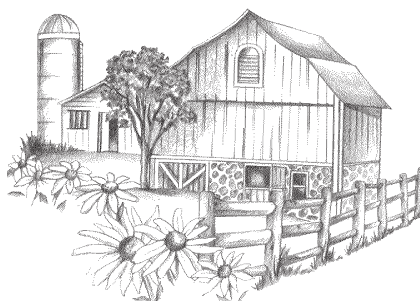
"If possible, use flexible screens made of plastic between beds and between bathroom sinks, and where farm workers are otherwise in close contact," Lincoln added. "Modify common areas to encourage social distancing including furniture. While transporting workers, increase the number of trips or vehicles and encourage the use of face masks while in transit. Shared worksites and transportation vehicles present special challenges for managing COVID-19."

Closing the webinar, Dr. Dan Kovich, director of science and technology for the National Pork Producers Council, noted that flexibility is worked into the CDC guidelines to help farmers and ranchers personalize a COVID-19 action plan suitable for their farms.

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Clearinghouse for plant grants

MARTINSVILLE, Ind. — Seed Your Future today announced the launch of its new free online Plant Education Grants Resource. This is the newest resource from Seed Your Future, a coalition of more than 200 partners — including horticulture companies, gardening organizations, schools, colleges, universities, public gardens, youth organizations, non-profit organizations and individual advocates — united in their mission to promote horticulture and careers working with plants.

Educators often have a difficult time funding in-classroom and outside-of-the-classroom plant education programs. Seeds, plants, garden equipment, hydroponic systems, soil, and other materials can be expensive and often educators must look beyond the budget of their school or youth program to fund their programs. This new resource serves as a clearinghouse of grants offered by foundations, corporations, nonprofits and even government — all to sup-

port programs that teach youth about the power of plants and the joy of careers working in the "green-collar" industry.

"Seed Your Future's dedicated page for educator grants streamlines my ability to find monies for anything I need to engage students in project-based learning: from tools, equipment, soils, seeds, structures, and even office supplies," said Kimberley Lough, an agriscience teacher and FFA advisor at W.D. Sugg Middle School in Bradenton, Fla. "This site takes away hours from online hunting to find resources needed to inspire youth into horticultural careers and lifetime hobbies. I am deeply thankful."

The online resource is the most comprehensive list of available grants to support plant education both inside and outside the classroom. Seed Your Future knows how important it is for youth to be introduced to the power of plants. Bringing plants into the classroom or youth program is one of the best ways to inspire

the next generation and get them thinking of ways they can use plants to solve problems. Costs are often a restriction for educators who want to open up the world of plants to their students.

Seed Your Future is committed to keeping this resource updated, and they included a feature that allows for anyone to submit new grant information. "As a former in-classroom teacher and current educator outside the classroom, I know how daunting and time-consuming it is to find grants, especially those for out-of-school time programs," said Heather Drzal, Director of School and Youth Programs at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. "Seed Your Future has solved that problem with its new Educator Grants Resource. It is a comprehensive and accurate resource that all educators will find immensely helpful when looking to support their youth plant-based programs."

For more information visit www.seedyourfuture.org/educator_grants

Illinois Extension service surveying farmers about stress

By Tim Alexander
Illinois Correspondent

URBANA, Ill. — Below-breakeven commodity prices. Shrinking foreign markets. The COVID-19 pandemic. Worldwide race-related protests and riots touching all segments of society.

These are just a few of the stressors affecting farmers and ranchers in 2020. How farmers are responding to and coping with these stressors is the topic of an ongoing study led by University of Illinois assistant professor and extension specialist, Dr. Josie Rudolphi.

"The survey is being received well," Rudolphi reported on June 14. "In mid-March COVID-19 started to change the way we live, work and operate. What we began to see is how COVID-19 affected every segment of the U.S. economy, including agriculture. There were rumors of producers being left without markets, of having trouble receiving the inputs that they needed as they were gearing up for planting, and more. Certainly, some stressors emerged, which help inform Illinois Extension efforts."

To identify farmers' needs during the pandemic, extension drafted a rapid response survey for farmers and ranchers in Illinois and other states. The online survey can be completed once a month, and participants are encouraged to update their needs and concerns as the pandemic progresses. Benefits of the survey include a better societal understanding of agricultural producers and stakeholders' needs during a pandemic situation, and how extension and others may better assist them in future crises.

"We are including agricultural stakeholders because we are interested in knowing how this new way of living is going to impact ag businesses. During this very unusual time, products still have to be delivered. We are interested in how COVID-19 changed that," said Rudolphi.

An access link to the survey, which is confidential, has been posted on the extension website. In addition, links were sent to members of the Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois Pork Producers Association, and other ag-related advocacy groups. "We've had a really great response so far, including some from outside Illinois. We are still collecting information, and are very interested in how stressors and needs are changing over time," Rudolphi said.

Certain questions on the survey assist Rudolphi in screening the percentage of farmers and ranchers who may be experiencing mental health effects related to the novel coronavirus pandemic. She has found that around six percent of producers are experiencing symptoms of anxiety and depression, some of which may have been brought on by the added stress of COVID-19.

"We are hearing from farmers who are angry because they can't find a (market) for their cattle, or lost a market for their livestock. There was a lot of anxiety about getting a crop in. There is concern about remaining socially distant from employees or other farm

workers," Rudolphi said. "We were expecting those types of responses. But we are also hearing from farm parents who had added stress about trying to run a farm and homeschool their children at the same time, and maybe hold an off-farm job. We are hearing from farmers who are concerned about their health or the health of an aging parent. Many are the same stressors that you might find among the non-farming segment of society."

Meeting CDC COVID-19 regulations and standards for farm operations with employees has emerged as a top stressor for many producers and business owners, Rudolphi added.

"We haven't done a thorough analysis of all responses as of yet, but the concerns people have are pretty diverse. Which is a challenge to extension, because we have to meet and address a number of needs," she said.

Farmers, ranchers and those in agribusiness who are interested in participating in the survey should contact Rudolphi at (217) 300-8833 or josier@illinois.edu.

"We will likely write up a report, a white paper or journal submission, because this is a contribution to what is known about rural and farm needs during a pandemic. We've never dealt with one before, and this will help to prepare for future events, should they occur," said Rudolphi. Future publication of the data will be in aggregate form and individual participants will not be identified, Rudolphi stressed.

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Legal settlement adding to farmland restoration

By Stan Maddux
Indiana Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – More Indiana farmland will go back to Mother Nature with help from a \$3.5 million legal settlement with a major utility company.

Under a voluntary program to improve water quality in the Wabash and White rivers, \$500,000 of the proceeds will go specifically for taking farmland out of crop production. The money was awarded to the Indiana Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) under the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA).

The program, established in 2005, is a partnership between ISDA and the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), said Julie Harrold, program manager for CREP. Only farmland or land with a history of food production is eligible for the cash

Right: Farm land in Marshall County has been converted into a wetland under an Indiana State Department of Agriculture program designed to improve water quality in 11 watersheds.



incentive program, she said.

Property owners are paid to take land out of production by doing things like planting trees, grasses and other native vegetation to reduce the amount of sediment, nutrients, pesticides and other chemicals in the run-off from their fields. The run-off ends up in watersheds feeding into both rivers.

Harrold said farmland can also be converted into wetlands to achieve the same environmental purpose.

Initially, Harrold said farmland in three watersheds near both rivers was accepted into the program. Ground is now accepted in 11 watersheds as far north as Rochester to Evansville in the southwest corner of the state.

Harrold said many landowners in the program signed up because they were tired of losing money on tracts of land made unproductive by flooding or years of heavy rain.

“A lot of the interest we get in the program is from people who are just not
Left: Farm ground in Morgan County is now a budding forest under a land use program to improve water quality near the Wabash and White rivers in Indiana.



having a lot of success in a particular area of the field,” Harrold said.

Some landowners find out about the program through promotions but some are approached to gauge their interest. “If we see a site that’s having trouble we might approach a landowner about it,” she said.

Harrold said FSA gives participating landowners payments as if they were renting the ground to a farmer to work and pays 50 percent of what it costs to convert the property.

ISDA also helps with the expense of changing the land use by giving them a reimbursement once the work is completed. “The landowner is compensated for that land being taken out of production,” she said.

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The Johnson Goat Tower Farm

By Cindy Ladage
Illinois Correspondent

Findlay, Ill. - Near Lake Shelbyville is a sight most farmers can't envision on the Midwest prairie: a 31-foot-tall goat tower! David Johnson built the tower in 1998, inspired by a picture of the Fairview Winery's tower in South Africa he saw in a Decanter wine magazine.

Johnson designed a goat tower that houses seven Saanen goats, a Swiss milk goat that likes to climb. The queen of the tower without a doubt is Bella, a friendly goat that the Johnsons picked up and brought home in the back of their car. "We've had the goats since the mid-1990's," Marcia Johnson, David's wife, said.

The tower came before the goats. In fact, Marcia said David already had the tower planned when she learned about it. "I got to pick out where it was placed," she added.

The tower is outside her kitchen window. Each morning she walks past a huge solar panel to feed the goats first thing. "The solar power in 38K it takes care of all our electrical needs unless it's really cold in December or January," David said.

The tower can be viewed from the road. Before the tower, the area was a wheat field and now it holds the world's largest goat tower. With 276 concrete steps and a copper roof, the tower is on a foundation of 10 square feet that is six feet deep. The bricks were brought to the farm from North Carolina. The Johnsons have a beautiful 4,000-square-foot home and carriage house. On the carriage house is a replica sign in German with a wonderful saying, "Strive and achieve is God's order. Work is life. Standing still is death."

This seems to fit the busy Johnsons to a tee.

When the weather changes, David said the color of the bricks changes as well. One other interesting fact about the bricks was that when they were delivered, the Johnsons also received a visitor along with them. "There was a blue tail skink that was almost a foot long. She was pregnant. Now there are skinks all over this farm!"

Like the tower, the home also had an inspiration. Marcia said the design was inspired by the Red Lion Tavern in Williamsburg. On top of the house are beautiful brass storks. "Augie Busch had them commissioned. We got permission for copies and had to promise to never get into the liquor business," Marcia laughed.

Another wonderful item in front of the house is the singing stones made of granite in a studio in Paris. Near the drive is also a cool erratic

Below: The goat tower stands 31 feet high. The Swiss mountain goats deftly climb all the way to the top.



Above: The Johnsons own 7 Saanen Swiss mountain goats that live in the goat tower.

rock pulled down from Wisconsin by glaciers.

"We bought property here in 1989," Marcia said. They lived in the carriage house while their lovely home was completed. Using an auger on a tractor, the couple has planted 250 trees all over the property and created a beautiful natural habitat.

"We love it out here. We are isolated. We needed something to enjoy," David said of the tower. They have also built 13 Purple Martin houses, which take care of any bug problems. Their son John, who lives next door, helped with the birdhouses. Last year they hatched out 100 birds.

Amazingly, the goat tower is constructed of 5,000 bricks; each is handmade. The steps that the goats climb so nimbly spiral around the tower in a dizzying fashion all the way to the top. The concrete steps are 2 1/2-inch square and 40 inches long. They are cantilevered into the brick. The steps offer a way for the goats to reach the six compartments where they hide in the 7' diameter of the tower. There are three compartments with rounded doors on one side and three on the other. "We also have 12 pigeons living in there," David said.

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Goat Tower

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The mountain goats easily climb the tower and often don't come down except for feed. Marcia said they purposely feed the goats near the shed every morning so they can do a goat check and make sure everyone is doing well. David shared a story about a 2-day-old baby goat making the climb up the tower, then bleating in fear. He had to help the little one down.

"They are all registered goats," Marcia said, explaining that the registered goats don't have horns. Bella was onsite before they started with the registered goats. At one time they had a whole herd of goats, but they have cut back a bit these days and stick to all females so the days of the baby goats are gone. The Billy goats had huge horns and they wouldn't fit in the tower, she said. The beautiful females are white and have a cute goatee. Along with being mountain goats, they are bearded goats as well.

The Johnsons also used to milk the goats and make cheese for a while. "We made feta cheese, but you had to milk them twice a day," Marcia said, adding that was a lot.

It is not truly surprising that David



Above: The singing stones in front of the farmhouse.

would want goats. There were goats on the farm he grew up on in Hancock County, Ill. He added that they had a male breeding goat that they took to other nearby farms. "Dad had him trained. He would jump in."

While the Goat Tower is definitely the draw for tourists in the area, there is so much more. At the farm

they also have a weather tower, the solar panels, six ponds, several trees and they are a certified wildlife habitat. Besides the goats, other wildlife such as deer and birds fill the 92-acre farm.

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Deuteronomy 4:29 *“But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul.”*



TRUTH IN THE TRENCHES
By Melissa Hart

Have you ever exerted an all-out, heart-and-soul effort to attain something? These kinds of goals are rare and take a tremendous amount of effort. But when the goal is realized the reward is amazing!

I daily get a laugh out of our German Shepherd dog. Each morning when I open the door to the kennel Apache follows a routine. First, she darts out of the pen and runs around the yard. Next, she gallops back and nuzzles her head on my leg to get some love. And after the head rub she sets her sights on the fields.

As soon as she hears the bajeep, bajeep of a nervous killdeer swooping low over the field to distract intruders from her babies, Apache is off! In seconds she hits the ground running. Ears pasted back, body tense and legs stretched out, she gives every ounce of strength to the chase. As the bird swings around to head back to her nest Apache also navigates a wide arc and barrels towards home. Exhausted she collapses onto the porch. She hasn't won yet, but I know she'll give it an all-out effort again tomorrow.

Apache knows what she wants and she goes after it with everything she's got. This kind of effort is what God wants from His people.

Moses, the famous Israelite leader, urged the Israelites to fear the Lord;

walk in His ways; and seek Him with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. Moses understood the fickleness of the children of Israel and warned them to put God first. He knew they would wander away from God and suffer great punishment because of it. But he assured them that they would find the Lord if only they searched for Him with all their heart.

The New Testament writers, likewise, encourage us to seek the Lord wholeheartedly. Matthew and Luke reiterate Moses' instruction to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

What kind of effort are you willing to give in order to develop a meaningful relationship with the Lord? Apache gives her all to catch a mere killdeer. Should we not have this same kind of determination for a much better goal? The best part is our efforts will never be in vain. God promises that when we seek Him diligently, we will find Him. Now, that's a desire worth an all-out, heart-and-soul effort.

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Jun 25 Muncie, Indiana: Donald R. Johnson Estate — Schrader Real Estate & Auction Co., Inc.. Real estate.. 6 pm

Jun 26 Leesburg, Ohio: Atlee Miller — Grant Nicodemus Auctioneer. Farm equipment, livestock, other.. 9 am

Jun 27 Brazil, Indiana: Publis Auction — Timberman Auction. Misc. items.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 11B

Jun 27 Columbus, Indiana: Consignment Auction — Mensendieks Auction Service. Farm machinery.. 9 am SEE AD ON PAGE 12B

Jun 27 Farmland, Indiana: Lynn Brubasker Estate — Puckette Auction & Realty. Real estate and personal property.. 11 am

Jun 27 Hope, Indiana: Herman & Wilma J. Deckard Estate — Owens Auction Service. Tractors, equipment, personal property.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 12B

Jun 27 Madison, Indiana: Estate of Bill Ford — Heil's Auction Service. Antique tractors & crawlers, other.. 9 am SEE AD ON PAGE 11B

Jun 27 Tipton, Indiana: Consignment — Cripes Auction Service. Farm equipment and agricultural sale.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 13B

Jun 27 Tipton, Indiana: Consignment — Cripe's Auction Service. Farm equipment.. no time given

Jun 27 Union City, Indiana: Nick McEown — Kirby Lions Auctioneer. Trucks, tractors, forklifts, vehicles, other.. 9 am SEE AD ON PAGE 15B

Jun 27 Riga, Michigan: Estate of Jeff Simon — Tillotson Auctioneers. Farm equipment, personal property.. 10 am SEE AD ON PAGE 15B

Jun 27 Galion, Ohio: Crock Trust & Estate — Miley Realty & Auction. Personal property.. 10 am

Jun 27 Middleton, Tennessee: Mike Grantham — Ferge Auctions & Realty. Farm equipment.. 9 am

Jun 29 Martinsville, Illinois: Estate of Leon McNurlan — Bauer Auction Service. Personal property.. 9 am SEE AD ON PAGE 11B

Jun 30 Fort Wayne, Indiana: INDOT — Don Smock Auctions. Trucks, trailers, equipment.. 10 am EST

Jul 3 Greenville, Ohio: Consignment — Midwest Auctioneers & Real Estate. Farm equipment, trucks, trailers, lawn & garden, more.. 9 am SEE AD ON PAGE 12B



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(SA) '12 MACDON FD70, Stock #100401, 45 ft, JD Hook-up, 1 owner



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(B) '11 CIH 2162-35, Stock #48522, 35 ft, flex draper



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(FR) '14 CIH 7230, Stock #48521, 1111/903 hrs, 2WD, power fold hopper, lateral tilt feederhouse



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(W) '16 JD S670, Stock #47812, 700/518 hrs, PRWD, Maurer tank extension



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(FL) '13 JD S680, Stock #99488, 1828/1317, PRWD, powercast tailboard, power fold bin extension, lateral tilt feederhouse



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(W) '12 JD 8260R, Stock #46445, 999 hrs, (4) SCV, Radar, (8) front weights, CAT III drawbar



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(W) '17 JD 8295R, Stock #48532, 625 hrs, MFWD, PS, 5 rear remotes



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(B) '16 JD 8345R, Stock #50355, 595 hrs., E23 trans, ILS, Premium cab, leather, (5) SCV, electric mirrors, radar, foot throttle



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(B) '14 JD 8310RT, Stock #47863, 811 hrs, 18" tracks, power shift, leather cab, 5 SCV, HID lights, 22 frt wts, 60 GPM hyd pump



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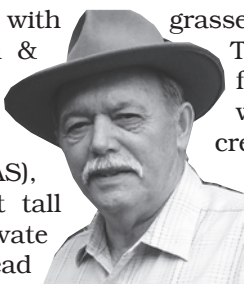


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(H) '13 JD 4730, Stock #47546, 1,492 hrs, 100' boom, 15" spacing, SS wet boom, SS tank, hyd tread adjust

Shrike plight in Indiana

Through a partnership with the Indiana Division of Fish & Wildlife, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife and the Indiana Audubon Society (IAS), 46 Eastern red cedar 8-foot tall bushes were planted on private lands home to loggerhead shrikes. With there being just five nesting pairs of shrikes left in Indiana, the partners are working to conserve the state endangered species before it is too late.



SPAULDING OUTDOORS
By Jack Spaulding

The loggerhead shrike is a state endangered species experiencing precipitous declines in recent years. In the late 1980s, Indiana's Loggerhead Shrike population consisted of nearly 100 breeding pairs. Habitat loss due to changes in land use is a contributing factor, as much of the grassland habitat in their historical range has been developed or converted to large scale agriculture.

Remaining shrike breeding pairs now tend to occupy small farms with overgrazed pasture, barbed wire fences, and nest bushes. Overgrazed pastures produce bare ground, which provides ideal hunting conditions for shrikes that need to spot and capture prey on the ground, but little nesting trees and shrubs. The DNR's current efforts are working to provide shrike nesting habitat by focusing on nest bushes and shrubs along fence-rows. In helping with the initiative, IAS and the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife Non-game program is teaming up for the Adopt a Shrike program. Donors will receive a special adoption certificate highlighting the shrike research and conservation being done, an annual report detailing all of the year's shrike banding efforts and a commemorative "Never met a shrike I didn't like" T-shirt. Each adoption is \$50 and can be purchased through the IAS Online Store.

Loggerhead shrikes need widely spaced large bushes in short grassland areas for nesting and cover to escape from predators like hawks. The bushes planted this spring will help the birds by giving them more places to nest and hide. You can help loggerhead shrikes by donating to the Indiana Nongame Wildlife Fund or by adopting a shrike at <https://indianaudubon.org/adopt-a-shrike/>.

If you see a loggerhead shrike, please report it to: Amy Kearns, 562 DNR Road, Mitchell, IN 47446 or call (812) 849-4586 ext. 223 or email her at akearns@dnr.IN.gov.

Co-existing with Canada geese

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Have you noticed geese and their young walking across the road during the summer? That's because adult Canada geese molt every summer. Before new flight feathers grow in, Canada geese are essentially grounded for a month, and new goslings also grow their first sets of flight feathers during this time of year. In Indiana, peak molting for Canada geese happens during the last two weeks of June through the first two weeks of July.

While gently harassing geese where they may be causing conflict is encouraged, harassing them during their molt is not effective or ethical because the geese have limited physical mobility. Instead, install fencing or a vegetation barrier at least 30 inches tall prior to goose nesting. Fencing can be made from a wide range of materials, but any gaps should be no wider than 3 inches. Although fencing does not prevent flying geese, adult geese know goslings need to be able to walk to food and water. Vegetation barriers can be created from native plants, including

grasses, wildflowers, and shrubs. The barriers should be 20-30 feet wide around the edge of water sources. The vegetation creates a living barrier while providing habitat for many other species of wildlife.

For more information about living with Canada geese, visit wildlife.IN.gov/2996.htm or contact your district wildlife biologist.

Indiana state parks improvements

Guests may notice a variety of improvements enhancing campgrounds, restrooms, trails and other facilities in the Indiana State Parks system of 24 parks and eight reservoir properties as we move into the traditional summer recreation season. Skilled park staff completed many of the improvements; partners and volunteers helped with many projects; and non-profit "friends" groups contributed thousands of dollars and hours.

Collectively, Indiana State Park properties manage more than 2,000 buildings, 700 miles of trails, 636 hotel/lodge rooms, 17 marinas, 75 launching ramps, 17 swimming

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Farmland

FROM PAGE 1B

Harrold said the grant covers only the ISDA portion of the compensation and should noticeably add to the over 20,000 acres now enrolled in the program. She said farmers can extend their involvement in the program once the 14-year commitment expires or they can put the land back into production. Landowners have to pay the cost of restoring the land back to its former use.

According to ISDA, the grant is from a \$3.5 million legal settlement between American Electric Power Co., the U.S. EPA, eight state and 13 citizens groups. The utility agreed to invest those dollars to improve air quality and reduce pollution through various projects.

The Indiana Wildlife Federation (IWF) - citing the ICREP watersheds as among the most impaired in the state - played a role in awarding the grant.

"Supporting the CREP program incorporates long term pollution reduction strategies, exceptional gains in wildlife habitat and the over-arching benefit of supporting our Hoosier farming communities," said Emily Wood, executive director of the IWF.

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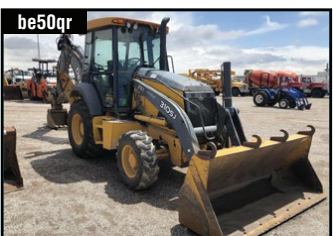
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pools, 15 beaches, 7,701 campsites, more than 200 shelters, 160 or so playgrounds and 150 cabins.

“Creative and dedicated employees stretch the dollars that you pay when you enter the gate, rent a campsite, launch a boat or attend a special workshop or program,” said Ginger Murphy, deputy director of Indiana State Parks. Examples of system-wide improvements include:

- New, efficient LED lighting in various buildings, from offices to comfort stations.

- Various small campground improvements in different locations, ranging from leveling and adding gravel to sites to new fixtures, sinks and dividers in comfort stations, and upgrades from 30- to 50-amp service.

- Invasive plant removal, prescribed fire and habitat improvements totaling several thousand acres.

- Fish habitat improvements at several reservoirs.

Examples of site-specific improvements include:

Right: Loggerhead Shrike courtesy of Audubon Society

- New road pavement projects at Harmonie State Park and Hardy Lake.

- Complete renovation of 20 rustic cabins at Turkey Run State Park and of the rentable officers' homes at Fort Harrison State Park.

- New vault toilets in select locations at Monroe Lake and at O'Bannon Woods and Whitewater Memorial state parks.

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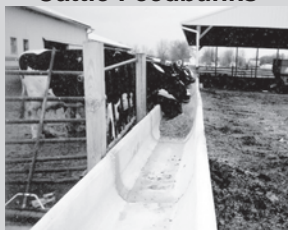
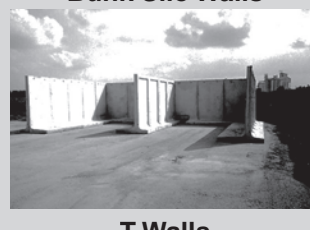
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Dennis Miesner and his Red Power Roots

Ida Grove, Iowa - Dennis Miesner and his wife Sallie are the owners and editors of *Red Power Magazine*, but besides owning the magazine, Dennis also has Farmall roots. Dennis grew up on a farm 7 miles west of Ida Grove.



WRENCHING TALES
By Cindy Ladage

"My dad had all brands of tractors, he had about every brand there was," Dennis said, so introduction to his love of Farmall tractors and all things International Harvester started after high school.

"I went to school in Western Iowa in Sioux City to Technical school. I had an instructor and his name was Al Raits. He was an IH block man. He was quite an influence on

me. There were about 20 kids in the class and another young fellow I got to know was Rich Dorale, from Charter Oak. He has since passed away."

Dennis and Rich both really liked International Harvester. "We did a lot throughout the year in preparation for a contest that was coming to Des Moines. Rich and I were the top two in the class to go to Des Moines. We went to an IH dealership for a contest for troubleshooting."

Not only did they go, but they won. Dennis has the picture that appeared in the *Des Moines Register* listing them as "Champion Trouble Shooters." The two competed out of nine community colleges and

identified 10 things that were wrong with a tractor, taking just one hour to figure out the problems on an IH 656. This was a highlight for Dennis and really the beginning of his love affair with the Farmall line.

After college, Dennis said, "I started working in Ida Grove in March of 1973 at a small IH dealership here. There were two mechanics, one guy ran the shop and there was a parts man. That was the size of the operation. It was my first job and right here in my home town. I started out as a mechanic. I had worked at a small dealership in Elk Point, South Dakota, for a few months in 1972, and then in 1973 I started here."

Collecting IH equipment came soon after working at the dealership. "I started working Ida Grove in 1973," Dennis reminisced, "then I believe that next winter in 1973 or 1974 my first tractor was a 1930 1020 McCormick Deering. I completely overhauled it."

That old tractor also got some work as well. "I told dad I wanted to plow the 20 acres across the road and it took me about a week every night after work."

The collecting took off after that. "Quite a few tractors came pretty fast. I bought an 806 and so on, and after that I also started buying draft horses for a while. I enjoyed them but they took so much hay and feed. I cultivated with them and used the sickle mower for about four or five years but they were such an effort working in town and raising kids."

The draft horses went to the wayside and Dennis focused again on tractors and the dealership. The name of the International Harvester dealership that Dennis began his IH career with in Ida Grove was called Borchers Equipment. The name has changed over the years. "The owner sold to a couple of fellows and it became Bower & Nixon Implement.

This was in 1977. Then Mr. Bower bought out Mr. Nixon," Dennis said, "so when I quit it was called Bower Equipment. I worked there the whole time until August of 1984. The whole place was closed then in January of 1985."

After leaving in August 1984, Dennis said, "I went into equipment repair. Sallie and I started Miesner Machine and Welding, an equipment and welding shop."

While they operated the repair shop, Sallie worked for the bank in town for 25 years. During her time at the bank and her earlier work at a feed store, she learned skills like bookkeeping and such that would later come in handy when they purchased *Red Power Magazine*.

The Miesners ran the welding shop until 1997. At that time they sold the building and used the funds to help purchase a former IH dealership. The dealership just happens to be the one where Dennis worked all those years ago. The purchase not only gave him workshop space, but also helped preserve local IH history. "It is the building that I started working at back in 1973. We have rented out the office area to an auction company that does realty in town."

The realty is really part of the family as well since Dennis added, "My daughter-in-law, Geneva Miesner, does realty, and I still have my shop area."

The Miesners collect memorabilia, but Dennis said he really enjoys porcelain signs. "I have two original signs that came from our dealership. One says R. A. Boatman. He was the original owner of the dealership. I also have the last sign that was on the dealership that was put up in 1977. I have approximately 18 porcelain signs hanging here in the office, but I still like my tractors."

(Wrenching Tales continued on page 10B)

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Wrenching Tales

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When asked about his favorite tractor, Dennis said, "Picking out your favorite tractor is like picking out your best kid."

Since he has three (two sons and a

daughter) that would be hard to do, but he did have an answer though. "A year ago I got a 350 Farmall and I really like the tractor a lot. It came from Pennsylvania. It was originally owed by Robert Diener (now deceased); his wife continues to do serial tags. It was sold in his hometown to a fellow named Mark

Plyler, and Mark sold it to me and he hauled it to Iowa for me on one of his trips. I just enjoy it so much because I have a fast hitch mower for it. It is all restored and ready to roll."

Besides the 350, Dennis also has an M Farmall that he said, "I'm trying to put as many M & W parts on it as I can. Another tractor I have is a

Farmall 666 Hydro that I put a 36" wide seat to give the grandkids rides!"

The Miesners purchased *Red Power Magazine* March 1, 2000, and they have been publishing it ever since. With the dealership, the magazine and the collection of literature, memorabilia and tractors, they are currently immersed in Farmall red.

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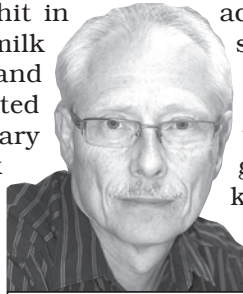
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Cheese production and prices are strong going into summer

US milk production took a hit in May, likely driven by falling milk prices due to the pandemic and reduction programs mandated by milk handlers. Preliminary data in the USDA's latest Milk Production report showed May output at 18.84 billion pounds, down 1.1 percent from May 2019 and the first shortfall since June 2019.



MIELKE MARKET WEEKLY
By Lee Mielke

Output in the top 24 producing states was 18.0 billion pounds, down 1.0 percent from 2019. Revisions lowered the original April 50-state total by 47 million pounds, now put at 18.65 billion, up 1.2 percent from April 2019, instead of the reported 1.4 percent.

The May Slaughter report will be issued June 25 but dairy cow slaughter was relatively high in April, according to the latest Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry Outlook, and totaled 279,400 head, up 10,900 from April 2019. But slaughter rates fell below those of the previous year for the weeks ending May 9 through May 30, according to the Outlook which stated: "As butter and cheese prices rose, some dairy farmers likely made decisions to retain milk cows based on improved expectations."

Most Midwestern cheesemakers continue to report six and seven day workweeks and mid-week spot milk prices were at least 50 cents over Class. Pizza cheese producers report gains in customer activity as more pizza shops report stronger sales numbers.

Some western contacts say they are running more milk through cheese vats than ever before. Retail demand has remained strong. Food service

accounts are still below seasonal purchase levels, but buyers are trying hard to refill the pipeline. That, plus the surge of government purchases, keeps production at full capacity, with some at over 125 percent. The down side is that US cheese prices have risen to a point where they are not as competitive as the EU so exports are

slowing.

"Historic prices are the outcome of a historic supply-demand imbalance," the DFMA states. "This week, we found more evidence to uncover the drivers of this unusual event: While the industry has focused its attention on foodservice companies 'restocking,' new data available this week points to an idea that most think is an impossibility; limited-service restaurants (heavy cheese users) are experiencing above-year-ago sales at the same time that retail sales of cheese are up double-digits. Because of the strength of total cheese demand, we now think cheese prices will remain well supported through much of July," the DFMA stated.

The Agriculture Department announced the July Federal order Class I base milk price at \$16.56 per hundredweight, up \$5.14 from June but 62 cents below July 2019. It equates to \$1.42 per gallon, up from the COVID-inspired 98 cents a gallon a month ago. The 2020 Class I average stands at \$15.94, down from \$16.12 a year ago and compares to \$14.60 in 2018.

Checking the bottom line; dairy

farm margins were fairly flat over the first half of June with the exception of spot third quarter which continued to strengthen dramatically on surging milk and cheese prices, according to the latest Margin Watch (MW) from Chicago-based Commodity & Ingredient Hedging LLC.

"While this has been a very difficult spring for the industry," the MW stated, "Dairy remains a bright spot for forward margin opportunities relative to other sectors that will continue to face significant profitability struggles including the hog, crop and beef cattle industries."

"Increased retail demand has met with renewed orders from both foodservice and food banks following the USDA's Farmers to Families Food Box program which has been implemented much faster than previous government farm aid programs," the MW says. "The buying is putting pressure on processors as they are now handling renewed orders from the foodservice sector with 43 states having relaxed dining restrictions to allow for more on-establishment dining options besides only take-out and delivery."

"Feed prices have increased slightly from significantly depressed levels, although both the corn and soybean crops are off to a good start," the MW stated.

In politics, the US Dairy Export Council (USDEC) and National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) sharply criticized Canada's allocation of its tariff-rate quotas (TRQ) under the USMCA.

USDEC and NMPF charged that the TRQ allocations "undermine the intent of the USCMA's dairy provisions by thwarting the ability of

the U.S. dairy industry to make full use of the trade agreement's market access opportunities."

A joint press release stated that USDEC and NMPF "have repeatedly warned that the full benefits of this carefully negotiated trade agreement will not materialize without careful monitoring and stringent enforcement of Canada's USMCA commitments. The US dairy industry urges the US Trade Representative to immediately raise this issue with Canada and insist that Canada adheres faithfully not just to the letter of its commitments under USMCA, but to its spirit as well."

Meanwhile NMPF and the International Dairy Foods Association called on the committee charged with recommending dietary guidelines for Americans to "Consider the full range of studies on different types of fats and their role in a healthy diet when crafting its final report, noting that scientific understanding has evolved."

The comments were made in letters to Dr. Barbara Schneeman, chairwoman of the committee, as well as the secretaries of Agriculture and of Health and Human Services and stated; "We would like to reiterate our strong view, as explained more fully in previous comments to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans Committee, that a body of science in recent years has found that dairy foods, regardless of fat level, appear to have either neutral or beneficial effects on chronic disease risks.

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Nature preserve will honor Quinney family farm

DEHAVAN, Wis. (AP) - Richard Quinney is determined not to let the story of his family farm disappear. Sometime this summer, he will make sure a sign goes up off Quinney Road, noting the spot in Walworth County where his great-grandparents settled in 1868.

Three years ago, Quinney sold most of the 160-acre family farm in the town of Sugar Creek to a neighbor.

But he could not imagine losing all the fields, woods and pond he explored as a child. He needed a firm connection to the farm that has nourished and grounded him for all of his 86 years. So Quinney secured a 5-acre portion, which includes land homesteaded by John and Bridget Quinney, who fled Ireland during the potato famine.

"It was necessary for me spiritually to keep a part of the farm - that I have always called The Old Place - close to me in my daily life," Richard Quinney explained to *The Janesville Gazette*. Today, Quinney, of Madison, is creating a nature preserve on the private site.

In addition to placing a historical marker, he will construct paths, remove invasive species and landscape around three large stones moved there to provide seating for people seeking solitude.

Someday he hopes to share the preserve with the public and make it a place where children can explore and learn. But now, the preserve is a way of keeping his family's story alive.

Growing up on the farm with loving parents and a brother has been "the primal center of my life," Quinney said, even when he lived far from it. But Richard was never destined to be

a farmer. Nor was his brother, Ralph. Early in life, Richard Quinney knew he wanted to see the world beyond the country life he experienced as a child of the late 1930s and 1940s.

Once, during a weekend home from college, Quinney's car got stuck in the driveway during a snowstorm. When his father, Floyd, maneuvered the tractor in place to pull him out, Richard shouted into the crisp winter air: "I'm leaving this God-forsaken place, and I'm never coming back."

Quinney spent his career as a sociologist and taught at universities in the east. In 1983, he accepted a professorship at Northern Illinois University and moved back to the Midwest to be near the farm and his mother, Alice. He retired as professor emeritus in 1998. His father died in 1969. When his mother died in 1999, he and Ralph inherited the farm.

For a time, they improved the land through organic farming. They tried to keep it as a working farm, even though both had long since moved away. But after Ralph died, Richard was the last one remaining of the four generations to live on the farm. He was forced to ask the question: "What is a family farm if there is no family on the land to farm it?"

He decided to sell the family home and most of the farmland in 2017.

A prolific author, he wrote eight books about the farm over the years to share his moving memories. Among them are "Journey to a Far Place," "For the Time Being," "Where Yet the Sweet Birds Sing," "Of Time and Place" and "A Lifetime Burning."

"I became the one who would be like the ancient mariner, the teller of tales to anyone who would listen," he wrote in "Of Time and Place."

After years of publishing with

commercial publishers, Quinney founded Borderland Books in 2005 as an independent publisher of quality books.

Today, Quinney travels weekly with his wife, Solveig, to The Old Place. On a recent weekend, he listened and watched intently from a well-positioned bench as migrating palm warblers flooded the pond and grove of trees at the bottom of the hill where his great-grandparents settled. As summer comes, white wild indigo, prairie dock and sky

blue aster will hug the landscape.

He hopes family descendants will know this place as their source of beginning in the new world. He also hopes the few remaining acres will offer refuge and happiness for those who seek reflection and renewal, including himself.

"Loss of the family farm after generations of the family on the farm brings heartache and sorrow," Quinney said. "But loss is the price for holding dearly to that which you love."

ESTATE AUCTION SATURDAY, JUNE 27 @ 10 AM

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chain saws; McCulloch Pro Mac 10-10 chain saw; Craftsman gas-powered leaf blower; Stihl FS110 RX weed eater; handyman jack; lots of ash lumber. **ANTIQUES/HOUSEHOLD:** 2 Thompson milk boxes; child's sled; claw-foot drum top & square oak stand tables; small cast marble-top table; Ansonia wall clock; Tell City drop-leaf table w/4 chairs; child's rocker & other rocking chairs; pink Depression; glass paperweights & figurines; 3 La-Z-Boy chairs; swivel rockers; sofa; LG 42" TV & stand; 2-3 pc. full-size bedroom sets; cedar chest; Fire-King hand-painted dishes; Pyrex 3 & 4 pc. dish sets; wrought-iron love seat & chair; die-cast JD, Farmall, MH & other toy tractors. **VEHICLES:** 2013 Ford Taurus SEL w/59k, leather, auto., moon roof; 1999 Ford F 150 XLT truck w/36k, V-8, 4x4, auto. **GUNS:** Thompson Center .45 cal. hex barrel muzzle-loader; Marlin model 60 .22 LR semi-auto; Savage model 30 12 ga.; J. Stevens model 258 A 20 ga.; Topper model 158 12 ga.; gun case.

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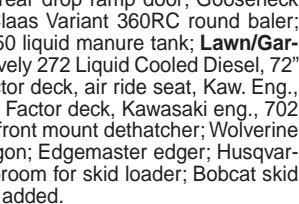
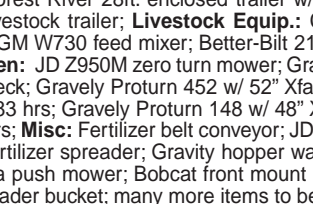
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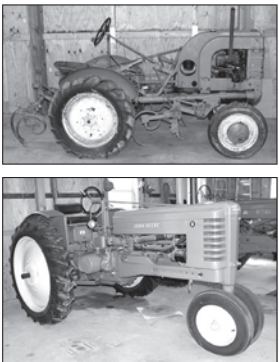
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PLANTING: JD 8300 Drill, 8' JD Van Brunt Drill w/Seeder, New Idea 6-Row Planter w/Splitter, JD 71 2-Row Sweet Corn Planter, JD Van Brunt Drill. **TILLAGE:** JD 960 30' S-Tine Fld. Cult. w/5-Bar Spike Harrow, JD 2800 6-Btm. Plow, JD 220 Disc, JD 230 Disc, DMI 3250 13-Shank Tool Bar, 26' Hiniker Flat-Fold Fld. Cult. w/Single Bar Harrow & Rear Hitch, Allis-Chalmers 1200 Fld. Cult., 12' JD RWA Disc, 32' Sunflower 7232 Single Rolling Harrow, 30' JD 1010 Fld. Cult. w/DbL Bar Casco Harrow, JD 712 9-Shank Disc Chisel w/ 4-Bar Spike Harrow, IH 183 8-Row Row-Cultivator, Brent CPC2000 7-Shank Ripper, Case IH 2500 5-Shank Ripper, Intl. 181 Flat-Fold Rotary Hoe, 27' Brillion X-108 X-Fold Packer, 7-Shank 3-pt. Ripper, 25' DMI Crumbler, IH 720 11-Bottom On-Land Plow, 26' Unverferth Rolling Harrow II, 22-1/2' Case IH 496 Disc, 35' Case IH 340 Disk, 11-Shank Glencoe Disc Chisel. **LIVESTOCK**

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HEAVY EQUIP.: Massey-Ferguson 204 All-Terrain Gas Forklift w/2-Stage Mast, Melrose Gas Bobcat Skid Loader.

VEHICLES & TRAILERS: 2019 Hyundai 53' Van Trailer, 2012 Witzgo RG-35 Self-Contained Detachable Trailer, 1985 GMC C-70 Grain Truck (Odometer shows 258576, Approx 7000 Miles on CAT Engine, 10-sp. Transmission, Manual Tarp), 1994 LMS 28+5 Flatbed Gooseneck Trailer (10,000# Axles w/Disc Brakes (Electric over Hydraulic), 1998 Wilson 40' Dbl. AG Hopper Trailer, 21 1/2" x 8' Deck-Over Trailer, 1988 Int. RDGT Cab-Over Semi, 1990 Timpte Model 14 Super Hopper Trailer w/ Tarp, 1985 Chevrolet C30 Truck, 1996 1-Axle Utility Trailer. **TOOLS:** Log Chains, Tow Chains, Break-Over Bars & Binders, Clevis' & Hooks, Diesel Generator/Welder, Firepower FP130 Mig Weld System, Several Generators, 3500-Watt Generator, Ditch Pump, Toolboxes, Box Lots, Hand Tools, Long Handle Tools, 50# Sand Blaster, Pressure Washers.

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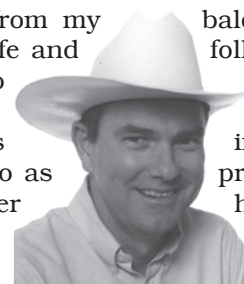
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Hair today, gone tomorrow

I inherited two things from my father: his Case pocket knife and his balding pattern. I had to wait 64 years to get his knife but I received his baldness from the day I was born. So as to prevent shock, my mother kept my entire head covered as a baby but the two photos that exist of me as a child show that I was baldier than a watermelon. If you're still having trouble getting a mental picture, I'm a spitting image of FDR on a dime. Only with less hair than the coin has.



It's THE PITTS
By Lee Pitts

Your average human scalp has 100,000 hairs whereas mine has 12, give or take a dozen. I didn't need my first haircut until I was six years old and even today I only require three haircuts a year. Even then the barber charges me the full tariff. I complained about this once and he said he wasn't charging so much for cutting my hair as he was for finding it. An old barber joke, ha, ha. He said I don't even have enough hair for a comb over unless he used the hair growing out of my ears. I told my barber that just once I'd love to know the feeling of the wind blowing my hair in my eyes but my comedian barber said they'd have to be nose hairs.

I know, I know, I need to find a barber with better jokes.

I know it's hard to believe but 50 years ago hats weren't as popular as they are today. I started the rage because I wore one all the time. Usually a baseball cap. Now days you'll probably see me wearing a Carhartt® beanie because my noggin is always frostier than the Queen of England on a Scottish morning in January. I still wear a ball cap, cowboy hat or beanie at all times, even at night. This is the reason I don't go to church, funerals or weddings, because you're supposed to remove your headwear on such occasions. I wore one once to a Catholic funeral and the priest sought me out afterward to tell me that he thought he saw an apparition or the second coming of Christ when I removed my hat, but it was just the glow from my chrome dome.

Sadly, I have yet to find any

baldness support groups or follicular telethons so I must suffer in silence. I just wish the bullying would stop. For instance, the last time we were preg checking cows the bullying had reached fever pitch when ReRide mentioned he'd read that hair whorls on a bull's face were an indicator of fertility. Facial hair was also found to be linked with temperament and scrotal development. Naturally, it was pointed out that I was both bald and childless.

Fred chimed in that down through the ages various homemade cures have been tried to solve the puzzle of cranial deforestation and hair depletion syndrome. He said some Indians believed that skunk oil or a poultice of cow manure would make hair grow where only a follicle desert existed previously. Before I knew it, two ruffian cowboys had removed my new straw cowboy hat that was made in the style preferred by PRCA cowboys now days, with lots of crosshatching and air holes. I was aghast when I saw one bully holding my hat under the cow's rear end while the other pumped the cow's tail up and down like it was a pump handle. The next thing I knew they were attempting to put my hat back on my head that was half full of manure. The hat was, not me.

Because it was a new hat, and because I'm a tightwad, I hated throwing it away so I used a high pressure sprayer and seven kinds of industrial cleaner to remove any trace of manure. Evidently it wasn't enough because in two weeks I was sprouting little microscopic hairs that were growing in the same stylish weave as my straw hat. I was growing hair faster than green grass grows after three inches of rain!

So be watching for an all new product that beats hair plugs, Rogaine® or anything else for growing hair. I call it Lee's Magic Hat. But just as with the Impossible Burger®, sausage and Chicken McNuggets®, don't tell anyone what it's made of.

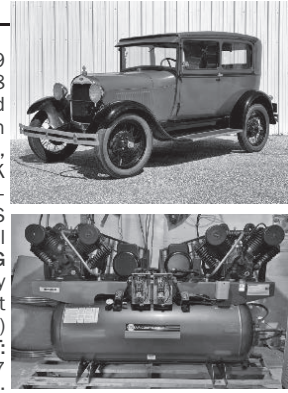
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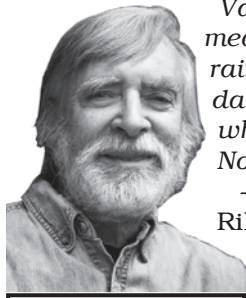
INSPECTION: Monday, July 6 from 3-6 PM ET **COLLECTOR/VINTAGE CARS:** '29 Ford Model A Tudor Sedan, restored 2005/2017, garage kept under cover; '88 Ford Mustang GT, fresh rebuilt 302 5.0 V-8, 5-speed, nice car; 1954 Ford Customline 4-door sedan, V-8, solid car; 1942-48 Lincoln Continental sedan project car. **TRUCKS/EQUIPMENT:** '89 Ford F74 single axle dump truck, diesel, 5+2 manual, 10' bed; '76 White Road Commander 2 road tractor, miles: 51K (actual), Detroit BV-92, tandem rear axles; skid steer mounted tree spade; shop-made round bale hauler rack. **PAINT BOOTH/AIR HANDLING SYSTEM:** 2015 GFS Ultra HD paint booth, int dim: 27x14, model: PRFDP-271409DTP-33; 2015 Global Finishing Solutions GFS EB-20 air handling system. **FRAME STRAIGHTENING RACK/AUTO LIFTS:** 2015 Chief Impulse E/VHT pulling rack; Chief Velocity VWS200-A computerized measuring system; 2018 Challenger 4015XA0 4-post lift, cap: 15K; Snap-On Hoffman Geoliner 770 mobile imaging wheel aligner; (2) 2015/2017 Challenger E12-2-post lift, cap: 12K. **AUTO SPECIALTY EQUIPMENT:** 2018 Coats Rim Clamp tire changer & 1600 3D Tire Balancer; (2) 2015/2017 Robinair AC recovery machines; (2) Napa 4-piece car dolly sets; paint gun kits; 2018 Autel MaxiSys diagnostic system; (2) Snap-On Verus EEMS323 diagnostic systems; specialty tools sets; paint shakers; Napa paint dispenser system; Herkules auto paint gun washer. **SHOP EQUIPMENT/TOOLS:** Geyser 81-GT 320 hot water pressure washer; Amool 50-ton shop press; C-K Mister Tig MT200 welder; Napa 16 drawer hardware organizer; (2) Napa 4-ton portable ram kits; Matco tools; pneumatic tools; power tools; hand tools; 10+ air hose reels & regulators; jacks/jack stands; hardware organizers; scaffolding/walk boards; 1" pneumatic impact kit; (2) eyewash stations; 10+ set of adjustable metal shelving; heavy welding table w/Wilton vises; new expanded metal tool cage; (2) large Steiner wall curtains. **AIR COMPRESSORS:** (2) 2017 Napa dual-stage 120-gal air compressors; 2017 Sharpe Dryaire air drying system; Ingersoll-Rand 185 diesel powered air compressor, hrs: 151, JD diesel engine; sand blaster. **TOOL CHEST ON CASTERS:** Mac Tools Lim Ed 11-drawer tool chest; (2) 2015 Napa Homack 18-drawer tool chests. **USED OIL HEATING SYSTEMS:** (2) 2017 Energylogic EL350H waste oil heating systems, 280K BTU, 250 gal storage tank; (7) used oil storage containers.



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Rain chances increase toward end of June



Vast overhanging meadow-lands of rain, And drowsy dawns, and noons when golden grain Nods in the sun....

- James Whitcomb Riley

The First Week of Deep Summer Astronomical Data and Lore

The Wheat and Alfalfa Cutting Moon waxes throughout the period, entering its second quarter at 3:16 a.m. on June 28. Rising in the morning and setting in the evening, this moon travels overhead after lunch, making that time the most favorable lunar time for angling, especially as the cool fronts of June 29 and July 3 approach.

Solstice occurred on June 22 at 4:44 p.m. The sun entered Cancer at the same time. The sun held steady at its solstice declination and the day's length remained virtually unchanged between June 19 and 23.

Mars is the earliest Morning Star in the month ahead, rising just after midnight in Cetus. Venus follows in Taurus from the east. Jupiter and Saturn are deep in the south western sky in Sagittarius when Venus appears and they disappear before sunrise. On July 14, Jupiter will appear bigger than at any other time this year.

At morning chore time, the Pleiades and Taurus lead Orion out of the east. In the north, the Big Dipper lies against the horizon. Due south, the gangly formation of Sculptor lies between Fornax and Piscis Austrinus. In the west, summer's Cygnus and Aquila dip towards the tree line.

Weather Trends

As June draws to a close, the likelihood of rain increases. After an only 10 percent chance of showers on the 26th, chances rise to 35 percent by the last day of the month, and then to 55 percent on July 2 and 3. Although clouds are relatively rare through the end of June, they suddenly become more frequent on July 1 and 2. Then, starting on the 3rd, the sun returns (in between the showers), and remains through the 11th. Temperatures are generally cooler than those of the previous week as the chance for 80s or 90s falls from 80 percent down to about 60 percent. The chilliest day of the week is usually June 30, when highs in the 70s occur almost 50 percent of the time.

The cool fronts of Deep Summer normally cross the Mississippi River around July 6, 14, 21 and 28. New moon on July 20 (followed by perigee on July 24), as well full moon on July 4, may increase the chance of tornadoes in the South and Midwest and the landing of a hurricane in the Gulf region near those dates.

Notes on the Progress of the Year

The United States is now at the threshold of Deep Summer, the most stable period of the year: the day's length and the normal highs and lows remain so constant that it seems June will last forever. Between now and the first week of August, average temperatures vary just one degree. Highs rise into the 80s at least 60 percent of all the afternoons, and climb above 90 on 20 percent of the days.

Even though night lengthens about three-quarters of an hour in this middle season, the amount of possible sunshine reaches its zenith, and the percentage of totally sunny days in a week climbs to 55 percent, the highest of the year.

Deep Summer's meteorological stability is mirrored in the long seasons of lilies, monarda, purple coneflowers, phlox, vervain, hostas, Queen Anne's lace, butterfly bush, wingstem, ironweed, teasel, mallow, bouncing bets, hobblebush and oak-leaf hydrangeas. From Cincinnati to the Gulf Coast, pink flowers hang from mimosa trees.

Rhubarb returns for another month of pies in Deep Summer. Wild black raspberries and mulberries cede slowly to the blackberries and elderberries. Apples, plums and peaches fatten. The field corn is tall, the sweet corn and tomatoes are coming in and the wheat harvest is complete. Shiny spicebush, boxwood, greenbrier, pokeweed and poison ivy berries have formed. Bark flakes from the trunks of sycamores.

By the last week of Deep Summer, wild cherries darken. Buckeyes and black walnuts become fully developed and Osage fruits are heavy enough to drop in a storm. Cicadas call throughout the warmest afternoons of Deep Summer. More fireflies and milkweed beetles mate than at any other time. Katydid and autumn crickets join them in just three weeks. Goslings and ducklings are nearly full grown. Starlings begin to flock, their breeding done. By the year's 200th day, robins no longer sing before sunrise, and cardinals sleep late. Meadowlarks and blue-winged teal fly south.

In the Field and Garden

The extra water that you put (Poor Will continued on page 15B)



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GRAIN TRUCK • GRAIN CARTS • GRAIN VAC • AUGER

- 1990 IH 4900 grain truck, 18' Omaha Standard bed, holds 700 bu., twin screw, air brakes, Agricovert electric roll tarp, spring ride, air seat, automatic, 22.5 rubber • Kinze 840 grain cart, scales, 1000 pto, rear camera, Agricovert electric roll tarp, 30.5L-32 diamond tires • Killbros 1200 grain cart, 1000 pto, rear camera, Agricovert electric roll tarp, 24.5-32 diamond tires • Handlair 566 grain vac, 1000 pto, sells with pipe & ends • (6) Sukup Heavy Duty Cyclone heads & (6) 90° pipes, & 200' of 6" pipes • Westfield 10" x 31' loadout auger, 540 pto, plastic hopper

PLANTER - APPLICATOR

- Kinze 3600 12 row, 30", liquid fertilizer, flowball indicators, ASD, finger pickup, 2 sets of bean meters, 2 pt hitch, rear hitch, rear hyd. hookup, 1 spike/1 cast closing wheel, trash removers *102388* • AG Systems II knife applicator, 1750 gallon tank, flowball system, hydraulic drive pump, rear camera, 380/90R46 tires, can be converted to 15 knife • 800 gallon nurse wagon, pulled behind the planter, hydraulic drive pump, 5th wheel running gear, 11L-15 tires • DEMCO saddle tanks, with brackets & 225 gallon tanks

TILLAGE

- Great Plains Turbo Max 18TM, 18' hydraulic adjust gangs, spider wheels, flat bar basket • Blue Jet 5 shank inline ripper, 3pt, gauge wheels • Glencoe 14' field cultivator, Remlinger 3 bar spike harrow

PICKUP • GATOR • TRAILER

- 1993 Ford XLT F350 pickup, 4x4, regular cab, dually, automatic, 460 gas, aluminum flatbed, tool boxes, cushion hitch, power windows, power locks, sells complete w/ Boss 8'6" snowblade, 107,224k miles • 2003 Ford XLT F350, 4x4, Quad Cab, Triton V-10, 175k miles • John Deere 620i gator, 4x4, roof, windshield, gas, power dump bed, front & rear hitches, Independent rear suspension, turn signals, 660 hrs • Tandem axle implement trailer, 2 ramps

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Friday, July 3rd
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John Deere unstyled Model AR w/electric start, Hyd, lights & like new rubber; John Deere Model 420 Crawler w/hyd. PTO & blade; White Model 2-180 front wheel assist w/20.8x38 rubber, duals around, shows 4845 hrs. on tack; Oliver Model 2255 Front wheel assist w/18.4x38 rubber, duals around, shows 4216 hrs. on tack; Oliver Model 1855 Diesel Tractor, wide front shows 3505 hrs. on tack; Oliver model 1755 Diesel Tractor w/cab shows 3542 hrs. on tack; set of Oliver fenders that fit 55 series tractors to be sold separately; Oliver Model 1655 Diesel Tractor w/wide front shows 2912 hrs. on tack; Nice set of Oliver Tractors all 55 series and I believe original!! Gleaner Model N-6 Combine for parts; Early Oliver 70 row crop tractor w/good fenders, lights look original; Mustang Model 960 Skid Steer Loader w/material and fork buckets - shows approx. 2800 hrs. on tack; Ford 800 series Grain Truck w/16' bed & hoist; 21' triaxle trailer; White Seed Boss 6x30 vacuum planter w/liquid fertilizer and no till coulters; 2 portable 12 volt pickup fuel tanks; 1000 gallon skid fuel tank w/electric pump; 500 & 300 gallon fuel tanks; 20,000 gallon water tank; several transfer pumps; 1994 Ford aero max L-9000 Semi w/Eaton 9 speed transmission & air ride; 1975 Ford 900 series tilt cab truck w/auto trans, low miles - was a fire truck; 1978 Ravens Aluminum 40'x9' spread air ride semi trailer w/aluminum rims & 24" rubber - looks good; 48' tandem drop deck detachable lowboy, air ride, canvas sides; P-J tandem 20' trailer w/ramps; 45' storage van; 52' shipping container; 20' tandem landscape trailer; 12 row Blu Jet 28% applicator; 20 Harrogate; 12' Bush Hog 1000 PTO Mower; Big A 2500 Lime or Fertilizer spreader; M-3000 Lime Spreader for parts; Yetter 6 row Anhydrous applicator w/row cleaners & markers; Hyd. pipe pusher w/Wisconsin engine; 1988 Chevy 3500 Diesel service truck; older pickup w/snowplow; 3 pt. hitch drawbar; 1600 gallon poly tank; several RR jacks; jack stands; banding machine; air oil pumps; good grease guns; portable air compressor; Werner Stepladders. quantity of racking; Stainless conveyor; A Frame; 1000 gallon ammonia tank 16.9x38 duals; rolls of rubber belting; several 11x15 tires on rims; several good sets of steel sawhorses; parts bins; cases of oil; misc. motors; leg toughens; cherry picker; power washer; cement mixer like new; large fan; Key machine; New Transfer pump; wine press; truck hoist; torch set; lumber - approx. 25 - 4x6 poles; 10 - 6x6; about 160 2x10 & 12; 140 - 2x8 about 220 - 2x6's; about 180 sheets of 4x8 OSB board; approx. 140 8x8 - OSB board numbers are approx and stored inside. Approx. 600 sheets of styrofoam - various sizes; over 200 2x2x4 barcode blocks; church pews; 60' electric truck scales to be removed. Steel building & contents (scrap).

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Caterpillar Model 499-A Forklift; battery operated Scissor lift; Hyster Model 10200 - 10 Forklift; Titan Model 8500 generator; 5000 watt generator; Grove diesel hyd. cable crane w/gas engine on outriggers; Ship storage container; Storage Trailer; older Ski Doo; Polaris, Johnson snowmobiles - it's parts time - come see!! Recon Honda 4 wheeler; Polaris XC 700 Snowmobile; Alum. Snowmobile trailer; Wood Splitter on trailer & Honda engine; 1998 Chevy 1 ton utility pickup; 1976 GMC Pickup; snowplow; 2 wheel car dolly; Honda 90 Trail Bike; Honda 50 Moped head; Honda Urban Express; lots of pallets; several autos will be sold as scrap; GUNS - Ruger 22 long rifle-semi-auto w/scope; Weatherby 22 long rifle semi auto; 3 Henry 22 lever auction Number 21 of 1000 State of Michigan; Vietnam was 50th anniversary 21 of 1000; Henry rifle Lenawee Co. Number 21 of 1000 State.

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Poor Will

FROM PAGE 14B

out for your flock and herd helps maintain wildlife on your land: especially birds which reduce the insect population. Leafhoppers and Japanese beetles are reaching the economic threshold on the farm. Sycamore bark is shedding now that solstice has passed, a sign that the winter wheat harvest is moving up into the Ohio Valley.

Young raccoons and groundhogs become serious marauders deep into June. This may be the time for you to take preemptive measures to protect your corn and other crops. Store your hay where it is not exposed to the sun - and therefore can retain more of its vitamin A.

In spite of the association of the Dog Days with heat, the final two days of June are sometimes the coldest of the year's midsection.

Almanack Classics The Path to Peace and Harmony By Gene Holder, McGregor, Texas

My friend of 25 years, now deceased, told me the best outhouse story I have ever heard. Celey was a devout Mormon, and I am sure that he is in Heaven and still trying to explain to God why he could never convert this Methodist.

Anyway, Celey was reared on a truck farm in Hansen, Idaho. During the harvest season, he went to help his uncles and cousins. A girl was hired to help with the cooking and other household duties. One of the cousins was a practical joker. He thought that it would be a grand joke on the hired girl if he would wire the outhouse seat with the fine wire from

an old "T" model Ford coil. The fine wire and the tacks were not noticed in the dark outhouse.

Well, he watched until he saw the hired girl enter the privy. When he felt that she had ample time to get settled, he threw the switch. That poor girl almost tore the door from the hinges. The cousin was paralyzed with laughter; so the girl knew who the joker was.

Since this was a devout Mormon household, the normal beverage of choice for breakfast was hot chocolate. When things seemed all settled and back to normal, the hired girl "laced" the cousin's hot chocolate with a purgative. The medication worked quickly on an empty stomach that was not constipated in the first place.

The old boy set a track record on his run to the outhouse. He dropped his britches and grabbed for the closure of his one-piece long handles (long Johns), all in one fluid motion. The only thing left to do was to strip down.

It was then that he discovered that the back fly had been sewn closed by his victim, who also did the laundry. The underwear was buried, since it was too wet to burn. Peace and harmony prevailed from then on.

Poor Will is running out of stories! Send yours to him at 316 South High, Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387 or to poorwill@poorwillsalmanack.com. You'll receive \$5.00 payment if your story appears in this column.

Answers To Last Week's Sckrambler

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This Week's Rhyming Sckrambler

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TRUCKS: 2007 Freightliner Classic M-2 Single Axle Semi, Automatic, P.S., Air Brakes, 285/75R-24.5 Rubber with Aluminum Budd Wheels, Chrome Exhaust Stack, 372,457 miles, runs, drives & looks fantastic, great little truck; 2004 Chevy C-7500 Crew Cab 4-Door Truck with 20 ft. Flatbed, Belly Toolboxes, Dura-Max (diesel), 7 Speed, Air Brakes, only 109,455 miles; 1997 Ford F-650 Cab & Chassis, V-8, Automatic, 161,000 miles; 1992 Chevy H.D. 3500 Dump Truck, 454-V8, 5 Speed, Dual Wheels, 8 1/2 ft. wide x 12 ft. Bed with Hoist, 192,931 miles; 1967 Chevy 3500 1-Ton Tow Truck Wrecker, 327-V8, 4 Speed with Granny Gear, Dual Wheels, new Brakes, runs & drives, only 34,827 original miles with documentation & original title; 2002 Chevy 3500 1-Ton Dually 4x4 LT, Dura-Max (diesel), Allison Automatic, Full Power Equipment, tall Rubber, Aluminum Budd Wheels, Black Leather, Copper Exterior, Gooseneck Hitch, completely refurbished, 185,283 miles, super sharp; 2007 Dodge 3500 1-Ton Dually Mega Cab, 2WD, Cummins Diesel, Automatic, Full Power Equipment, newer Tires & Brakes, Black, very sharp, runs great, 202,709 miles, Aluminum Simulators, don't miss this one; 1996 G.M.C. Custom 1500 Pickup Truck, Extended Cab, fresh Rebuild, 350-5.7 Liter V-8, Auto, P.W., P.L., Tilt, Cruise, Pearl White Exterior, Dark Blue Cloth, Black Tonto Cover, Foose Custom Wheels, 156,718 miles, looks & runs great; 2005 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab P.U. Truck, 5.3 Liter V-8, Auto, Full Power Equipment, Silverado, Aluminum Wheels, Fiberglass Topper, Red, 267,772 miles, runs good; 1994 G.M.C. Sierra 1500 Reg. Cab P.U. Truck, 350-V-8, Auto, Power Equipment, Alum. Wheels, Bed Mat, Red, 287,976 miles, runs good; 1998 Toyota Tacoma P.U. Truck, 4 Cyl., 5 Speed, A/C, Reg. Cab, Maroon, Tow Bar set up, runs good, 187,710 miles; 1998 Chevy S-10 P.U. Truck, SS Model, 4 Cyl., Auto, P.S., P.W., P.L., Aluminum Wheels, Red, runs good, 186,000 miles.



AUTOMOBILES: 1936 Plymouth 4-Door Sedan, Black, Solid Barn Find, no Motor or Transmission, Suicide Doors, has title; 1974 M.G.B. Convertible, 2-Door, Dealer installed Air Conditioning, 48,000 original miles, runs good, Red with Black Top (as we found it); 2008 Chevy Impala SS, Black, Leather, Sunroof, P.S., P.W., P.L., AM/FM, Chrome Wheels, Rear Spoiler, Tall Rubber, sharp Car; 1992 Chevy Caprice, 4-Door, runs, has title (body is rough).



TRAILERS: 2000 Eastern Car Haul Trailer, Hyd. Tilt with Winch, Power Jack, 7 ft. wide x 20 ft. long, Tandem Axle nice; 2009 American Utility Trailer, Tandem Axle with Ramps, Gorilla Lift Gate, 6 1/2



ft. wide x 17 ft. long; 2001 Cox 4-Place Snowmobile Trailer, Tandem Axle, 8 1/2 ft. wide x 20 ft. long, very nice; 1994 3-Place Snowmobile Trailer, Tandem Axle, 8 ft. wide x 12 ft. long; Boat Trailer.



LOADER TRACTORS - TRACTOR ATTACHMENTS - FORKLIFTS: 1978 John Deere 2440 (diesel) Loader Tractor with John Deere #146 Front Loader, Remotes, 3-Point, 4-Speed, Hi/Lo Transmission, P.S., 16.9-28 Rear Rubber, 1,421 hours, super nice; 2005 John Deere 2305 (diesel) Utility Tractor, 4x4, John Deere 200 CX Hyd. Loader, 62" Quick Attach Mower Deck, only 721 Hours, very sharp, like new; John Deere Quick Hitch for 200 or 300 Series Utility Tractors; Frontier 48" Box Blade Ripper, 3-Point, like new; King Kutter 48" PTO Rear Tine Tiller, like new; Bush-Hog #286 3-Point, PTO, 8 Ft. Rotary Mower; 8 Ft. 3-Point Grader Blade; John Deere 4-Wheel H. Duty (diesel) Forklift, Model L-50; Toyota 5000 Lb. Cap. Hard Rubber Tire Forklift, Model 424FGC-25, Propane, 3,410 Hours.



HARLEY-DAVIDSON - SNOWMOBILES - CAMPER: 1993 Harley-Davidson Ultra Classic, Full Dress Equip., Black, lots of Chrome, 46,252 miles, runs great; 2004 Arctic Cat T-660 Touring Edition Snowmobile, 4-Stroke, 4,093 miles with Valid Michigan Registration (super nice); 1996 Polaris Indy 500 Edition Snowmobile, 5,542 miles, nice; 1990 28 ft. Elite Camping Trailer, Roof A/C, Outdoor Kitchen, sleeps 6; 1991 Four Winds Boat with Trailer (motor is stuck), has title for Boat.



MAN LIFT - CUSHMAN FACTORY TRUCKS - BOOM TRUCK & DUMPTRUCK BEDS: Commander Alg. Elec. Man Lift, 20 ft. Height, 750 Lb. Capacity, new Batteries, works good; (3) Cushman Elec. Factory Stock Chasser's Trucks, new Batteries (all run good); Cushman 3-Whl. Factory Parts Runner Truck (works good); Cushman 3-Whl. "Tug" Factory Truck (super nice); (3) Cushman Factory Battery Trucks (for parts only); Yamaha (gas) Golf Cart (rough); 2012 Altec 55 ft. Boom Truck Bed with Toolboxes, Model #: AA755MH; East 20 ft. Alum. Dump Truck Bed with Steel Floor & Tailgate, looks good.



ALSO SELLING SAME DAY: ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES - WOODWORKING EQUIPMENT - SHOP EQUIPMENT & TOOLS - LAWN TRACTORS - EQUIPMENT - PARTS - WOOD TRUSS RAFTERS - LUMBER - STEEL - ALUMINUM - SCRAP - TRUCK PARTS - VERY LARGE AMOUNT OF SCRAP STEEL & ALUMINUM - MISCELLANEOUS

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