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MSU Department of Art & Design hosts Patricia L. Summerville Lecture Series

MURRAY, Ky. — The Department of Art & Design at Murray State University is pleased to host Acadia Kandora as the Patricia L. Summerville Artist in Printmaking on Tuesday, March 10 through Friday, March 13. Kandora will host a CMYK and print installation workshop with the help of both Professor Nicole Hand's and Professor Lu Coby's advanced printmaking class. The workshop will be March 10-13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Fine Arts (FA) room 1006. Kandora will also give a lecture on her work on March 10 at 11 a.m. in FA room 623 located inside the Clara Eagle Gallery. The workshop and lecture are both free and open to the public. Kandora is a printmaker, educator and zinester from the mountains of Appalachia. She holds a Master of Fine Arts in printmaking from the University of Arkansas and a Bachelor of Fine Arts with concentrations in graphic design and sculpture from Shepherd University. She has been an artist in residence at the Archipelago Artist Residency in Korpo, Finland and a maker in residence at the Scott Family Amazeum. She has exhibited nationally in cities such as Baltimore, Maryland; Boulder, Colorado; Indianapolis, Indiana; Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Kent, Ohio. Her collaborative publications have been included in collections such as the Library of Congress, Center for Book Arts in New York City, the Ohio State University's Riot Grrrl Zine Collection, and the State University of New York New Paltz Zine Library. She currently resides in Arkansas with her cat, teaching printmaking as an assistant professor. The Patricia L. Summerville Lecture Series is made possible through an endowment to the Department of Art & Design from Patricia Summerville, who graduated from Murray State University in 1972 with a B.S. Ed., after attending the University for only three years. She then earned three additional degrees, including a M.S. Ed., with a major in supervision in 1976 from the University of Akron; a M.H.A., with a major in hospital administration in 1982 from Xavier University; and the Juris Doctor from Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University in 1994. She was admitted to the bar the following year. Summerville's career included teaching art for six years, serving as an administrator for hospitals and healthcare facilities for 20 years and practicing law for five years before retiring in 2003. She passed away in March 2022.



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National Farm Show returns to Louisville for 60th year

LOUISVILLE -- "Every year is an important year for the National Farm Machinery Show as we bring the best in the field together," said David S. Beck, President and CEO of Kentucky Venues. "Reaching a milestone like the 60th anniversary is a powerful reminder of the show's legacy and a chance to honor the generations of farmers, innovators, and partners who helped build the show, while continuing to look ahead at what's next for the future of agriculture."

Over the four days, an international crowd will browse sold-out exhibit halls showcasing brands such as AGCO, Case IH, John Deere, Massey Ferguson, and New Holland. In addition to expansive equipment displays, attendees can take advantage of free daily educational seminars led by industry experts offering insight into the best farming and production practices. Visitors can also shop from nearly 50 retail vendors at the Gift & Craft Market selling clothes, keepsakes, souvenirs, and more.

In tandem with the farm show, the 57th Championship Tractor Pull sponsored by Farm Credit Mid-America returns to Freedom Hall for five dirt-slinging sessions. Now featuring new seats in the lower sections, the event runs nightly at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, with an additional noon session on Saturday. Around 200 drivers from across the United States and Canada will compete during the high-octane, heart-pounding sessions. Tickets can be purchased online via Ticketmaster and at the on-site Ticket Office. Livestream and archival footage are available at stream.champullorg.

The National Farm Machinery Show is free and open to the public.

About the National Farm Machinery Show: The National Farm Machinery Show (NFMS) is the world's largest indoor farm trade show, held annually at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky. Since its founding in 1963, NFMS has brought together farmers, manufacturers, and agricultural professionals from around the globe to explore the latest farming technology, equipment, and innovations. The four-day event features a sold-out show floor, free educational seminars, retail shopping, and the Championship Tractor Pull, making it a cornerstone event for the agriculture industry. The show brings in nearly $28 million in estimated economic impact to the Louisville region.

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Brooke Rollins marks impactful first year as U.S. Agriculture Secretary

Estimated crowd of over 300,000 is expected to fill the Kentucky Exposition Center during the 60th annual National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, marking six decades of showcasing the latest innovations, equipment, and technology in agriculture.

Photo courtesy of National Farm Machinery Show

Secretary Rollins recently visited Gallein Farms in Shelbyville, where she accepted a certificate naming her Honorary Commissioner of Agriculture for Kentucky from Ag Commissioner Jonathan Shell and met with local farmers to discuss key agricultural issues.

Photo via USDA

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Gov. Beshear: James Composites To Invest Nearly $6 Million in New Manufacturing Operation in Marshall

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 9, 2026) – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear announced an exciting new project in the state's manufacturing sector as James Composites LLC, a producer of fiberglass barge covers, will invest $5.8 million in Marshall County to establish its first facility in the commonwealth and create 25 quality, full-time jobs. "Kentucky's manufacturing industry continues to fuel our historic economic momentum, providing quality job opportunities and investment in communities across the entire state," said Gov. Beshear. "James Composites is creating dozens of great jobs for Kentuckians while further strengthening our commonwealth's industrial base. I want to thank the company's leadership for their trust and welcome them to their New Kentucky Home." The location of the project at 390 Riverside Lane in Calvert City will allow James Composites to have direct access to the Tennessee River through the site's marine ways system. Construction of a new building is expected to be completed by November. The project will create 25 jobs for the Marshall County community, including positions in the fiberglass manufacturing industry with specialized roles in fabrication and production. "We are extremely excited about the opportunity to start our fiberglass barge cover manufacturing operations in Calvert City, Kentucky," said Jeff James, managing member of James Composites and president/CEO of James Marine. "This new business will allow us to create high-quality jobs here in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and provide an additional supply option for a vital product to the inland waterways barge market that we serve. We are appreciative of all the state and local government officials and Kentucky Lake Economic Development for their assistance and support for this project, and we are looking forward to the future and getting our operations underway." James Composites LLC was organized in April 2025 to manufacture fiberglass barge covers for barges serving the inland waterways. The company expects to begin operations in early 2027 after the completion of the new manufacturing building. James Composites is part of the James Marine Inc. family of companies, which was founded in 1986. This family-owned company provides an array of services to the inland river industry, including towboat and barge repairs; new construction and painting of towboats, barges, and dry docks; groceries, supplies and fueling; and towing, chartering, harbor and fleet services. Marshall County Judge/Executive Kevin Spraggs is excited about the company locating in the community: "We are pleased to see James Composites choosing to locate in Marshall County. This project brings new opportunity to our community, supports local jobs, and adds to the momentum we continue to build across the Kentucky Lake region. Investments like this help ensure a strong, diverse economy that benefits our residents and strengthens our future." Calvert City Mayor Gene Colburn noted the area's ideal location and strong workforce: "Any time we see an expansion from an existing business, it's exciting for Calvert City,

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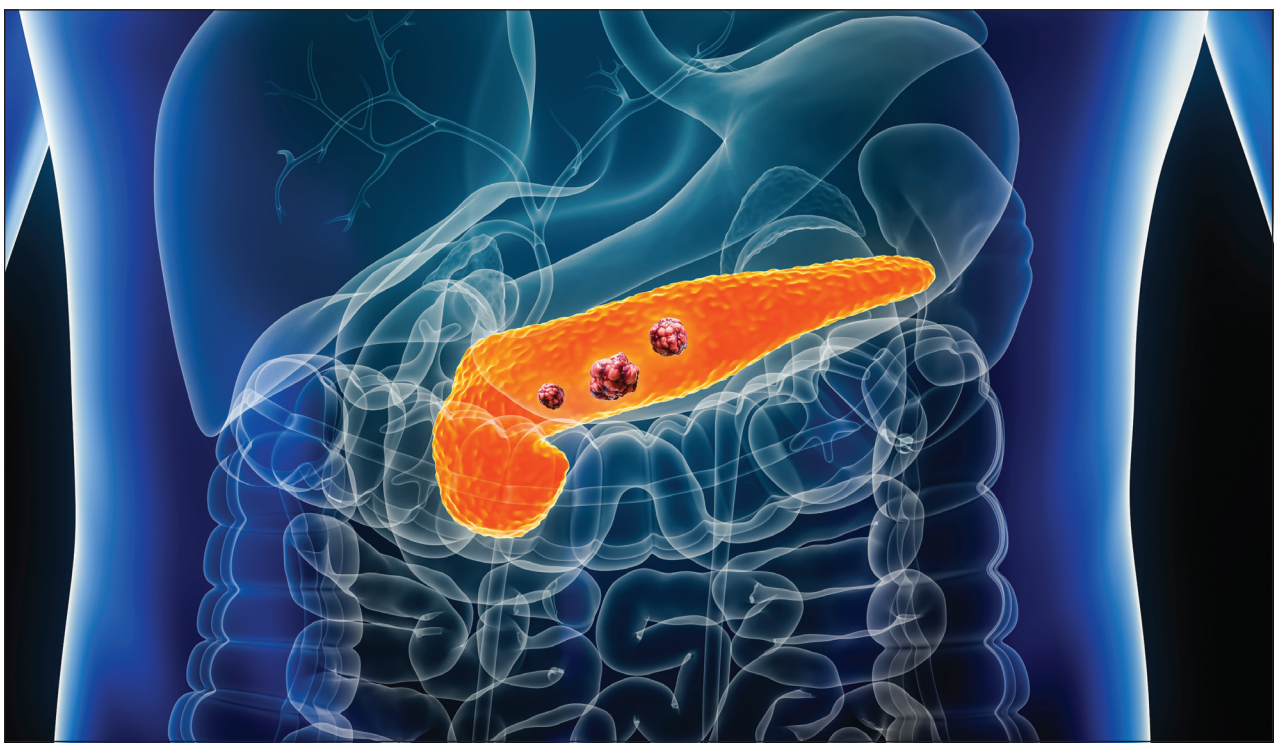
FDA approves treatment device for pancreatic cancer

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today



FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved a first-of-its-kind device for the treatment of adult patients who have locally advanced pancreatic cancer.

Optune Pax, developed by Novocure, is a portable, non-invasive device that delivers alternating electrical fields, known as tumor treating fields (TTFields), to the abdomen. TTFields work by physically disrupting the rapid cell division that is characteristic of cancer cells, while minimizing damage to healthy tissue.

"Having treated many patients with pancreatic cancer, I know how difficult the diagnosis can be. The pancreatic cancer community deserves better therapeutic options," said FDA Commissioner Marty Makary, M.D., M.P.H. "The FDA is working tirelessly to bring potentially promising therapies to people who need them."

The approval reflects the FDA's commitment to advancing safe and effective medical devices that address chronic diseases and improve the lives of Americans. It is also aligned with the FDA's Home as a Health Care Hub Initiative, which focuses on advancing the development of innovative, patient-centered devices that fit more seamlessly into people's daily lives at home.

"Pancreatic cancer is one of the most challenging cancers to treat, and patients have long needed new therapeutic options," said Center for Devices and Radiological Health Director Michelle Tarver, M.D., Ph.D. "This approval provides a novel, non-invasive approach that can be integrated into patients' daily lives, expanding access to cancer care beyond traditional clinical settings."

According to information published by the National Cancer Institute, pancreatic cancer was expected to result in approximately 67,440 new diagnoses and 51,980 deaths in the U.S. in 2025. Pancreatic cancer accounts for roughly 3.3% of all new cancer cases but represents a disproportionately large share of cancer deaths due to its late detection, aggressive disease behavior, and limited treatment options.

The therapy is administered through electrically insulated adhesive patches that are placed on the patient's skin and connected to an electric field generator. Device treatment technological parameters are preset by the manufacturer and cannot be adjusted by the patient or physician.

The FDA granted Breakthrough Device designation for the Optune Pax device in December 2024, meant to expedite the development and review of devices that provide for more effective treatment or diagnosis of life-threatening or irreversibly debilitating diseases or conditions.

Senate panel advances conscience rights bill for healthcare workers

By LAWRENCE SMITH
Kentucky Today

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (KT) — The Senate Health Services Committee Wednesday approved a bill designed to protect the conscience rights of Kentucky's health care workers.

The sponsor of Senate Bill 72, Sen. Donald Douglas, R-Winchester, told the committee that his bill is designed to recruit and retain health care professionals.

"It's an economic development tool, and it is a tool that says to a health care provider who wants to come into our Commonwealth that we welcome you for your dedication and your hard work for serving the public," said Douglas, who is also a physician.

"Even though we're going to continue to expect the highest level of professionalism from you, we will honor your individuality as a person and your values, just like we do everybody else in the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

Opponents of the bill, including the ACLU of Kentucky, Planned Parenthood and the Fairness Campaign, testified that it would allow discrimination against some patients.

Rev. James Todd Smith read a statement from the Kentucky Council of Churches. "We specifically condemn any legal effort to deprive individuals, particularly, but not limited to LGBTQIA+ persons, of the medical care that they and their chosen qualified physicians deem necessary."

"Freedom of religion is important, but religious freedom does not include the right to harm and discriminate against others," said Tamarra Weider of Planned Parenthood. "Moral objections of health care providers cannot be prioritized over patients receiving the care they need."

Douglas accused opponents of using scared tactics, pointing out that the bill specifically excludes emergency room treatment and evidence collection for sexual assault crimes.

"This bill protects those who wish to follow their strongly held conscience beliefs, as long as it does not put others in danger or even interfere with the rights of others," he said.

The committee passed the bill 8-2 along party lines with both Democrats on the committee voting "no."

"Our job is not to judge. Our job is to heal," said Sen. Karen Berg, D-Louisville, who is also a physician. "Our job is to treat and not make moral judgments on who we are treating or why they are in that situation."

In supporting the bill, Sen. Steve Rawlings, R-Burlington, argued it would help attract health care workers to the state.

"This is a recruitment tool. I find it interesting to note that Ohio, Tennessee and Illinois both provide for this protection for medical professionals," he said. "I think this provides for safety to keep our medical professionals in Kentucky and allow them to continue to practice."

SB 72 now goes to the full Senate for debate.

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Maple syrup puts sweet stamp on February

Press Release

FRANKFORT, Ky. – Kentucky maple syrup enthusiasts joined Kentucky Agriculture Department officials at Blue Ends Farm in Shelbyville today to tap some maple trees and proclaim February as Maple Syrup Month in Kentucky.

"Maple syrup production has a storied history in Kentucky," Commissioner Shell said. "Through the years, production may have lessened but it's making a resurgence and Kentucky is certainly blessed to see that. It adds that sweetness to Kentucky agriculture."

In Kentucky, maple syrup production can be traced back to Native Americans long before Europeans arrived, according to the Kentucky Maple Syrup Association (KMSA). However, Native Americans used the tree sap to create sugar, not syrup. Settlers adopted the practice but modernized it and made sugar and syrup from the sap.

The practice trickled off until the 1940s when sugar was rationed and many rural Kentuckians went back to the practice of tapping trees for sap and making their own sweeteners to cope with the shortage. But when times got a little easier, many stepped away from the tree tapping practice. Today, however, Kentucky is seeing yet another resurgence in maple syrup production. Farmers are harnessing modern technology, a changing economic landscape, and that same entrepreneurial spirit that brought Europeans to Kentucky, to tap into the abundance of maple trees in the state to bring Kentucky maple syrup back to the table.

"While Kentucky sits just south of traditional maple regions, our forests are full of maple trees representing a largely untapped resource with the potential to grow the state's agricultural economy through syrup production," said John Duvall, KMSA president.

KMSA boasts a growing membership of about 50 producers from Pike County in Eastern Kentucky to Graves County in Western Kentucky and all points in between. Through educational events and invitations from members to tour their properties, the Association works to spread the word and grow maple syrup production in Kentucky.

Those efforts have been aided along the way by the University of Kentucky Forestry



Extension, UK's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, and the Kentucky Division of Forestry.

There are more than 30 species of trees that can be used for syrup, Duvall said. And unlike other forest industries, syrup production doesn't require the harvesting of the tree itself, helping sustain forest land and agricultural landscape.

Although there are more than 100 maple syrup producers operating across the Commonwealth, many of them small family farms, Kentucky's large forested areas poise the state for growth in the industry aligning with Kentucky's goals of sustainable agriculture, agritourism, and value-added farm products.

Those interested in learning more can visit KMSA's website can attend a host of education opportunities the Association puts on throughout the year. In February, KMSA hosts Kentucky Maple Days, Feb. 7 and Feb. 21, where Kentucky producers open their farms for tours and demonstrations and visitors can buy products straight from producers. A list of participating producers can be found on KMSA's website.

"It's amazing what can be made out of the maple syrup," Duvall said. "From candies to maple covered nuts and even maple cotton candy, if you use refined sugar in your recipes, you can replace it with maple syrup."

Those interested can find out more on the Kentucky Maple Syrup Association website, at kymaplesyrup.com or its Facebook page.

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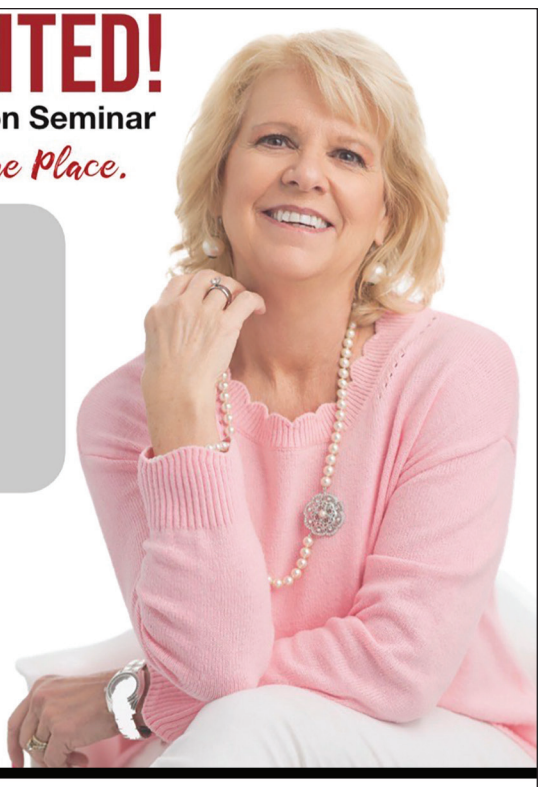
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WEST KY SPORTS

Union County Wrestling claims overall state title



The Union County boys' wrestling team won the 2026 KYWCA 1A State Dual Championship and claimed the overall title on Saturday, Feb. 7. In the 1A tournament, Union County defeated Belfry 84-0, LaRue County 60-4 and Martin County 60-15. *(Photo courtesy of Union County High School)*

Mustangs win tournament championship title



McCracken County won the 2026 Marshall County Freshman Boys' Basketball Tournament Championship. The Mustangs defeated Mayfield, the Marshall County B-Team and Carlisle County. McCracken County topped Carlisle County in the tournament title game.
(Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)

Paducah Tilghman won the KYWCA 2A State Dual Championship



The Paducah Tilghman boys' wrestling team won the KYWCA 2A State Dual Championship on Saturday, Feb. 7. The Blue Tornado defeated Corbin 65-11, Boyle County 38-26 and Johnson Central 39-30.
(Photo courtesy of Paducah Tilghman High School)

St. Mary boys finish runner up



St. Mary finished as the McCracken County Middle School 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Tournament Runner-up at Lone Oak Middle School on Thursday, Feb. 5. *(Photo courtesy of St. Mary)*

Paducah 7th grade win Boy's Basketball Championship



Paducah won the McCracken County Middle School 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Championship at Lone Oak Middle School on Thursday, Feb. 5.
(Photo courtesy of Paducah Middle School)

Marshals roll to win over Pinckneyville (Ill.)

Staff Report

PINCKNEYVILLE, Ill. — Marshall County pulled away to defeat Pinckneyville (Ill.) 73-47 in a non-district boys' basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The Marshals excelled both defensively and defensively in the game versus the Illinois opponent.

Marshall County shot 51.0 percent (25-of-49) from the field. The Marshals shot 60.0 percent (12-of-20) from three-point range, faring even better beyond the arc.

Marshall County shot 68.8 percent (11-of-16) from the free throw line.

The Marshals' offensive attack was balanced. Five Marshall County scorers reached double figures. The scorers in double figures for Marshall County were Matthew Langhi (15 points), Braxton Burnham (14 points), Neyland Jezik (13 points), Ryan Stokes (11 points) and Maddox Konrad (11 points).

Finishing in single digits, Jax Moore (three points), Kaden Mohler (two points), Maxson Mitchell (two points) and Kamren Brown (two points) supplied the rest of Marshall County's scoring.

Paducah 8th grade win Boy's Basketball Championship



Paducah won the McCracken County Middle School 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Championship at Lone Oak Middle School on Thursday, Feb. 5.
(Photo courtesy of Paducah Middle School)

Reidland wrestler places first at wrestling state tournament



Reidland Middle School wrestler Emmery Evans placed first in the 115-pound weight class during the Middle School Girls' Wrestling State Tournament on Sunday, Feb. 8.

(Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)

Lady Bombers Rebound With Wins



(Photo by Tim Taylor)

By Tim Taylor
KPI Sports Writer

Battling through the toughest stretch of their schedule, Ballard Memorial showed resilience and avenged earlier season double figure losses. After losing 4 straight games, the Lady Bombers headed into their battle with Hickman County looking to regain some late season momentum. The Lady Falcons had defeated the Lady Bombers by 19 in December and Ballard Memorial knew for itself they were better than the results in December showed. A 9-0 Ballard Memorial run to end the 1st quarter and begin the 2nd quarter helped the Lady Bombers gain a 22-10 lead at the half. The lead would reach as many as 14 points. In the 3rd quarter, the Lady Falcons went on an 8-0 run to trim the Ballard Memorial lead to 4. The Lady Bombers regrouped and pushed the lead back to 10 heading into the 4th quarter. Hickman would get no closer than 9 the remainder of the game to pull away for a 48-36 win. Kate O'Neill finished with a team-high 15 points as 7 different Lady Bombers scored to end the 4-game skid. On Ballard Memorial's Homecoming game, the newly crowned Homecoming Queen Kate O'Neill was determined to help avenge the 19-point loss the Carlisle County suffered 4 days prior. After the Lady Comets grabbed a short lived 14-13 lead, O'Neill scored the next 7 points as the Lady Bombers ended the half on a 12-2 run to lead by 11 at the half. The lead swelled to 14 points to start the 4th quarter before the current 1st Region All A Champion Lady Comets showed why they had won 16 games this season. A 12-0 run cut the Lady Bomber lead to 3. Ballard Memorial would not be denied as they finished the game on a 12-5 run and won 47-37. O'Neill finished with a team best 11 points and 5 rebounds while Gracee Beere added 10 points and Tessa Holman scored 9 points. Liyah Holman then led a trio of players in double figures with 15 points in their 57-11 win over CFS. They held the Eagles scoreless in the 2nd half. Beere added 14, and O'Neill scored 12 in the Lady Bombers 3rd straight win. Ballard Memorial plays at St. Mary on Friday the 13th and then will host Muhlenberg Saturday before wrapping up the regular season 4 games the last week of the regular season including hosting Fulton County Tuesday night on Senior Night.

Bombers Get Season Sweep



(Photo by Tim Taylor)

By Tim Taylor
KPI Sports Writer

Ballard Memorial completed the season sweep over Hickman County defeating the Falcons 58-45. The Bombers led 13-6 after the opening quarter. Freshman Brantley McDanel came off the bench to score his first varsity points hitting a pair of treys to help build the Bombers lead to 25-12. The Falcons scored the next 8 points to trim the deficit to 25-20 at the half. The Bombers had trouble preventing the Falcons outside shooters having open looks as Hickman County stayed in striking distance with 9 treys in the game. Florian Gashi also came off the bench to provide a huge presence. He scored 8 2nd half points and junior Grayson Sparacio scored 12 of his team-high 17 points in the 2nd half to pull away to the double figure victory. Sparacio added 7 rebounds to go along with his 17 points while Gashi added 12 points and 7 rebounds. Mr. Double-Double Ike Miller recorded another double figure scoring and rebounding game finishing with 12 points and 10 rebounds. The Bombers looked to carry that momentum over to Homecoming game against Carlisle County. After the Bombers scored the first points of the game by Homecoming King Ike Miller, the Comets scored the next 9 to force the Bombers to use a time out to settle things down. That worked as the Bombers started to pull closer. Sparacio came away with a steal and break away slam dunk that electrified the Bomber Homecoming crowd and closed the Comet lead to 21-19 at the half. His bucket with 7:12 of the 3rd quarter completed the comeback as the Bombers regained the 23-21 lead. The teams exchanged the lead throughout the 2nd half with Sparacio's free throw with 3:07 remaining gave the Bombers a 36-35 lead. Neither team hit a field goal in the 4th quarter as the Comets pulled away for the 42-37 win. It marked the 11th loss of the season for the Bombers in games decided by 7-points or less. Sparacio had 14 points, Miller added 12 points and 9 rebounds. The trend continued in the Bombers game at CFS. The Eagles got an offensive rebound and scored in the lane with 7 seconds remaining to defeat the Bombers 59-57. Miller scored 25 and Sparacio added 14 points. The Bombers play at St. Mary Friday before finishing with 4 games the final week of the regular season including home games with Senior Night Tuesday the 17th against Fulton County and hosting Paducah Tilghman in the regular season finale on the 19th.

Warriors fend off Falcons

Staff Report

PADUCAH — Community Christian (Paducah) held on to defeat Hickman 61-56 in a non-district boys' basketball game on Saturday, Feb. 7.

With the loss, Hickman County slipped to 10-12.

Community Christian shot 38.3 percent (18-of-47) from the field. The Warriors shot 38.5 percent (five-of-13) from three-point range.

Community Christian shot 87.0 percent (20-of-23) from the free throw line.

Bradon DeJarnatt and Jonah Anderson shared game-high scoring honors for Community Christian, netting 25 points apiece.

Chipping in offensively for Community Christian, Harrison Poynor posted six points while Jake Rambo tallied five points.

Hickman County shot 47.4 percent (18-of-38) from the field. The Falcons shot 40.0 percent (eight-of-20) from three-point range.

Hickman County shot 66.7 percent (12-of-18) from the free throw line.

Brendan Rosas scored a team-high 13 points for the Falcons. Rosas made three three-point field goals.

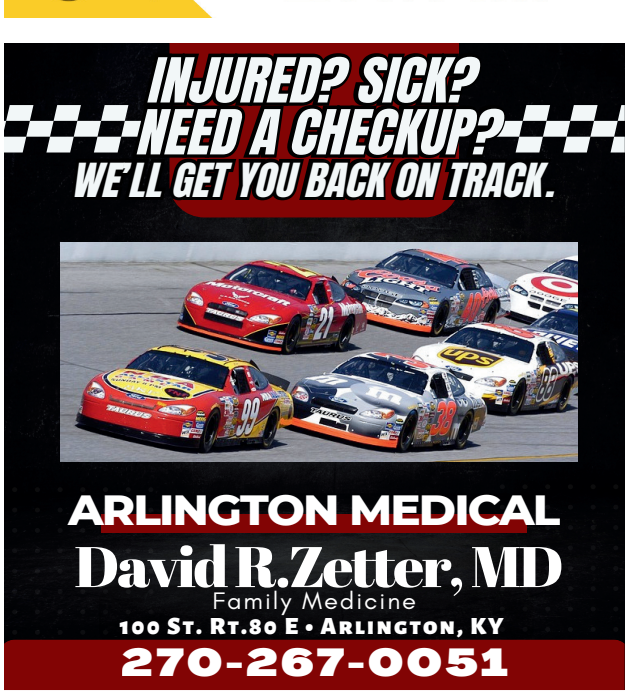
Boston Boaz finished directly behind Rosas in Hickman County's scoring column and recorded a double-double. Boaz scored 12 points and cleared out 12 rebounds.

Narrowly missing double figures for Hickman County, Logan Grimmitt scored nine points. Hickman County received scoring from eight different players. The additional scorers for Hickman County were Elijah Ware (six points), Trigg Deweese (six points), Kaden Grubbs (six points), Tucker Byassee (two points) and Levi Spraggs (two points).

















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Sun, Feb 22	NASCAR Cup Series at Atlanta	Echopark Speedway	3:00 PM	FOX
Sun, Mar 1	NASCAR Cup Series at Circuit of the Americas	Circuit of the Americas	3:30 PM	FOX
Sun, Mar 8	NASCAR Cup Series at Phoenix	Phoenix Raceway	3:30 PM	FS1
Sun, Mar 15	NASCAR Cup Series at Las Vegas	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	4:00 PM	FS1
Sun, Mar 22	NASCAR Cup Series at Darlington	Darlington Raceway	3:00 PM	FS1
Sun, Mar 29	NASCAR Cup Series at Martinsville	Martinsville Speedway	3:30 PM	FS1
Sun, Apr 12	NASCAR Cup Series at Bristol	Bristol Motor Speedway	3:00 PM	FS1
Sun, Apr 19	NASCAR Cup Series at Kansas	Kansas Speedway	2:00 PM	FOX
Sun, Apr 26	NASCAR Cup Series at Talladega	Talladega Superspeedway	3:00 PM	FOX
Sun, May 3	NASCAR Cup Series at Texas	Texas Motor Speedway	3:30 PM	FS1
Sun, May 10	NASCAR Cup Series at Watkins Glen	Watkins Glen International	3:00 PM	FS1
Sun, May 17	NASCAR Cup Series All-Star Race	Dover Motor Speedway	3:00 PM	FS1
Sun, May 24	NASCAR Cup Series at Charlotte	Charlotte Motor Speedway	6:00 PM	Prime Video
Sun, May 31	NASCAR Cup Series at Nashville	Nashville Superspeedway	7:00 PM	Prime Video
Sun, Jun 7	NASCAR Cup Series at Michigan	Michigan International Speedway	3:00 PM	Prime Video
Sun, Jun 14	NASCAR Cup Series at Pocono	Pocono Raceway	3:00 PM	Prime Video
Sun, Jun 21	NASCAR Cup Series at San Diego	Naval Base Coronado	4:00 PM	Prime Video
Sun, Jun 28	NASCAR Cup Series at Sonoma	Sonoma Raceway	3:30 PM	TNT
Sun, Jul 5	NASCAR Cup Series at Chicago	Chicagoland Speedway	6:00 PM	TNT
Sun, Jul 12	NASCAR Cup Series at Atlanta	Echopark Speedway	7:00 PM	TNT
Sun, Jul 19	NASCAR Cup Series at North Wilkesboro	North Wilkesboro Speedway	7:00 PM	TNT
Sun, Jul 26	NASCAR Cup Series at Indianapolis	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	2:00 PM	TNT
Sun, Aug 9	NASCAR Cup Series at Iowa	Iowa Speedway	3:30 PM	USA Network
Sat, Aug 15	NASCAR Cup Series at Richmond	Richmond Raceway	7:00 PM	USA Network
Sun, Aug 23	NASCAR Cup Series at New Hampshire	New Hampshire Motor Speedway	3:00 PM	USA Network
Sat, Aug 29	NASCAR Cup Series at Daytona	Daytona International Speedway	7:30 PM	NBC
Sun, Sep 6	NASCAR Cup Series at Darlington	Darlington Raceway	5:00 PM	USA Network
Sun, Sep 13	NASCAR Cup Series at WW Tech Raceway	World Wide Technology Raceway	3:00 PM	USA Network
Sat, Sep 19	NASCAR Cup Series at Bristol	Bristol Motor Speedway	7:30 PM	USA Network
Sun, Sep 27	NASCAR Cup Series at Kansas	Kansas Speedway	3:00 PM	USA Network
Sun, Oct 4	NASCAR Cup Series at Las Vegas	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	5:30 PM	USA Network
Sun, Oct 11	NASCAR Cup Series at Charlotte Road Course	Charlotte Motor Speedway Road Course	3:00 PM	USA Network
Sun, Oct 18	NASCAR Cup Series at Phoenix	Phoenix Raceway	3:00 PM	USA Network
Sun, Oct 25	NASCAR Cup Series at Talladega	Talladega Superspeedway	2:00 PM	NBC
Sun, Nov 1	NASCAR Cup Series at Martinsville	Martinsville Speedway	2:00 PM	NBC
Sun, Nov 8	NASCAR Cup Series at Miami	Homestead-Miami Speedway	3:00 PM	NBC



NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series	NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series
DAYTONA *SAT | FEB 14 | 5 PM | CW*	**DAYTONA** *FRI | FEB 13 | 7:30 PM | FS1*
ECHOPARK (ATLANTA) *SAT | FEB 21 | 5 PM | CW*	**ECHOPARK** (ATLANTA) *SAT | FEB 21 | 1:30 PM | FS1*
COTA (AUSTIN) *SAT | FEB 28 | 3 PM | CW*	**ST. PETERSBURG** *SAT | FEB 28 | 12 PM | FOX*
PHOENIX *SAT | MAR 7 | 7:30 PM | CW*	
LAS VEGAS *SAT | MAR 14 | 5:30 PM | CW*	
DARLINGTON *SAT | MAR 21 | 5:30 PM | CW*	**DARLINGTON** *FRI | MAR 20 | 7:30 PM | FS1*
MARTINSVILLE *SAT | MAR 28 | 3:30 PM | CW*	
ROCKINGHAM *SAT | APR 4 | 2:30 PM | CW*	**ROCKINGHAM** *FRI | APR 3 | 4:30 PM | FS1*
BRISTOL *SAT | APR 11 | 7:30 PM | CW*	**BRISTOL** *FRI | APR 10 | 7:30 PM | FS1*
KANSAS *SAT | APR 18 | 7 PM | CW*	
TALLADEGA *SAT | APR 25 | 4 PM | CW*	
TEXAS *SAT | MAY 2 | 3:30 PM | CW*	**TEXAS** *FRI | MAY 1 | 8 PM | FS1*
WATKINS GLEN *SAT | MAY 9 | 4 PM | CW*	**WATKINS GLEN** *FRI | MAY 8 | 4:30 PM | FS1*
DOVER *SAT | MAY 16 | 4 PM | CW*	**DOVER** *FRI | MAY 15 | 5 PM | FS1*
CHARLOTTE *SAT | MAY 23 | 5 PM | CW*	**CHARLOTTE** *FRI | MAY 22 | 7:30 PM | FS1*
NASHVILLE *SAT | MAY 30 | 7:30 PM | CW*	**NASHVILLE** *FRI | MAY 29 | 8 PM | FS1*
	MICHIGAN *SAT | JUN 6 | 1:30 PM | FS1*
POCONO *SAT | JUN 13 | 4 PM | CW*	
SAN DIEGO *SAT | JUN 20 | 5 PM | CW*	**SAN DIEGO** *FRI | JUN 19 | 7 PM | FS1*
SONOMA *SAT | JUN 27 | 5:30 PM | CW*	
CHICAGOLAND *SAT | JUL 4 | 5:30 PM | CW*	
ECHOPARK (ATLANTA) *SAT | JUL 11 | 7 PM | CW*	**LIME ROCK PARK** *SAT | JUL 11 | 1 PM | FS1*
	NORTH WILKESBORO *SAT | JUL 18 | 12:30 PM | FS1*
INDIANAPOLIS *SAT | JUL 25 | 4 PM | CW*	**LUCAS OIL** *FRI | JUL 24 | 8 PM | FS1*
IOWA *SAT | AUG 8 | 5 PM | CW*	
	RICHMOND *FRI | AUG 14 | 7:30 PM | FS1*
	NEW HAMPSHIRE *SAT | AUG 22 | 1:30 PM | FS1*
DAYTONA *FRI | AUG 28 | 7:30 PM | CW*	
* **DARLINGTON** *SAT | SEP 5 | 7:30 PM | CW*	
* **WWTR** (ST. LOUIS) *SAT | SEP 12 | 7:30 PM | CW*	
* **BRISTOL** *FRI | SEP 18 | 7:30 PM | CW*	* **BRISTOL** *THU | SEP 17 | 8 PM | FS1*
	* **KANSAS** *SAT | SEP 26 | 1 PM | FS1*
* **LAS VEGAS** *SAT | OCT 3 | 7:30 PM | CW*	
* **CHARLOTTE** *SAT | OCT 10 | 4 PM | CW*	* **CHARLOTTE** *FRI | OCT 9 | 5 PM | FOX*
* **PHOENIX** *SAT | OCT 17 | 7:30 PM | CW*	* **PHOENIX** *FRI | OCT 16 | 7:30 PM | FS1*
* **TALLADEGA** *SAT | OCT 24 | 3:30 PM | CW*	* **TALLADEGA** *FRI | OCT 23 | 4 PM | FS1*
* **MARTINSVILLE** *SAT | OCT 31 | 4 PM | CW*	* **MARTINSVILLE** *FRI | OCT 30 | 6 PM | FS1*
* **HOMESTEAD-MIAMI** *SAT | NOV 7 | 5 PM | CW*	* **HOMESTEAD-MIAMI** *FRI | NOV 6 | 7:30 PM | FS1*

***THE CHASE RACES**

















After winning one of the Concord Auction items at her school, Andi Lafont serve as an honorary coach of the McCracken County girls' basketball team on Monday, Feb. 9. The Lady Mustangs defeated St Mary 76-25. *(Photo courtesy of McCracken County High School)*

Libero rules adjusted in high school volleyball

Staff Report

LEXINGTON — High school volleyball teams will now be permitted to designate up to two libero players during each set, creating additional participation opportunities without needing to use a substitution.

In all, seven rules changes were recommended by the NFHS Volleyball Rules Committee at its annual meeting January 11-13. All rules changes were reviewed and approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Rule 6-4-2 was adjusted to allow for multiple liberos to be used by a team; however, only one libero can be in the game at a time. Prior to each set, a team may designate zero, one or two liberos on the lineup sheet.

"We have seen rapid growth in high school volleyball participation over the last several years, which has resulted in more highly skilled student-athletes and larger rosters," said Lindsey Atkinson, NFHS director of sports and liaison to the Volleyball Rules Committee. "Providing an opportunity for one more student-athlete to participate aligns with the mission of education-based athletics."

Additionally, Rules 10-4-3a and 10-4-3d now clarify how a libero can be replaced due to injury or disqualification and two liberos have been designated. In 10-4-3a, if a libero is injured, a team may replace the injured player with the player they replace on the court or the second libero. It may also re-designate a new libero.

In 10-4-3d, if a libero is disqualified and two liberos have been designated, the disqualified player may be replaced by the player they replace on the court or the second libero. However, the team must continue to play with one libero.

The libero's uniform was addressed in edits to Rule 4, with added Rule 4-2-1i(3) to note that the libero's uniform bottom may be any color while adhering to all other uniform rules.

The rules committee addressed the actions on non-playing teammates in Rule 12. Rule 12-2-8b was added to more appropriately assess when a non-playing teammate enters the court while the ball is in play as illegal alignment and penalized with a loss of point/rally. A coach or team attendant entering the court while the ball is in play is still considered unsporting conduct, and a non-playing teammate may receive a conduct violation if they engage in disconcerting acts or disrespectful actions.

Rule 12-2-8m was added to prohibit the use of props in bench celebrations by non-playing teammates to promote good sportsmanship while preventing disruptions.

Other rules changes include:

Rule 5-5-3b(21) – The second referee will now indicate a second warning at two minutes, 30 seconds between sets instead of 2 minutes, 45 seconds to improve pace of play.

Rule 6-5-1 – Players on the serving team are forbidden to raise their hands above their heads during service until the ball has passed beyond the net.

Rule 9-2-1 NOTE 1 – No player shall wear any audio (microphone) or video (camera) device during the match, aligning volleyball rules with other NFHS rules codes.

A complete listing of the volleyball rules changes will be available on the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org. Click on "Sports" at the top of the home page and select "Volleyball" and then "Rules." The print version of the 2026-27 Volleyball Rules Book will be available for purchase in late April at www.NFHS.com, and the digital version will be available in April via NFHS Digital at www.NFHS.org.

According to the most recent NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, volleyball is the second-most popular sport for girls (trailing track and field) with 492,799 participants in 17,027 schools nationwide. In addition, there are 95,972 boys participating in the sport at 4,303 schools.

Bombers defeat Falcons

Staff Report

LA CENTER — Ballard Memorial prevented Hickman County from remaining in the win column, beating the Falcons 58-45 in a non-district game on Thursday, Feb. 5.

The Falcons were unable to overcome a deficit late in the non-district matchup.

Ballard Memorial shot 46.5 percent (20-of-43) from the field. The Bombers shot 33.3 percent (five-of-15) from three-point range.

Ballard Memorial shot 52.0 percent (13-of-25) from the free throw line.

Grayson Sparacio scored a game-high 17 points for the Bombers.

Accompanying Sparacio in double figures for Ballard Memorial, Ike Miller and Florian Gashi netted 12 points apiece.

Seven players accounted for all of Ballard Memorial's scoring. The other scorers for Ballard Memorial were Brantley McDaniel (seven points), Riccardo Uboldi (five points), Ayden Owens (three points) and Mayson Crowley (two points).

Active inside, Miller logged a double-double, clearing out 10 rebounds.

Hickman County shot 34.1 percent (14-of-41) from the field. The Falcons shot 45.0 percent (nine-of-20) from three-point range, excelling beyond the arc.

Hickman County shot 72.7 percent (eight-of-11) from the free throw line.

Kaybrun Burton scored a team-high 15 points for the Falcons. Burton drained four three-point field goals.

Joining Burton in double figures for Hickman County, Brendan Rosas and Logan Grimmitt netted 10 points apiece.

Chipping in offensively, Lucas Grimmitt (six points) and Brec Byassee (four points) accounted for the rest of Hickman County's scoring.

Prohibition on slapping the head now applies to all players in high school football



Staff Report

LEXINGTON — In an ongoing focus on minimizing risk of injury in high school sports, the NFHS Football Rules Committee strengthened a rule related to illegal personal contact. Both revisions recommended by the committee were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The Football Rules Committee is composed of one member from each NFHS member state association that uses NFHS playing rules, along with representatives from the NFHS Coaches Association and NFHS Officials Association.

Previously, Rule 9-4-7 stated that defensive players could not use the hand(s) to slap the blocker's head. This year, the Football Rules Committee approved language to apply the prohibition equally to the offense and defense.

"By eliminating the words 'defense' and 'blocker's' from the rule prohibiting slapping an opponent's head, the prohibition now applies to all players," said Bob Colgate, NFHS director of sports and sports medicine and liaison to the Football Rules Committee.

The other revision approved by the committee for the 2026 NFHS Football Rules Book concerns play cards worn primarily by quarterbacks. Previously, play cards could be worn only on the wrist or arm. This year, the committee approved wearing the play cards on the belt as well.

"The Football Rules Committee added the belt to the choices for players as the belt poses no health risk issue to the player and poses no danger to the opponent," Colgate said.

"From a rules perspective I believe the committee feels like the high school football game is in pretty good shape," said Steve Roberts, chair of the NFHS Football Rules Committee and associate executive director of the Arkansas Activities Association. "The two proposals that passed do not present significant changes to the game but do clarify and add options to enhance the overall value of the sport to all participants."

The four points of emphasis identified by the committee for the 2026 season are Flagrant and Unsportsmanlike Fouls, Helping the Runner, Sideline Management and Control, and Identification of the NFHS Authenticating Mark on Game Balls.

In addition to the two major rules revisions noted above and several editorial changes, two rules changes approved in 2025 will become effective during the next two seasons.

Last year, the committee approved two new additional requirements in Rule 1-5-1d(5) for tooth and mouth protectors, which are required in high school football. Effective in 2026, tooth and mouth protectors a) shall not include any attachment(s) that do not serve a purpose and function in protecting the teeth or mouth, and b) shall not include anything that is a health or risk issue and could pose danger to themselves or other players.

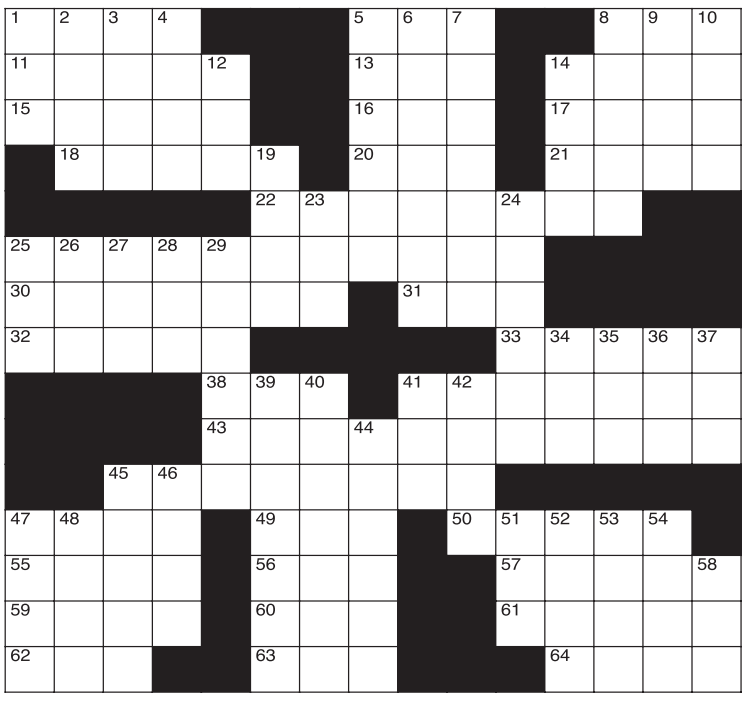
A new item was added to Rule 1-5-2d regarding a change in arm sleeve specifications. The new language, effective with the 2027 season, states that "arm sleeves, whether attached to a shirt or unattached, manufactured to enhance contact with the football or opponent, must meet the SFIA specification at the time of manufacture. Arm sleeves must have a permanent, exact replica of the SFIA arm sleeve seal (meets SFIA specification), that must be visible and appear legibly on the exterior of the arm sleeve."

The Sports and Fitness Industry Association (SFIA), in working with football arm sleeve manufacturers and the NFHS, has developed the new football arm sleeve performance specifications to be effective with the 2027 season. The new specifications closely align with the current NFHS rules for football gloves.

A complete listing of the football rules changes will be available on the NFHS website at www.nfhs.org. Click on "Sports" at the top of the home page and select "Football" and then "Rules." The print version of the 2026 Football Rules Book will be available for purchase in late April at www.NFHS.com, and the digital version will be available in April via NFHS Digital at www.NFHS.org.

According to the 2024-25 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, 11-player football is the most popular high school sport for boys with 1,029,588 participants in 14,269 schools nationwide. In addition, there were 35,097 boys who participated in 6-, 8- and 9-player football, along with 4,969 girls in all four versions of the game for a grand total of 1,069,654.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Breezed through
5. Consumer protection agency
8. Criminal syndicate
11. Moves back from
13. Satisfaction
14. Feel concern or interest
15. Monetary units
16. Congressman (abbr.)
17. Israeli city
18. Restaurants
20. 2,000 lbs.
21. Grandmother
22. North, South and Central
25. In an early way
30. Foes
31. Social networking platform
32. Early term for basketball player
33. Another name for sesame plant
38. Disallow
41. Provide greater detail
43. Inaccessible
45. Evoke emotions
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Celtic punk rockers
50. A fencing sword
55. Actor Idris
56. Affirmative (slang)
57. Afflicted in mind or body
59. One point north of northeast
60. Born of
61. Social media hand gesture
62. Hong Kong food stall __ pai dong
63. Opposite of beginning
64. Email function

CLUES DOWN

1. Sign language
2. Fashionable
3. Borough in Helsinki
4. Inability to hear
5. More quickly
6. An idea accepted as a demonstrable truth
7. Shrewdly
8. Rooney and Kate are two
9. Mediterranean port
10. Benedictine monk
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Town in Galilee
19. Satisfy
23. Mice genus
24. Brass instrument
25. Chest muscle (slang)
26. Transmits genetic information from DNA
27. Records electric currents generated by the brain
28. Woman (French)
29. Short route aircraft
34. Pitching statistic
35. Pointed end of a pen
36. Popular sports league
37. Body part
39. Inoffensive
40. Yellowish cotton cloth
41. Feline
42. Does not tell the truth
44. Seduced
45. Spiritual leader
46. Abba __, Israeli politician
47. Repair
48. Olive genus
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. C. European river
54. Keep under control
58. Father

Puzzle Solutions on B9

PUZZLE SOLUTION

A	C	E	D				F	T	C			M	O	B
S	H	I	E	S			A	H	A		C	A	R	E
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Crypto Fun

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to heart health.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 9 = S)

A. **8 23 22 9 3**
Clue: Throbbing of arteries

B. **8 10 3 9 9 23 10 3**
Clue: Continuous force

C. **8 23 20 8 6 25 14**
Clue: Moving blood through body

D. **2 3 9 9 3 22 9**
Clue: Veins and arteries

Answers: A. pulse B. pressure C. pumping D. vessels

Word Search

HEALTHY HEART WORD SEARCH

F	L	A	H	O	F	F	S	E	V	L	A	V	M	N	O	U	O	V	I
M	A	U	O	E	K	O	R	T	S	P	V	P	H	E	A	R	T	L	P
M	U	S	C	L	E	D	Q	S	C	O	R	O	N	A	R	Y	T	U	C
H	S	N	P	A	N	I	R	N	E	Q	N	K	I	X	B	M	B	D	R
A	I	S	P	E	H	C	H	O	L	E	S	T	E	R	O	L	F	I	U
H	V	I	A	E	R	O	B	I	C	I	U	R	P	F	D	R	R	M	E
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S	E	Q	T	H	Y	P	E	R	T	E	N	S	I	O	N	N	R	I	I
C	M	O	C	M	C	E	C	N	A	R	U	D	N	E	L	I	N	Q	E
L	H	H	A	I	M	H	T	Y	H	R	R	A	K	B	K	P	U	S	S

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

ANSWERS IN B SECTION

WORDS

AEROBIC
ARRHYTHMIA
ARTERIES
ATHEROSCLEROSIS
BEATS
BLOOD
CARDIAC
CARDIOVASCULAR
CHOLESTEROL
CIRCULATION
CORONARY
ENDURANCE
EXERCISE
HEALTHY
HEART
HYPERTENSION
INFLAMMATION
MUSCLE
PLAQUE
PULSE
STRESS
STROKE
VALVES
VEINS

Sudoku Puzzle

How it Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle! Good Luck! **ANSWERS IN B SECTION**

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			4		6			
		3		1			4	
	5					6	9	
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			7	4		8	5	

Word Scramble

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to heart health.

IWHTEG

Answer: Weight

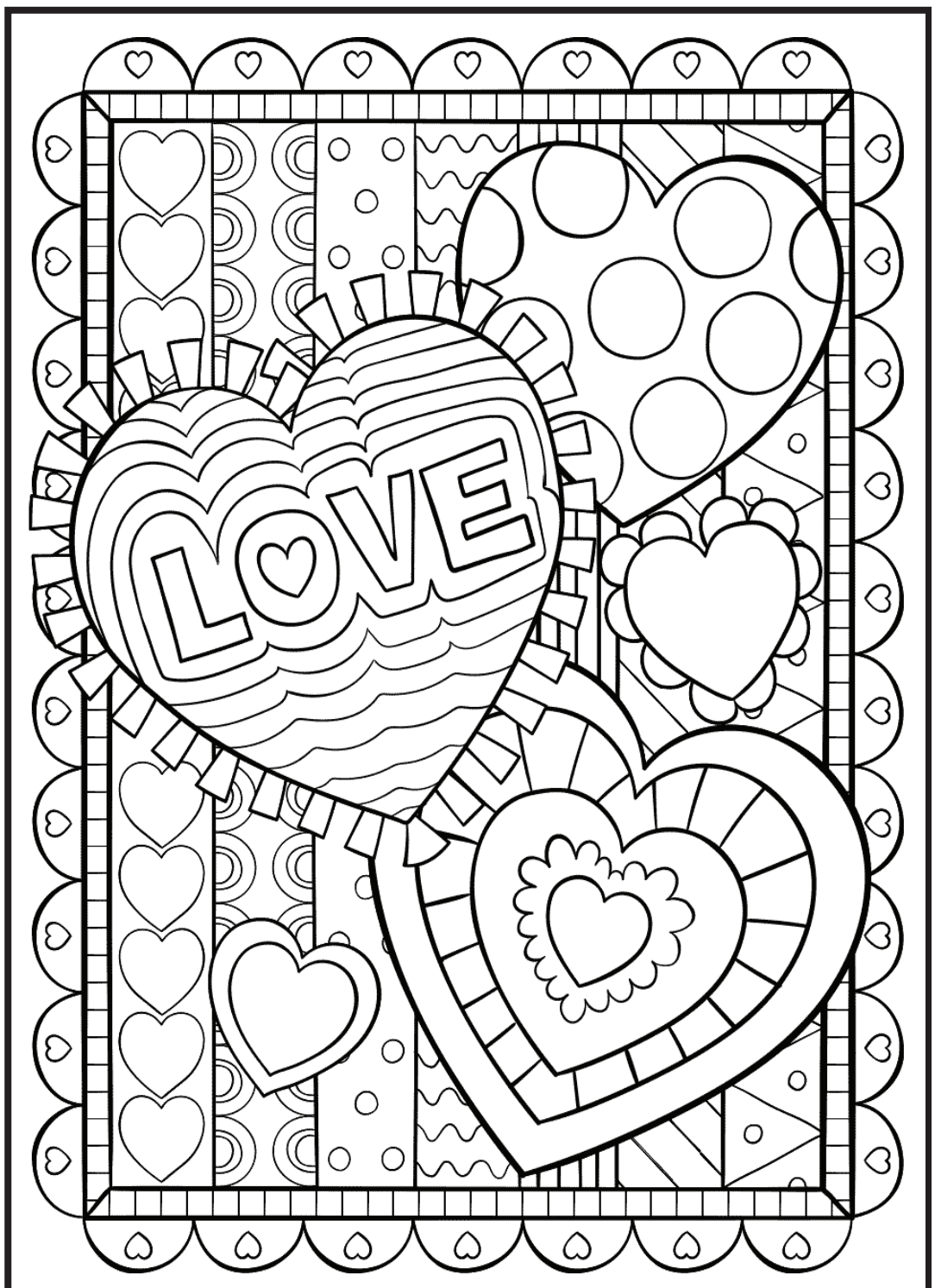
Guess Who?

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born on February 11, 1969 in California. I worked various odd jobs to support my acting career. One of my first acting jobs was in a 1993 horror film. My fame skyrocketed thanks to a very popular TV show about a group of young people living in New York City.

Answer: Jennifer Aniston

COLORING FUN



If apples were pears, and peaches were plums.
And the rose had a different name.
If tigers were bears, and fingers were thumbs,
I'd love you just the same.

Happy Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day Jokes

What did one cat say to the other cat on Valentine's Day?
You're purr-fect for me

Why did the Valentine get arrested?
For stealing someone's heart

What's the most romantic ship?
A relation-ship

What do you call a Valentine's Day card from a dog?
A paw-sitive note

What do you call the world's smallest Valentine's Day card?
A valen-tiny

What did the painter s ay to his Valentine?
I love you with all my art

AG UPDATE
for Ag and Natural Resources



Tom Miller,
Ballard County Ext. Agent

Estate Planning Series Location Changed



Due to the great response we have gotten from people wanting to attend our estate planning meetings on February 23 and March 2, we are moving the location from the Extension office in La Center to the 1st Baptist Church Fellowship Hall just down the street. We have over 50 registered now, but if you would like to come, we now have plenty of room. I would ask that you call our office at 270-665-9118 and reserve a spot so we will know how many copies to make and how many chairs to set up. The meetings start both nights at 6:30 pm.

The meetings are free and open to anyone with an interest in the topics. The first night will be Aleta Botts with KY Farmland Transition, a KY Farm Bureau initiative to keep land in agriculture and slow the losses to development. Ginger Atkins with Life Care of La Center will be the second speaker on how nursing home care has to figure into your estate plan. The second night will be the legal night with Whitney Riley from Riley and Stewart PSC from Paducah and retired Judge Keith Myers.

It is hard to fit everything you need to know into two nights. We thought about adding a night, but the schedules would not work out. You probably need to have a relationship with an accountant to develop your plan for tax information and the experience they have in dealing with the required financial information. You probably need to have a discussion with an insurance agent about things like life insurance and long term care insurance. If you work with a financial planner, they need to be brought in the loop as well.

No single individual is going to have all the answers when dealing with your personal estate plan. Every situation is going to be different, but if you can pull the correct people together, you can come up with a plan to give you and your family peace of mind so that your final wishes can be fulfilled.

Grand Jury Indicts Mayfield Man on Murder and Fetal Homicide Charges Following 2025 Crash

By Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

Following an extended investigation into a fatal July 1, 2025, vehicle crash, a Graves County Grand Jury has issued indictments for murder and fetal homicide in the deaths of a local woman and her unborn child.

Evidence gathered by the Graves County Sheriff's Office was presented to a Graves County Grand Jury on Feb. 10, 2026. The grand jury returned indictments charging Sherrod Shelton, 30, of Mayfield, with first-degree murder and fetal homicide in connection with the deaths of Raye A. Jones, 22, and her unborn child.

Shelton is currently incarcerated on unrelated Graves County charges stemming from a November 2025 incident in which a child suffered first-degree burns consistent with cigarette-type burns. In that case, he was charged with first-degree criminal abuse involving a child under 12. The newly returned indictments add the murder and fetal homicide counts to the pending charges.

The fatal crash



Raye A. Jones

occurred around 5:55 a.m. on July 1, 2025, in the 2000 block of Kentucky Highway 408 West, where a 2020 Chrysler Pacifica left the roadway, struck a tree, and caught fire. Shelton, identified as the driver, was found in the roadway with severe injuries, while passenger Jones was pronounced deceased at the scene. Investigators later developed evidence of a domestic disturbance inside the vehicle prior to the crash.

At the time of the 2025 crash, Shelton was transported to a regional hospital before being airlifted to an out-of-state medical facility. The investigation by the Graves County Sheriff's Office and Coroner's Office continued for several months before being presented to the grand jury.

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2012 Challenger MT655D Tractor: Model: MT655D • Type: K30G22KR313K • SN#: B319045 • Hours: 4,852 • Monitor: Ag Leader Integra • Hydraulics: 4 Remotes • Add'l Equipment: Front Weights Included
Challenger MT675D Tractor: Model: MT675D • SN#: Z08J00964 • Rear Tires: Goodyear 480/80R50 Duals • Front Tires: 420/85R34 • Guidance: Ag Leader Guidance • Weights: (12) Front Weights • Hours: 5,658
• HARVESTING EQUIPMENT
2011 Case IH 8120 Axial-Flow Combine: Drive: 2-Speed, 4WD • Monitor: Pro 700 • Front Tires: Dual 20.8R42 • Rear Tires: 28L26R • SN#: YBG211038 • Engine Hours: 4 784 • Separator Hours: 3,457
2010 Drago 12-Row Corn Head: Rows: 12 • Row Spacing: 20" • Model: S12 • Compatibility: Case IH Flagship • SN#: NMAT272410
2010 Case IH / MacDon 2162 Header: Width: 35 ft • SN#: 2033965
• PLANTING EQUIPMENT
Case IH 1200 Pivot Planter: Rows: 24 • Row Spacing: 20" • Type: Pivot Planter • SN#: CBJ036594
• APPLICATION & FERTILIZER EQUIPMENT
2008 John Deere 4730 Self-Propelled Sprayer: Hours: 4,261 • Tires: 380/90R46 • Booms: 90 ft • Nozzle Spacing: 15" • Plumbing: Stainless Piping • Tank Capacity: 800 Gallon • Fill: 3" Fill • Features: Section Control, Boom Height Control, Ride Control • SN#: 4730X004649
DMI 15-Shank Nutri-Placer Anhydrous Applicator: Shanks: 15 • Equipped With: Yetter Shanks • Controls: Raven Controls
Tyler 6-Ton Fertilizer Spreader: Capacity: 6 Ton • Controls: Hydraulic Controls
H&S Model 270 Manure Spreader: Model: 270 • Features: Slop Gate
• TILLAGE EQUIPMENT
Great Plains Ultra-Till: Model: UT3030 • Width: 30 ft • Equipped With: Gandy Orbit Air • Hydraulics: Yes
McFarlane Dura-Reel: Working Width: 35 ft • Models: RD-4100 / RD-4135-RB • SN#: 18484
Reynolds 8CF Dirtpan that includes a drawbar that is for a 60 series **John Deere** tractor. SN#: 19905
• GRAIN HANDLING & CONVEYANCE
Killbros 1800 Grain Cart: Features: Roll Tarp
Convey-All Seed Cart: Model: B45-290-SP • Conveyor Type: Belt Conveyor • Features: Scales, Roll Top • SN#: 062589 • Mounted On: 2-Axle Trailer • Trailer SN: 220306488
Brandt Grain Belt Conveyor: Model: 1585 • SN#: 92523
Kinze 450 Conveyor: Model: 450 • Conveyor Type: Belt Conveyor
• TRAILERS & TRANSPORT
1999 Merritt Hopper Trailer: Length: 40 ft • Model: 41X96X68X25X2AXMGS • ID#: 1MT2P412IYH013278 • Suspension: Air Ride • Tires: 11R24.5 • Tarp: Electric
EZ-Trail 672 Header Trailer: Includes: (6) Stock Stoppers
Green Unverferth Header Wagon: Length: 42 ft
Rawhide Company, Inc. Cattle Gooseneck: Length: 24 ft • Type: Cattle Gooseneck Trailer
Gooseneck Hay Hauler: Length: 16 ft • Construction: Homemade • Capacity: Approx. 6 Round Bales
40 ft Trailmobile Water Trailer: Trailer Number: T63111 • Model: P3IT-OSAH • Tank Setup: (3) – 1,600 Gallon Tanks • (2) Mixing Tanks • Pump: Honda Pump
2002 Great Dane Box Trailer: Length: 53 ft • Axle: Single Axle • Use: Storage Only • Title: No Title Available

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• HEADERS & HEADER SUPPORT
2019 MacDon FD140 FlexDraper Header, 40 ft
40-ft cutting width and John Deere S-Series hookups. SN#:352251-19
Horst 4-Wheel Steer Header Cart, 45 ft
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2014 John Deere 618C Corn Head, 18 Row, 20-inch Spacing (30 ft) Equipped with knife rollers and new paint. SN#: 1H00618CPEX765223
Unverferth Header Transport, 30 ft
SN#: A45060227
Crop Sweeper for 12-Row Corn Head
Aluminum 30ft wide crop sweeper down corn attachment designed for a 12-row corn head.
• PLANTING & APPLICATION EQUIPMENT
Kinze 3700 Planter, 24 Row, 20-inch Spacing
Precision Corn Meters, Kinze brush meters, 48-cell and 60-cell bean plates, canola plates, no-till setup with cast closing wheels, and KPM II monitor. SN#: 750925
Great Plains Precision Seeding System
Configured for 30-ft width with 7½-inch spacing; includes wheat and soybean plates. Model: 3N3010P
Schaben Applicator / Side Dresser, 23 Row, 20-inch - Bought New
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• GRAIN CARTS & HANDLING
Unverferth 1310 Grain Cart
Equipped with roll tarp, Firestone 1250/45-32 tires, and hydraulic-adjust spout. SN#: B29990111
M&W 750 Grain Cart
With Shur-lok Roll Tarp, 800/65r32 Tires, Auger With 2-ft Extension, And 1000 Pto, Auger tube Re-Lined and Auger Re-flighted.
• TILLAGE EQUIPMENT
2014 Kelly Diamond Harrow, 45 ft
SN#: 11505
Unverferth 1225 Rolling Harrow, 32.5 ft
Unverferth 1225 Rolling Harrow, 35 ft
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DMI 2500 7-Shank No-Till Ripper
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Amco Offset Disc, 14 ft
14-ft working width with 21-inch blades.
• TRUCK, TRAILERS & BED
2003 International 9200i Day Cab Truck
Detroit Diesel Series 60 (430 HP), 10-speed transmission, air ride, like-new 11R22.5 rubber, 541,882 original miles. VIN: 2HSCEAMR93C051305
2006 Single Hopper Bottom Trailer, 30 ft
Shur-Lok tarp, air-operated clam doors, aluminum wheels, like-new General 11R22.5 tires. VIN: 1W9H30296M011024
1998 Single Hopper Bottom Trailer, 28.5 ft
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Omaha Standard Truck Bed - 12 ft
• SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & PARTS
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DMI Ecolo-Tiger 730 Ripper
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Miscellaneous Kinze Parts

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Grand Jury Indicts Water Valley Man on Murder Charge in Graves County Shooting

By Laurna Todd
KPI Writer

GRAVES COUNTY — A Water Valley area man has been indicted on murder and wanton endangerment charges following a fatal shooting last week in Graves County.

The Graves County Sheriff's Office presented evidence in the death investigation of Daniel Ray Jaco, 49, of Clinton, Kentucky, to a Graves County Grand Jury on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026. The grand jury returned indictments against Stanley K. Napier Jr., 40, of Kingston Road in the Water Valley community, charging him with first-degree murderand first-degree wanton endangerment.

Investigators reported that a physical altercation occurred between Jaco and Napier inside a chicken barn on Kingston Road. Witnesses told detectives that after the altercation ended, Napier left the building, retrieved a handgun, then returned inside and shot Jaco, causing his death.



Daniel Ray Jaco

Napier was taken into custody Tuesday afternoon at the Graves County Judicial Center. Circuit Judge Kevin Bishop set bond at $100,000 cash or $200,000 property.

The investigation began the morning of Feb. 6, when deputies and Kentucky State Police troopers were dispatched around 8:15 a.m. to the 600 block of Kingston Road near the Pea Ridge Road intersection for a reported shooting. Responding officers found Jaco deceased at the scene from apparent gunshot wounds.

Sheriff's detectives, state police investigators and the Graves County Coroner's Office spent the day processing evidence and conducting interviews while consulting with the Graves County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. Authorities previously stated the shooter had been identified and there was no ongoing threat to the public.

An autopsy was conducted Feb. 7 in Louisville.

The case remains under investigation.

Measure dealing with secrecy of grand jury proceedings moves to House floor

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – Legislation dealing with the secrecy of grand jury proceedings won easy passage after it was presented on the floor of the Kentucky House on Wednesday afternoon.

The sponsor of House Bill 305, Rep. Candy Massaroni, R-Bardstown, says the reason that she introduced the measure was due to the Crystal Rogers disappearance and murder case in Nelson County, in which the victim's body was never found.

"Crystal was a victim of unthinkable violence," Massaroni told her colleagues. "Her disappearance and long road towards accountability have deeply impacted her family, the people of my district and the people of Kentucky. Tragically, her family was further victimized, when relatives of the man convicted of her, secretly recorded grand jury testimony."

Massaroni noted that recording of grand jury testimony was already illegal in Kentucky, no charges were brought in this instance, because the one year statute of limitations had expired by the time the recordings were discovered. The bill would extend the statute of limitations from one year to 10 years.

"That is a gap in the law that this body has an opportunity and responsibility to correct," she stated. "This serves as both a tribute to Crystal's memory and a clear statement that Kentucky will not tolerate actions that undermine our justice system or retraumatize the victim's family."

There was no further discussion, and the measure was approved unanimously, 93-0. It now heads to the Senate for their consideration.



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because it speaks to the strength of our community and the importance of retaining the companies that already believe in this region. Investing in homegrown businesses with proven success is a smart bet, and it keeps that momentum building right here at home. Having a company like James Marine invest and expand through James Composites is a strong sign that our location, our workforce and our access to the inland waterways continue to make Calvert City a prime economic driver for Marshall County and Western Kentucky." Elizabeth Griffith Mudd, president of the Kentucky Lake Economic Development, highlighted the positive impact the company will have on the region's manufacturing industry: "We are thrilled to welcome James Composites to Calvert City and Marshall County. This project's investment reflects the strength of our industrial base, our access to inland waterways and the skilled workforce that continues to make this region attractive to manufacturing companies. Projects like this not only strengthen our local economy but also reinforce Kentucky Lake's role as a strategic location for marine and river-related industries." James Composites' investment and job creation furthers what has been the best six-year period for economic growth in state history. Since the beginning of his administration, Gov. Beshear has announced more than 1,300 private-sector new-location and expansion projects totaling over $45 billion in announced investments, creating more than 68,000 jobs. This is the highest investment figure secured during the tenure of any governor in the commonwealth's history and $24 billion more than the next highest total. Gov. Beshear has announced some of the largest economic development projects in state history, which have solidified Kentucky as the battery capital of the United States: AESC's $2 billion, 2,000-job gigafactory project in Warren County; Ford Motor Co.'s $2 billion, 2,200-job commitment in Louisville, as well as its $2 billion, 2,100-job project at the Kentucky 1 plant in Hardin County; Shelbyville Battery Manufacturing's $712 million investment, creating 1,572 jobs in Shelby County; and Toyota's $1.3 billion investment in Scott County, among others. The Governor's administration also secured the largest General Fund budget surplus and Rainy Day Fund. In 2023, Kentucky recorded over 2 million jobs filled for the first time ever and has stayed above that number ever since. Kentucky also secured rating increases from major credit rating agencies Fitch Ratings, S&P Global Ratings and Moody's Investors Service. Last year, Site Selection magazine ranked Kentucky in the top five nationally and second in the South Central region for economic development projects per capita in its 2024 Governor's Cup rankings. Site Selection also placed Kentucky second in the South Central region and No. 6 nationally in its 2025 Prosperity Cup ranking, which recognizes state-level economic development agencies for their success in landing capital investment projects. Gov. Beshear also announced a new initiative, called New Kentucky Home, to increase economic investment, attain and attract talent, and increase tourism across the state. To encourage investment and job growth in the community, the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) today preliminarily approved a 15-year incentive agreement with the company under the Kentucky Business Investment program. The performance-based agreement can provide up to $675,000 in tax incentives based on the company's investment of $5.8 million and annual targets of:

- Creation and maintenance of 25 Kentucky-resident, full-time jobs across 15 years; and
- Paying an average hourly wage of $32.49, including benefits, across those jobs.

By meeting its annual targets over the agreement term, the company can be eligible to keep a portion of the new tax revenue it generates. The company may claim eligible incentives against its income tax liability and/or wage assessments. In addition, the company can receive resources from Kentucky's workforce service providers. Those include no-cost recruitment and job placement services, reduced-cost customized training and job-training incentives. For more information on James Composites, visit jamesmarine.com.

MC Fiscal Court Expresses Gratitude to Road Department

By Kelsey Edwards
KPI Marshall Times Editor

The Marshall County Fiscal Court recognized the county road department for its extensive snow removal efforts and addressed several other county matters during a special called meeting that was held on January 30, 2026. Shortly after the meeting was called to order, Judge/Executive Kevin Spraggs expressed appreciation for the road department's multi-day response to a recent winter storm. Spraggs praised the crew for beginning early, working long hours and maintaining safe road conditions throughout the county. Spraggs also thanked the county maintenance and parks departments for assisting with snow removal efforts, as well as the sheriff's department and inmate work crews for clearing sidewalks. He further recognized Sheriff Matt Hilbrecht and Benton Police Chief Stephen Sanderson for helping ensure dispatchers were able to get to work safely during the hazardous conditions. Road Department Superintendent Roy Wadkins was then given the opportunity to address the court. Wadkins echoed Spraggs' comments and thanked the parks and maintenance departments for sending additional personnel to assist with plowing. He said their help allowed crews to cover county roads more efficiently. Wadkins added that while he had not calculated the total number of miles driven during the storm, some employees averaged between 220 and 250 miles per day while plowing and treating roads throughout the county. Moving into new business, Spraggs requested approval to surplus a couple of leaf blowers from the parks department, explaining that new equipment had been purchased to replace them. The court unanimously approved sending the items to GovDeals. Spraggs also discussed an ongoing issue with the HVAC system at the county judicial building. He explained that one compressor in a large unit serving the district courtroom stopped working several months ago, leaving the system operating on only one remaining compressor. Spraggs said he has contacted the Administrative Office of the Courts multiple times, but no action has been taken so far. Spraggs went on to request permission to begin advertising for bids so the court would be prepared if the AOC authorizes a replacement. He noted that the HVAC units are made to order and typically take at least six weeks to arrive, meaning a failure of the remaining compressor could leave the courtroom without heating or air conditioning for an extended period. The court approved advertising for bids. For the second meeting in a row, discussion of bids for the Buckhorn Bay boat dock was tabled until the next court meeting. The fiscal court then entered executive session to discuss litigation and personnel matters. Upon returning to open session, the only action taken was approval to pay the county's bills. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2026.

MARSHALL COUNTY UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb 14, Birch Tree Painting, Calvert Library, 10:30 am
Feb 14, Musical Hearts, Hardin Library, 10:30 am
Feb 14, Kenlake Valentine's Party Package, Kenlake State Resort Park, 5 pm - 10 pm
Feb 14, Sweetheart Seed Swap, KY Dam Village State Resort Park, 10 am - 2 pm
Feb 16, Adult Farmer Grain Series, MC Extension Office, 6:30 pm
Feb 17, Library Love, Hardin Library, 9 am - 5 pm
Feb 17, JES Library Club Outreach, Hardin Library, 2:30 pm
Feb 17, Yoga in the Park, Calvert City Civic Center, 6 pm
Feb 19, Breakfast and Bingo, Calvert Library, 9 am
Feb 19, MC 4-H Sewing Club, MC Extension Office, 5 pm
Feb 20, Chair Yoga, Calvert Library, 10 am
Feb 20, Sips & Smalls, Benton Library, 10 am
Feb 20, Board Game & Puzzle Swap, Benton Library, 3 pm
Feb 20, SHiNE Dance Fitness, Benton Library, 5:30 pm

MURRAY / CALLOWAY COUNTY WEEK IN REVIEW

The Newly-crowned Murray High Basketball Homecoming Queen is Greer Miller! Other members of the homecoming court included Presley Hatchett; Naya James; Ellen Rose Drew; Miller; Bria Stiff; Rebekah Ellis and Mercy Klotz.

CCHS Future Farmers of America hosted their 2nd Annual Farmer Appreciation Dinner for the community. Over 100 farmers attended the event hosted by chapter officers and committee chairs. In addition to the meal, the chapter was able to donate $2000 through the Kentucky Department of Agriculture "Raising Hope" Grant for our local Fire and Rescue Squad to the purchase of Grain Bin Rescue Kits. Student organizers were Jaylee McLeod, Grayson Roberts, Abby Hathcock, Luke Johnson, Elijah Rudolph, Faith Jones, Ella Burkeen, Aubrey Coles, and Lila Fulton.

MURRAY/CALLOWAY COUNTY UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb 13, Valentines Paint Night, Murray Art Guild, 6 pm
Feb 13, MSU Women's Basketball v. Valparaiso, CFSB Center, 6 pm
Feb 13, Comedy Night, The Big Apple, 6 pm
Feb 14, Serger Class, Calloway Co. Extension Office, 9 am
Feb 14, Cinema International Parents: Past Lives, MSU Faculty Hall, 7 pm
Feb 14, Playhouse in the Park Presents The Sound of Music, Playhouse in the Park, 7 pm
Feb 14, Valentines Day Karaoke, The Big Apple, 8 pm
Feb 15, MSU Men's Basketball v. Belmont, CFSB Center, 1 pm
Feb 15, MSU Women's Basketball v. UIC, CFSB Center, 2 pm
Feb 15, Playhouse in the Park Presents The Sound of Music, Playhouse in the Park, 2:30 pm
Feb 17, Tuesday Night Dart Tournament, The Big Apple, 8:30 pm
Feb 18, Toddler Storytime, CCPL, 9:30 am
Feb 18, Multi-age Storytime, CCPL, 10:30 am
Feb 18, MSU Women's Softball v. UK, Racer Field, 3 pm
Feb 18, Wednesday Night Trivia, The Big Apple, 7 pm
Feb 19, Equine Series Second Session, Calloway Co. Extension Office, 6 pm
Feb 19, Cinema International Presents: Sinners, MSU Faculty Hall, 7 pm
Feb 20, MSU Women's Softball v. North Dakota, Racer Field, 5:30 pm
Feb 20, Playhouse in the Park Presents The Sound of Music, Playhouse in the Park, 7 pm

MARSHALL COUNTY WEEK IN REVIEW

The Marshall County Athletic Department has released the following athletic scholarship signings that are upcoming at Marshall County High School. They include: Neyland Jezik who signed a football scholarship with Kentucky Wesleyan College, which is located in Owensboro; Audrey Grace Brown signed a track and field athletic scholarship with Freed Hardeman University; Ryan Stokes signed an athletic scholarship to play golf for John A, Logan; and lastly Kam Brown signed an athletic scholarship to play football for Georgetown College at

The Marshall County Lady Marshals and Marshals basketball programs received a financial boost when WCBL Sports presented checks to both teams. The funds stem from advertising sales generated by the Marshall County Basketball Poster Schedules, a project WCBL has supported annually since 2011. The poster schedules, which feature the team's yearly game schedule, have become a reliable source of revenue for the programs through local ad sales. The tradition of producing and selling the schedules has now spanned over a decade, reflecting an ongoing commitment by WCBL Sports to support local high school athletics in Marshall County.

Health care provider licensure bill clears committee

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – The House Standing Committee on Licensing, Occupation and Administrative Regulations approved legislation, sponsored by Rep. Kim Moser, R-Taylor Mill, designed to better understand and strengthen Kentucky's health care workforce.

The measure, House Bill 459, would require licensing authorities of health care occupations to collect workforce participation data during the licensure renewal process. It would also authorize the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Marriage and Family Therapists to grant licensure to an applicant who holds an active license from another state and meets other requirements to practice as an independent marriage and family therapist.

"We know through health care licensure boards who is licensed, but we don't know who is actually practicing and seeing patients," said Moser. "House Bill 459 would simply allow various health care professional licensure boards to collect data on where the licensee is currently practicing at the time of their licensure or renewal so we can get a more comprehensive understanding of our health care workforce."



Rep. Kim Moser's measure is designed to better understand and strengthen Kentucky's health care workforce. He advances to the House floor after clearing a committee. *(Photo by Bud Kraft)*

Under HB 459, certain health care licensing authorities, outlined in the legislation, would be required to collect a licensee's personal information, except for a licensee's Social Security number.

In addition to collecting personal information, the licensing authorities would be required to collect workforce participation information, such as an individual's degree level or certificates completed, employment type, specialty, setting, and status, reason for unemployment (if applicable), and ability to meet patient needs of those covered under the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act.

Data collected would be required to be submitted to the Office of the Kentucky Center for Statistics and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services as necessary and upon request.

In addition, HB 459 outlines a process and timeline for the Kentucky Board of Licensure of Marriage and Family Therapists to follow up if the board finds a technical error in any application submitted for issuance, renewal, or reinstatement.

"We're seeing a need for more marriage and family therapists in Kentucky, particularly in our rural areas," Moser added. "Creating a framework for license portability would help reduce barriers for marriage and family therapists looking to practice in Kentucky and close gaps in care across our state while maintaining high professional standards.

The bill now heads to the House floor.

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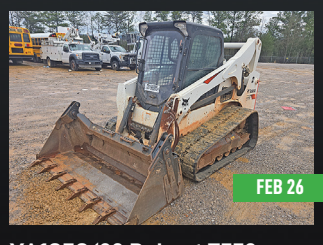
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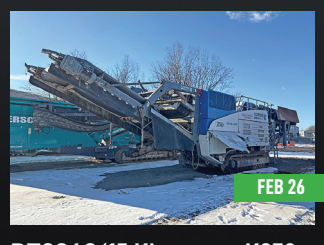
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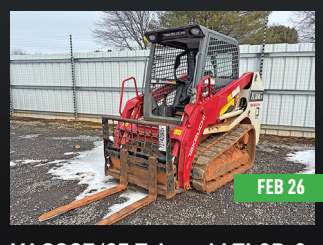
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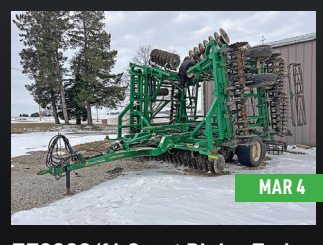
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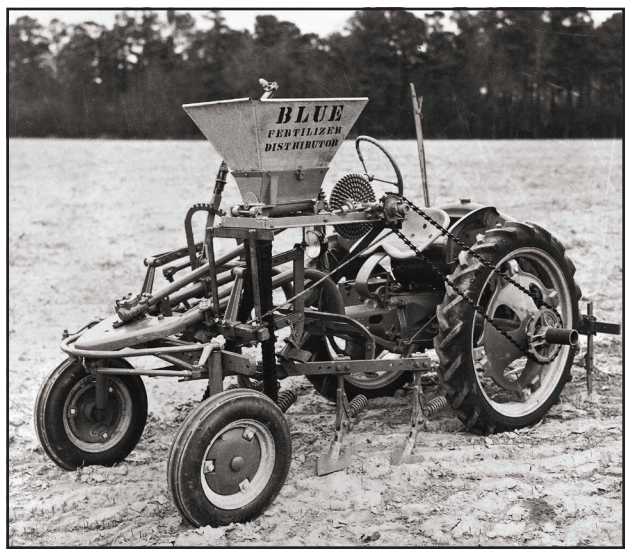

Marty Gray, CEO of John Blue Company. "Reaching 140 years is an incredible milestone, and it's a testament to the people, past and present, who believed in doing the job right and standing behind what we build."

Throughout 2026, John Blue Company will recognize this milestone with special marketing initiatives, historical highlights, and continued investment in innovative product solutions. While much has changed since its founding, the company's core values – quality, reliability, and integrity – remain unchanged.

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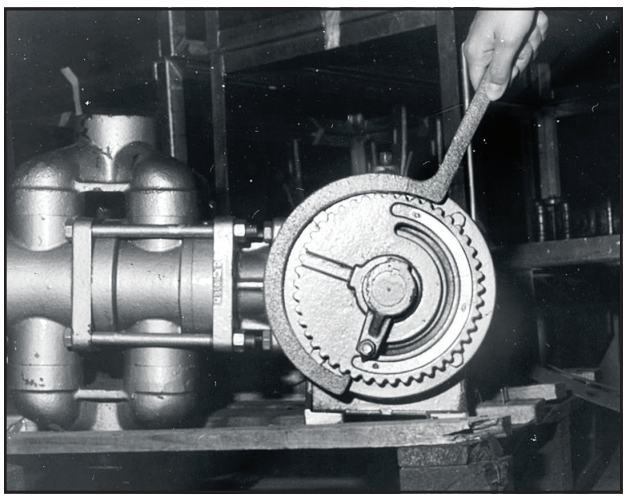







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BALLARD

Thomas Wayne Brown, 77, of Wickliffe, Kentucky, entered his heavenly home on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at his residence. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Wickliffe with Rev. Larry Fraser and Rev. Daniel Fraser officiating. Burial will follow at Oscar Baptist Church Cemetery.

Ronald T. "Pete" Clay passed away at his home on Sunday, February 8, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Visitation was held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, after 11:00 a.m. at Morrow Funeral Chapel in LaCenter, KY, followed by the funeral service at 1:00 p.m. with Rev. Butch Latta officiating. Interment will take place at Barlow Cemetery with Military Honors.

CALDWELL

Rodney M. Polk, age 78, of Kuttawa, passed away Monday, February 9, 2026 at his home surrounded by loved ones. Visitation will be held from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm Friday, February 13, 2026 at Lakeland Funeral Home and again Saturday, February 14, 2026 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, February 14, 2026 at Lakeland Funeral Home with Bro. Dan Smith and Bro. Marty Robertson officiating. Burial will follow in Chestnut Oak Cemetery with military honors.

Martha "Kathy" Katherine Tandy Davis, known as Kathy, passed away on February 5, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, Kentucky. She was born on April 25, 1940, in Caldwell County, Kentucky. Funeral services were held Monday, February 9, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Larry Call is officiating. Burial will follow in Millwood Cemetery.

CALLOWAY

Franklin G. Tomassi, Sr. 81, of Hazel, KY, passed away on Monday, February 9, 2026 at Murray Calloway County Hospital. No services are planned at this time. Imes Funeral Home is entrusted with caring for his family.

Thomas J. Buchheit, 87, of Murray, passed away on Monday, February 9, 2026 at Murray Calloway County Hospital. A joint celebration of life will be held for both Thomas and Carol Buchheit on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 1 pm until 4 pm at Heiligtag-Lang-Fendler Funeral Home, 1081 Jeffco Blvd., Arnold, MO 63010. Interment will follow at St. Paul Churchyard.

Julia A. (Beach) Bell, age 87, of Murray, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville, Tennessee. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Rev. Cory Hammett will officiate, and burial will follow in the Elm Grove Cemetery.

Doris Weatherford, age 95, of Almo, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, February 2, 2026, at the Passion and Purpose HomeCare Assisted Living for our SENIORS in Almo, Kentucky. A funeral service will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Bro. Wayne Hopkins will officiate, and burial will follow in the Unity Cemetery in Marshall County. Visitation will be held prior to the funeral service on Sunday, February 15, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

David Andrew Perkins, age 80, of Murray, Kentucky passed away on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House in Murray. There will be no public services or visitation held.

Martha Lee (Abel) Jones, 85 of Murray, KY, passed away, Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at Passion and Purpose Homecare in Almo, KY. Arrangements are forthcoming at the Blalock-Coleman Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Murray, KY.

CHRISTIAN

Gregory "Greg" Lee Gilliland age 62, of Hopkinsville, passed away on Monday, February 9, 2026, at Jennie Stuart Health of natural causes. Graveside Services will be at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 16, 2026, at Harmony Grove Cemetery with Rev. Ray Gilliland officiating and burial to follow. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

Josephine LoPresti Hale, age 81, of Hopkinsville, passed away on Saturday, February 7th, 2026, at Jennie Stuart Health of natural causes. Funeral Services were held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, February 12th, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Sister Leola Freeman officiating and burial to follow in Riverside Cemetery.

Joy Gilkey Wilson, age 88, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Friday, February 6, 2026, of natural causes. Graveside Services were held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at New Salem Cemetery, Nortonville, KY. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

Jimmy Dale "Slim" Waldrop, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, affectionately known by all as "Granddaddy", passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Wednesday morning, February 4, 2026, at his home in Christian County following a hard-fought battle with cancer. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at Sinking Fork Baptist Church with Pastor Mike Humphries officiating and burial to follow in Green Hill Memorial Gardens.

Paulette Calder Paumen, age 68, of Hopkinsville, KY, passed away on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville of natural causes. Funeral Services were held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Smith officiating and burial to follow in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West.

Richard Thomas Graves, II, age 52, of Hopkinsville passed away on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at Jennie Stuart Health of natural causes. The family has chosen cremation with a Celebration of Life Service to be held at a late date. Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home has been entrusted by the family to handle the arrangements.

Mike Workman, 68, of Hopkinsville, KY died at 5:30 a.m. Monday, February 9, 2026 at his residence. A Celebration of Life was held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 12, 2026 at The Silo Event Center with a reception to follow. Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Laurie (Eustis) Onstad, 93, Country Club Lane, Hopkinsville, KY passed away on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at Bradford Heights Nursing & Rehabilitation, Hopkinsville, KY of natural causes. A private family graveside was held on Thursday, February 12, 2026 at Green Hill Memorial Gardens. Lamb Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

John "Papa Jack" Bradbury, Jr., 68, Lonnie Walker Highway, Herndon, KY passed away Friday, February 6, 2026 at his home of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at Lamb Funeral Home with full military honors.

Jerry Wayne Steffey, 72, of Madisonville, KY died at 6:18 p.m. Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville. No services will be held at this time. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Crofton is assisting with the arrangements.

CRITTENDEN

Bessie Lenore Drennan, 91, of Paducah formerly of Marion, KY passed away on Friday, February 6, 2026, at Charter Senior Living in Paducah with her family by her side. Funeral services were held at 11:00am on Monday, February 9, 2026 at Lindsey Funeral Home with the Rev. David Davis officiating. Burial will follow at Sugar Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Marion, KY.

William Wayne "Bill" Gregory, 73, of Marion, KY passed away February 9, 2026 at Deaconess Hospital Henderson. Services were held at 11 AM Thursday February 12, 2026 at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion, KY with interment in Mexico Cemetery.

Michael "Mike" Edwin Watson passed away on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at Redbanks-Colonial Terrace Nursing Home, Sebree, Kentucky, where he had been a resident for several years. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at Chapel Hill Cemetery in Marion, Kentucky.

Shelba Jean Renfroe passed away peacefully at Hardin County General Hospital holding both of her granddaughters hands on February 4, 2026 and was surrounded by family. She was 85 when she passed. Visitation was held from 2-4 PM Sunday, February 8, 2026 at Hardin County Funeral Service in Rosiclare, Illinois.

Dean Edward Miller age 82 of Marion, KY passed away February 5, 2026 at his home. Funeral services were held at 1 PM Sunday, February 8, 2026 at Myers Funeral Home with burial to follow at Dycusburg Cemetery.

GRAVES

Treva L. Reynolds, 84 of the Boaz community, passed away on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes in Paducah. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM Thursday, February 12, 2026, at the Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. David Dorn officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Paducah.

Clyde "Boo" Vernon Maynard, 72, of Mayfield passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at his residence. There will be no service or visitation. Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah is in charge of arrangements.

Samuel Arthur Whitis, 84, of Boaz passed away on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at his residence. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Monday, February 9, 2026, at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah with Rector Charles Uhlik officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Boaz.

George "Tom" Hendley, age 79, of Mayfield passed away on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, TN. Funeral services for Mr. George "Tom" Hendley were held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Jesse Lynn Gough will officiate. Interment will follow at Highland Park Cemetery.

Henry "Cliff" Cope, age 84, of Farmington passed away on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at his residence. Funeral services for Mr. Henry "Cliff" Cope will be 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026 at Byrn Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY. Rev. Ben Stratton will officiate. Interment will follow at Maplewood Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be conducted by American Legion Post #26.

Daniel Ray Jaco, age 49 of Clinton, KY passed away on Friday, February 6, 2026 in Water Valley, KY. Memorial Services will be held at the Chief Cornerstone Baptist Church at a later date. A private inurnment will be held at the Bell City Cemetery.

The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of the arrangements.

Karen Monroe age 63 of Wingo passed away at 12:15 PM Friday at the Mills Health & Rehab in Mayfield. Private family services will be held at a later date. Brown Funeral Home in Wingo is in charge of arrangements.

Daniel Lee Bonk, affectionately known as Dan, passed away on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at Jackson Purchase Medical Center. Graveside

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services for Daniel L. Bonk were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at Farmington Cemetery, with Rev. Larry Solman and Rev. Don Embry officiating. Friends are asked to meet at the cemetery prior to the service hour.

HENDERSON

Teresa "Terry" Schneider Fulton of Henderson, passed away at her home on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at the age of 67. There will be no visitation and a private family burial will be held at Baskett Cemetery at a later date.

Linda Flahardy, age 77, of Henderson, KY, passed away on Monday, February 2, 2026, at Deaconess Henderson Hospital. At Linda's request there will be no services. Entombment will be held at a later date at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY.

Jeanette Margaret Branson, age 99, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on February 9, 2026. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Monday, February 16, 2026, at Tomblinson Funeral Home, with visitation commencing at 11:00 AM until service time. Family and friends are invited to gather and pay their respects during this time of remembrance.

Angela Gail Blackwell, age 59, passed away at 6:20 p.m. on February 3, 2026. She was born on November 6, 1966, and lived in the Henderson area for most of her life. A Celebration of Life was held on Friday, February 6, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 1040 Market Street.

Lilburn Ray Baize, affectionately known as "Papaw," peacefully passed away on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, on the Harbor Unit at Redbanks Skilled Nursing Home under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice in Henderson, Kentucky, at the age of 79. Memorial services were held on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 1:00 PM at Tomblinson Funeral Home Henderson Chapel, where Chaplain Tim Shockley will officiate the ceremony.

Gayla (Maraman) McGraw, of Slaughters, KY passed away on Tuesday February 3, 2026 at her home under the care of Hospice surrounded by her family. Services were held 12:00 Friday February 6, 2026 at Tomblinson Funeral Home Sebree Chapel. Pastor Robert Clemmons will officiate. Burial will be in Zion Brick Church Cemetery in Slaughters.

Leslie E. Jewell of Henderson, Kentucky, on February 3, 2026, at Morganfield Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. A memorial service to honor Leslie's life and legacy will be held at a later date.

Dillon Jones, age 25, passed away on Feb 2, 2026. He was a devoted father, loving son, and cherished brother whose life, though far too short, was filled with deep love for his family. A memorial service was held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 1:00 PM, at Tomblinson Funeral Home, Henderson Chapel, with Pastor Gary Ashby officiating.

Brenda Mae (Lykins) Margelot, 84 of Sebree, KY passed away on Monday February 2, 2026 at her home under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice. Services were held at 1:00 PM Thursday February 5, 2026 at Sebree United Methodist Church. Ernie Margelot IV will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY.

Roy D. Coghill, 76, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away peacefully Monday, February 9, 2026, at St. Anthony's Hospice Lucy Smith King Care Center. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, February 16, 2026, at Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home. Roy's son, Timmy Coghill, the Reverend Alan Ramsey, and Brother Ken Lupton will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Gardens with full military rites performed by the American Legion Worsham Post No. 40. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home.

Virginia "Ginny" Sue Thomas, 87, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed away at 12:39 a.m. Thursday, February 5, 2026, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville, Indiana. A celebration of life took place at Rookies on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Henderson Christian Community Outreach, P.O. Box 363, Henderson, Kentucky 42419-0363.

Reverend Philip A. Walker, a devoted servant of God, peacefully departed this world on February 5, 2026, at age 73. Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home. The Reverend J.R. Hume and Joseph Hume will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

Nettie P. Gordon, of Henderson, Kentucky, passed peacefully on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. She was 93. Services were held at 1 p.m. Thursday, February 12, 2026, at Rudy-Rowland Funeral Home. David Salisbury will officiate. Burial will be in Fairmont Cemetery.

HICKMAN

Darrell Sims - With a heavy heart, we announce the passing of Hickman County Ambassador, Johnny Darrell Sims, age 65 on Thursday, February 5, 2026 at the Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield. Funeral services for Darrell were held 2 PM Sunday, February 8, 2026 at the Brown Funeral Home in Clinton with Rev. Bill Lickliter, Pastor Tim Perdue and Rev. Tony Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery.

Margie Verline Burgess, age 80, of Clinton, KY and formerly of Mayfield, KY passed away at 2:21 PM Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union City, TN. Private family services for Margie will be held at a later date. The Brown Funeral Home in Mayfield, KY is in charge of the arrangements.

Robert Kirk Whayne, age 64 of Clinton, KY passed away on February 3, 2026. Private Burial will be in the Clinton Cemetery, and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

HOPKINS

Jacob Robert "Bob" Florida, Jr, 88, of Madisonville, KY was called home on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at Ridgewood Terrace Health and Rehab in Madisonville. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, February 16, 2026, at First Baptist Church, 246 N. Main St., Madisonville KY, with Pastor Bill Bursztynski officiating. Burial to follow at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Madisonville. Visitation will be at First Baptist Church, on Sunday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Monday from 10 a.m. until the funeral hour. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Cheryl Whitledge Burton, 79, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at her home. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at Madisonville First General Baptist Church, 900 West Center Street, Madisonville, KY with Pastor Joe Knight. Burial will be held at White Oak Cemetery in Clay, KY, at a later date. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday at the church. Harris Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

James Sloan, 64, of Madisonville, KY passed away on Monday, February 9, 2026, at Brighton Cornerstone Healthcare in Madisonville. Arrangements are currently pending.

Bobby Caskey, 87, of Madisonville, KY, passed away on Sunday, February 8, 2026, at White House Healthcare and Rehab in White House, TN. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, 2026, in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home with Dr. David Evans officiating and Bro. David Fullen assisting. Burial to follow at Concord Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery in White Plains, KY. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the funeral hour on Saturday at the funeral home.

Martha "Kathy" Katherine Tandy Davis, known as Kathy, passed away on February 5, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, Kentucky. Funeral services were held Monday, February 9, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Morgan's Funeral Home with Bro. Larry Call is officiating. Burial will follow in Millwood Cemetery.

Jerry Wayne Steffey, 72, of Madisonville, KY died at 6:18 p.m. Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville. No services will be held at this time. Dogwood Funerals & Cremations of Crofton is assisting with the arrangements.

Janice Arlene Calhoun, 63, of Hanson, Kentucky, was taken from us suddenly on February 8, 2026. A Celebration of Life was held from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Barnett-Strother's Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, and from 10:00 AM until service time Thursday, February 12, 2026 at Christ the King Church. Funeral Mass was held at 11:00 AM February 12, 2026 at Christ the King Church in Madisonville with Father Steve officiating.

Corey Tester - The world grew a little dimmer on Saturday, February 7, 2026, with the passing of Corey Michael Tester. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, February 13, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home - Providence Chapel. Burial will follow in White Oak Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11:00 A.M. until service time on Friday at the funeral home.

Larry Christopher "Chris" Campbell, 58, of Madisonville, passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess Madisonville. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home, Madisonville Chapel, with Pastor Tom Cantwell officiating. Burial will follow in Grapevine Cemetery.

Sheila Marie Locke, 79, of Madisonville, KY, passed away Saturday, February 7, 2026, at Brighton Cornerstone Health Care in Madisonville.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at Barnett-Strother Funeral Home. Burial will take place at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Justin McKee Baker, of Manitou and formerly of Madisonville, KY, passed away at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, KY, February 5, 2026. There will be a Celebration of Life gravesite gathering at Rosedale Cemetery in Dawson Springs at a later date.

Ralph "Spud" Warren Vandiver, 81 of Dawson Springs went to be with the Lord on Friday, February 6, 2026, at Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville. Service was held Thursday at 1:00 pm at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville with Bro. Eddy Rodgers officiating. Burial to follow at Gilland Ridge Cemetery in St. Charles.

Debra "Debbie" Ann Gibson, 50 of Nortonville passed away Thursday, February 5, 2026, at Baptist Health Deaconess. Service was held Tuesday at 1:00 pm at Bandy Funeral Home in Nortonville. Burial will be private for family only.

Roger "Red" Dale Cobb, 54 of White Plains passed away Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at his home. Services are currently pending.

LIVINGSTON

Iwona Sloma, 54, of Grand Rivers, KY, passed away Sunday, February 8, 2026, at her home. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at 1PM, at the Grand Rivers Community Center.

Margaret Glen (Ferguson) Williams, 84, of Lola, KY, passed away Sunday, February 8, 2026 at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services. Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 1 PM, in the chapel of Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services, with Rev's. David LeNeave and Troy Newcomb officiating. Burial will follow in Hopewell Cemetery.

Penny Dukes, 62 of Grand Rivers, Kentucky passed away on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at her daughter's home. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Collier Funeral Home & Cremation Services are handling all arrangements.

Wanda Anita Washburn Garland, age 83, of Benton, Kentucky died Sunday, February 8, 2026

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at the Lourdes Hospice Center surrounded by family and love. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home with Bill Rowley and Rev. David Parish officiating. Burial will follow at Briensburg Cemetery.

Mark Clayton Shumaker, age 73 of Grand Rivers, Ky, went home to be with the Lord on February 4, 2026 at 3:18 pm, surrounded by family at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. A funeral service was held on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 2:00 PM at the Collier Funeral Home Chapel, with Rocky Hill and Robert Brown officiating. Masonis Rites will be held at 2:00 PM prior to the service.

MARSHALL

Stephen Dale Adams, 57, of Benton, Kentucky, passed away on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. The funeral service for Mr. Adams was held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at Imes Funeral Home & Crematory, 311 North 4th Street, Murray.

Henry William (Bill) Compton, 92, of Calvert City, Kentucky passed away on February 7, 2026. The family wishes to thank Tina Hoskie for helping to keep Bill independent in his home for the last several years and Calvert City Nursing and Rehab's caring staff during his final days. The family will remember Bill in a private ceremony at a later date.

Talania Ann Reid, age 56, of Hardin, KY, died Thursday, February 5, 2026, at Marshall Co. Hospital in Benton, KY. Memorial funeral service was held at Collier Funeral Chapel at 1:00 PM, Monday, February 9, 2026, with Brother Ricky Cunningham and Trent Cornwell officiating.

Judith Ann "Judi" Morrow Doty, 78, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2026 in Mayfield, Ky after an extended stay in assisted living care. Collier Funeral Home, Benton, KY is handling the arrangements with internment at the Benton Cemetery. Per Judi's request, there will be no formal "Goodbye", just a private "See you later" for her loved ones.

Tom Vasseur, 92 of Benton, Kentucky passed peacefully on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 with his loving wife, Frieda, by his side. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home with Minister Jeremy Rogers officiating. Interment with military rites will follow in the Lakeview Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at Collier Funeral Home, 211 West 5th Street, Benton, KY 42025.

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Dennis Lee Rose, 77, of Lone Oak, Kentucky passed away on Friday, February 6, 2026. A funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at the Lone Oak Chapel of Milner & Orr Funeral Home with Bro. John Smithmeyer officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Barry D. Webster passed away at his residence on Thursday, February 5, 2026, in Paducah, Kentucky. Per the family's wishes, there will be no service at this time. Milner & Orr Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Paducah are in charge of the arrangements.

Carl Edward Torian passed away on February 5, 2026, at the age of 88. A funeral service was held at 1 P.M. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at the Milner and Orr Funeral Home of Lone Oak with Nathan Torian officiating. Visitation will be from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens.

Jack Finnell, 71, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away at 3:06 p.m. Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at Mercy Health Lourdes. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Jim Trimble officiating.

Donald "Donnie" Cissell, 79, of Paducah passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah. He will be cremated per his wishes. Online condolences maybe left at www.lindseyfuneral.com.

Kay Ivitts, 83, of Paducah, Kentucky, passed away peacefully on February 3, 2026, at the Ray & Kay Hospice Care Center at Mercy Health Lourdes. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 7, 2026, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah with Rev. Bob Martin officiating. Burial will follow at Palestine Cemetery.

David "Atlas" "KG4 KLJ" Collier 79 of Paducah, passed away February 3, 2026 at his home. Lindsey Funeral Home is honored to serve the Collier family

Bobby Lee Threatt, 100, of Paducah, Kentucky entered his heavenly home on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at his residence in Lone Oak. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations made to Friendship Baptist Church, 146 S Friendship Rd, Paducah, KY 42003, or Woodlawn Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 3402 Benton Rd, Paducah, KY 42003.

Ronald Underwood passed away at his home on February 4, 2026, two days after his 89th birthday. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 14, 2026, at Hughes Funeral Home in Paducah with Bro. Jeff Russell officiating. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM to service time Saturday at the funeral home.

Randall L Browning - On February 3, at the age of 72, Randall L Browning went peacefully to join his Savior, Jesus Christ. He lived a simple life and earned a living as a millwright, a carpenter, and other skills. Memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 15, 2026, at Free Spirit Biker Church.

TRIGG

Antonia Foster passed away on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at her home. A Celebration of Life for 65 year old Antonia Foster of Oak Grove will be held at a later date. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Elizabeth Jane Jozwiakowski passed away Friday, February 6, 2026 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, KY. A Private Celebration of Life for 85 year old Elizabeth Jane Jozwiakowski of Hopkinsville will be held at a later date. King's Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

UNION

Mason Paul Wyatt Tramel age 18 passed away February 7th, 2026 at Deaconess Midtown Hospital. There are no events scheduled at this time. You can still show your support by sending flowers directly to the family, or plant a tree in memory of Mason Paul Wyatt Tramel.

WEBSTER

Kristi Nichole Tosh, 40 of Providence, KY passed away Monday, February 9, 2026 at her home. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 12, 2026 at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay at 2:00 PM with Brother Bob Allen officiating. Burial will be in Green Grove Cemetery in Providence. Visitation will be from 10:00 AM till service time at the funeral home.

Jonathan Hill, 41 of Clay, passed away Thursday, February 5, 2026 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville. Funeral services were held on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 1:00 PM at Vanover Funeral Home in Clay. Burial will be in White Oak Cemetery in Clay.

Iris Jane Montgomery 13, of Madisonville, KY formerly of Webster County, KY passed away at her home Saturday February 7, 2026. Funeral service will be 2 PM Friday February 13, 2026 at Rockstile Creek Church 508 US-41 Alt, Providence, KY., Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY is handling the service. Pastor Brian Gibson will officiate and Bro. Brent Branson will assist, burial will follow at Big Hill cemetery in Providence, KY. Visitation will be from 11am till service time at the church.

Henry Lee Burton 84, of Nebo, KY formerly of Dixon, KY passed away on Sunday February 1st, 2026 at Baptist Health Deaconess in Madisonville, KY. Funeral services will be held at Townsend Funeral Home in Dixon, KY at 11am on Friday February 6th, 2026. Rev. Barry Cullen will officiate. Burial will be in Concord Cemetery in Manitou, KY. Visitation will be from 4pm-8pm on

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January state receipts down from 2025

By Tom Latek
kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – State Budget Director John Hicks reported on Tuesday that January's General Fund receipts totaled $1,358.5 million, a 3.7 percent decrease in collections compared to January 2025 totals.

The official revenue forecast calls for General Fund revenues to decline by 1.3 percent in FY26, which ends on June 30. Based on year-to-date collections, revenues can fall 1.6 percent over the final five months of the fiscal year and meet the estimate.

Hicks said, "Total receipts in January were $52.4 million less than what was collected in 2025. A significant decline of $108.0 million in major business tax revenues was the primary reason. The prior year's January collections were inflated by approximately $92 million in nonrecurring business tax payments. Individual income tax collections declined by only 2.3 percent despite a 12.5 percent reduction in the tax rate from 4 percent to 3.5 percent that became effective January 1, 2026."

Among the other major accounts, he noted sales and use taxes were up 3.5 percent and property tax revenues rose 39.2 percent. The large swing in property taxes was due to a timing issue of the receipt of $29.1 million in the public service property tax in January instead of December.

Road Fund receipts, meanwhile, declined 0.5 percent in January. Increases in the motor vehicle usage tax collections have partially or completely offset declines in motor fuels revenues. Receipts for the month were $146.2 million and year-to-date collections have grown 0.1 percent. The official Road Fund revenue estimate calls for revenues to decline 1.0 percent for the fiscal year. Based on year-to-date tax collections, revenues can fall 2.6 percent for the remainder of the fiscal year to meet the official forecast.

Among the accounts, motor fuels collections fell 4.7 percent due to a drop in the tax rate while motor vehicle usage revenue rose 5.0 percent. License and privilege receipts rose 0.6 percent.

VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

Seeing life through two pair of eyes

By Teresa LeNeave
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I'm really bad about obsessing over the wrong things. I like schedules and structure. So, when things happen that upset my structure that's not a real comfortable place for me. Although my comfort zone is structure, as all of us know, that's not the norm because in this life something always changes. And, out of necessity, I adapt.

I know a lot of Martha's (not the name, but the thought process), and sometimes I see myself as a Martha. She obsessed over serving her guest while her sister, Mary, sit comfortably at Jesus feet, worshiping and listening.

In the Mary/Martha story, Jesus came to have dinner at Mary and Martha's house. It didn't transpire like Martha had planned and she was upset. (Luke 10:38-42). Jesus told Martha that Mary, her sister, had chosen wisely to not obsess over serving the guest. Believe me, I try to learn from Jesus' concept about not obsessing over the wrong thing. I try, but sometimes I still obsess over things that matter too much to me and not to anyone else.

When we stop obsessing over serving, we realize some things are just not worth obsessing over. At the time it seems very important, but in the scheme of things, it isn't. Jesus knew this. Knowing how I am, I can't help but appreciate the fact that He made this a big deal in the Martha/Mary story. As the story goes, Mary



had a heart full of love and worship for Jesus and she didn't let things around her take away from that.

Martha, on the other hand, loved and worshiped Jesus just as much as Mary, but her heart was also focused on what she had to get done. Martha was the sister who was obsessed with what her guest thought about her. In her heart and mind, I know she thought it was important to focus on pleasing Jesus and making him feel comfortable in her home. I believe she thought she was doing a good thing. The sisters just saw life through two different pair of eyes. Remember it was Martha who fully trusted Jesus' love after Lazarus died! (John 11:20-28).

In the story, obviously, Mary saw the invisible while Martha focused on all the things that needed to be taken care at the moment. Both sisters were doing their best to make an impact on Jesus and their other guest. And, both were doing important things. We need Mary's and we need Martha's. But most of all, whenever and wherever we find ourselves, remembering to stress a little less and relax a little more might be the key to all the chaos in the world

I am reminded of 1 Timothy 6:11, "… Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." We can care too much about what people think of us and not enough of what God thinks. God wants balance in our lives so we love, serve and respect both Him and other people. Could finding balance in our focus be the theme of the Mary/Martha story?

Believer's baptism or baptismal regeneration?

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Believer's baptism and baptismal regeneration represent two distinct views on the role of water baptism in salvation. Believer's baptism holds that baptism is an outward, symbolic act of obedience performed "after" a person has consciously trusted in Jesus Christ and His blood for salvation. Conversely, baptismal regeneration teaches that baptism is the sacramental law where God creates spiritual rebirth, forgives sins, and initiates spiritual regeneration. While I tend to avoid writing about church doctrines due to disagreements, my ministry requires me to share my personal interpretations. I'm often asked about what washes away our sins, the water or the blood? There is power in His blood – not the water.

I share the gospel often, including in our local Detention Center on a regular basis. A place to teach and baptize is provided, and our team also serves communion to the new converts. This gives us an open opportunity to explain what it means to confess receiving Jesus as Lord and Savior. Sadly, not all Christians are united with church doctrines such as immersion versus sprinkling, infant baptism, and baptizing in the name of Jesus versus in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, but even more importantly, there are different opinions about what exactly happens when the person goes under the water.

Some churches, including Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Churches of Christ, and some Anglican and Episcopal churches, including the Mormons, and Jehovah's Witnesses, believe in what is called baptismal regeneration, which means a person is not cleansed from sin or spiritually transformed into a new creation in Christ until after they are baptized. Within these churches, baptism is referred to as a requirement that defines water as the only way to literally receive God's grace, which saves. Groups such as Baptist, Church of God, Assembly of God, Reformed Presbyterian, Non-Denominational, Evangelical, Anabaptists, Mennonites, Quakers, Puritans, and The Salvation Army, use the term "ordinance" meaning that baptism although an important act of obedience, is only a public testimony symbolizing God's power that has already forgiven and transformed the spirit's of those who called upon the name of the Lord to save them, according to John 3:16.

As we are immersed under the water, this displays the spiritual reality of how we died to ourselves, were buried with Christ, and in coming up out of the water, we are raised from the dead by the glorious power of God to walk holy and obey Him in everything as His child. An outward sign of an inward work. Since we have been united with him in his death, we are also raised to life as He was. Yes, we are forgiven and washed clean by the blood of Jesus, as the power of sin is broken, and our carnality was crucified with Christ. As no longer slaves to sin, the new Christian is declared righteous through Jesus, but still has the free will responsibility to demonstrate His holy nature and character. We should consider ourselves to be dead to the control of sin and to have faith in God for everything. Take a moment to read Romans chapter 6. In fact, as we develop a solemn, reverential fear and awareness of His presence, sin should literally make us nauseated as we realize how much our disobedience hurts Him. If our intentional sins do not cause brokenness, weeping, and deep sorrow, we have become spiritually numb, calloused, and deceived. However, with God's grace and mercy, our spiritual determination to deny our flesh and walk in sanctification can be rekindled by returning to our first love.

Baptism is not just a religious ritual. It's a deeply personal commitment to living the life this holy re-enactment is revealing. It represents death to sin, the burial of our old life, and the resurrection to a new life in Christ! We are confessing and professing that Jesus is our Lord, and the miracle of being born again. We receive the gift of God's love by declaring to the world that we are completely dedicated to loving and serving our Master. The believer's baptism is an open display and promise that we will fulfill our vow to never return to who we once were. We now promise to allow God to lead us, we have become a temple of the Holy Spirit and are filled with the marvelous light of His eternal truth. Jesus died and resurrected so that you could become a member of His everlasting kingdom of peace and joy. Will you respond to His voice today?

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Outdoor Truths

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As one gets older our physiology changes. While anatomy is what something is made of, physiology is what it does and how it does it. It is how it runs. For instance, my truck may have the same parts as it did several years ago when I bought it, but it doesn't run the same as it did when it was new. And as it gets older, those changes will be magnified. And what goes for trucks, goes for humans. While we may have the same parts, as we get older, we begin to run differently. Those changes come from a host of things including our environment, experiences, health issues, our DNA, and probably a few other things in addition to these. I have noticed I "run" differently than I once did. What once bothered me no longer does. And what once caused me to panic no longer does as well. But that's not to say I have arrived at some special place. It's to say that different things now cause my angst and panic. My physiology has changed. I have the same parts, but they run differently. One of the things I have noticed in my own life is how a crowded store makes me uneasy. I don't know why, but it is noticeable. When things get too crowded, I just want to leave and come back at 3:00 am. I laugh as I think about my new phobia. What I'm not sure of yet, is if it is "selective crowd phobia" or not. I mean I can't imagine feeling a sense of panic as I push my way into the Bass Pro Shops Spring Fishing Classic or during the National Wild Turkey Federation's Convention and Sports Show. No, I'm pretty sure I could overcome any trepidation if a new turkey vest was involved. Now that I think about it, it probably is "selective crowd phobia." I guess I'll have to suck it up, dodge the crowd, overlook the impolite people to get my Japanese Cherry Blossom soap at Bath and Body, and my Brown Sugar Oatmilk Shaken Espresso at Starbucks. This truck just ain't runnin' right.

Gary Miller has written Outdoor Truths articles for 23 years. He has also written five books which include compilations of his articles and a father/son devotional. He also speaks at wild-game dinners and men's events for churches and associations. Stay updated on Outdoor Truths each week by subscribing at Outdoortruths.org

WHEN HEAVEN QUAKES

Bro. Brandon G. Bramlett
Bandana Baptist Church

A traumatic earthquake in San Francisco deeply devastated the little boy, although he was oblivious to it. But he showed subtle signs of how shaken he was on the school's swingset. The lad's teachers observed that he would run for the swings during recess, and sway back and forth until it was time for school to resume. And when a teacher finally asked him why he bypassed the slides and merry go-round to swing alone, he sadly answered, "On the swing, I move like the earth. So, if there's another earthquake, I won't feel it."

Without realizing it, he diagnosed the knee-jerk reaction we often have when we endure troubles in our lives. When we go through a life-shaking storm—an earthquake-level tribulation that rattles our world—we tend to brace ourselves for the next one. We live anxiously and guarded, worried that if things start to get better, that can only mean they are about to get worse. We often find ourselves quaking before the ground does.

But the heartening truth of Scripture is that a much greater "quaking" takes place in heaven when we pray during times of trouble. As David said in Psalm 18, "In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help . . . Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry. The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire. He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters" (Ps. 18:6a, 7, 13, 16; cf. Acts 4:31; James 5:16b).

When we send up a prayer for help during trials, the Lord treats it like a call for backup. At the sound of our requests, God rises like a mighty warrior from His throne, rattling the floor of heaven with His swift steps, and heaven's gates fling open wide just so the Lord can get to our side. When we pray in peril, God shouts across the heavens as though to say, "Out of My way, My child is in trouble!" When our prayers reach His ears, He leaves the throne-room of glory and enters the battlefield with us. He conducts a search-and-rescue mission when we petition Him for mercy in misery, and will even mobilize creation itself to provide us with reinforcements so we can survive the battle.

Every good father—upon hearing his child crying in danger—would drop everything, rush to his location, and push aside anything that stands in his way. Likewise, our heavenly Father rushes to our position, pushing aside all the glories of heaven and all the starry hosts of the heavens to come to our aid when we need Him. As James Rowe (1865-1933) wrote in the great hymn Love Lifted Me, "But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry, from the waters lifted me–now safe am I."

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5 indicted for fraud, money laundering

By TOM LATEK
Kentucky Today

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (KT) – The U.S. Attorney's office for the Western District of Kentucky announced Tuesday a federal grand jury in Louisville returned an indictment charging five Louisville residents with fraud and money laundering offenses.

According to the Indictment, Donnita Wilson, 32; Aariel Matthews, 27; Raul Tellez Ojeda, 32; Lazaro Alejandro Castello Rojas, 37; and Robert Danger Correa, 41; were charged with Mail Fraud (14 counts), Mail Fraud Conspiracy (one count), Honest Services Mail Fraud (14 counts), Honest Services Mail Fraud Conspiracy (one count), Unlawful Production of Identification Documents (14 Counts), and Money Laundering Conspiracy (one count).

The indictment alleges the defendants devised and executed a scheme that solicited illegal fees between $200 and $1,500 from legally present, non-U.S. citizens who were applying for driver's licenses on the promise that they would be expedited through the process without undergoing testing requirements.

It also alleges that certain conspirators altered information in government databases to bypass important steps in the application process and, thereby, issue invalid licenses to the non-U.S. citizens. The indictment alleges the defendants perpetrated this scheme for their own financial gain, and betrayed the trust placed in them by Kentucky's Transportation Cabinet.

U.S. Attorney Kyle Bumgarner said, "This indictment represents the culmination of an investigation into a scheme by Kentucky Transportation Cabinet employees and others to illegally circumvent Kentucky's process for issuing driver's licenses, thereby issuing invalid licenses to lawfully present, non-U.S. citizens who had not first demonstrated their qualifications to drive on our roads. Proper vetting of individuals seeking a driver's license is a prerequisite to ensuring the safety of Kentucky's roadways and legitimacy of state-issued identification. As alleged in the indictment, this fraudulent scheme involved kickbacks and bribes leading to numerous legally present, non-U.S. citizens obtaining unlawfully issued drivers licenses."

If convicted, the defendants face a maximum sentence of 20 years for each count of mail fraud, mail fraud conspiracy, honest services mail fraud, and money laundering and a maximum sentence of 15 years for each count of unlawful production of identification documents. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors.





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Photo courtesy of National Farm Machinery Show

Investing in Grain Bins Now:

Choosing the Right Partner Matters More Than Ever

By Laurna Todd
Farmers' Quarterly Writer

As this year's season approaches, farmers should consider more than just price when investing in grain bins. A high-quality grain bin can protect your harvest, maintain its value, and ensure your operation runs smoothly—but selecting the right company and dealer can be just as critical as choosing the bin itself.



Jason Workman
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"Many dealers have the capability to sell a bin, but the question is—do they want to be there for you after the sale?" says Jason Workman, owner of Workman Bins Inc. "Too often, dealers are focused on one-and-done sales. Farmers need partners who will help with installation, service, and ongoing support."

With the economy as unpredictable as current crop markets, farmers cannot afford downtime or frequent equipment breakdowns. Knowing your dealer will be there to respond promptly can make all the difference when timing is critical during harvest.

Workman Bins Inc prides itself on going "beyond the sale." Jason Workman emphasizes long-term relationships, saying, "We want to be part of the farm's generation-to-generation story. I make it a priority to know our customers, their families, and their equipment—so we can provide the right solutions, even if they don't know exactly what they need."

For farmers seeking reliable grain storage, choosing a reputable bin manufacturer is equally important. GSI is a leading name in grain bins, known for durability, innovative designs, and nationwide support. "When you invest in a GSI bin through a company like Workman Bins, you're not just buying equipment—you're investing in peace of mind and long-term productivity," Workman says.

As harvest season approaches, stop in and talk with Jason or William anytime. Partnering with a trusted dealer who understands your farm, provides ongoing service, and works with leading manufacturers like GSI can ensure your operation runs efficiently today and for years to come.

Brooke Rollins marks impactful first year as U.S. Agriculture Secretary

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Since taking office, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins has advanced a broad agenda aimed at improving public health, strengthening food access, and modernizing federal nutrition programs, while supporting American farmers and rural communities.

One of Rollins' most visible accomplishments is the release of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025–2030, developed jointly by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services. The updated guidelines emphasize "real food," prioritizing whole, nutrient-dense options such as proteins, dairy, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and healthy fats. USDA analysis shows healthy meals can be prepared for as little as $3 per serving, reinforcing the administration's focus on affordability and flexibility rather than rigid dietary mandates.

Rollins has also overseen major reforms to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Under new USDA stocking standards, more than 250,000 SNAP-authorized retailers will soon be required to carry more than twice the amount of nutrient-dense foods, dramatically expanding access to healthier options for low-income families nationwide.

Public education and transparency have been another priority. The launch of RealFood.gov and a redesigned food pyramid provide families with practical tools, including shopping lists, menu ideas, and resources tailored to different lifestyles and cultural preferences. The site is expected to expand with additional family-oriented guidance.

Beyond retail grocery access, Rollins has moved to align federal feeding programs with the new dietary guidelines. Programs such as school meals and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) are being updated, influencing nearly $380 million in daily USDA nutrition spending.



U.S. Ag Secretary Brooke Rollins visited Gallrein Farms in Shelbyville, Kentucky where she accepted a certificate naming her Honorary Commissioner of Agriculture for Kentucky from Ag Commissioner Jonathan Shell. Rollins met with local farmers to discuss key agricultural issues.

Photo via USDA

Rollins has also encouraged states to adopt the new guidelines in local nutrition initiatives, calling them an investment in community health, rural economies, and America's farm families. Her tenure has focused on pairing improved nutrition outcomes with economic opportunity, reinforcing her message that better health begins on the plate — and should be within reach for every American household.



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Hendricks Farms receives 2026 University of Kentucky Grain Crops Science Service Award

By Jordan Strickler

LEXINGTON, Ky.— Hendricks Farms, an eighth-generation family farm in Logan County, received the 2026 University of Kentucky Grain Crops Science Service Award during this year's UK Winter Wheat Meeting. The award recognizes Hendricks Farms for their work assisting the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment's Weed Science Program.

The UK Grain Crops Science Service Award honors those who help the UK Grain Crops Science Group (GCSG) carry out research that supports the state's farmers. Each year, the award highlights cooperation that gives researchers a real-world place to test ideas, collect data and move work from a plan on paper to results in the field.

For the past four crop years, Hendricks Farms has served as a working site for the Weed Science Program as it studies harvest weed seed control for Italian ryegrass in wheat. Hendricks Farms and Martin-Gatton CAFE specialists installed and studied a Redekop Seed Control Unit on the farm's combine to see how it affects ryegrass seed survival at wheat harvest.

"I've always felt like we can't keep doing the same thing and expect different results," said Adam Hendricks. "Italian ryegrass is a real issue in our wheat rotation, so I was interested in anything that might help. If nobody steps up and tries something new, then we'll never really know what works."

Hendricks Farms also agreed to give up multiple acres each season so Italian ryegrass can remain in a designated area of a field. That sacrifice allows GCSG researchers to test equipment and methods under real conditions. The work required Hendricks to also volunteer hours during harvest so the equipment could be used and evaluated in a way that produces reliable data.

"The Hendricks family sacrifices multiple acres each year for our research," said associate Extension professor of weed science Travis Legleiter. "Additionally, they provide their precious hours during wheat harvest to allow this work to be conducted. Without their help, the Weed Science program would not have been able to conduct this valuable non-chemical weed control research."

This is not the first time that the family has been rewarded for their work. In 2018, they were given the honor of Farm of the Year from the Logan County Farm Bureau. Additionally, Adam, his brother Jason and cousin Harry were given Young Farmer of Excellence awards. In 2024, the Logan County Conservation District awarded the farm the Master Conservationist Award.

"On our farm, you can't just pause harvest and come back later when it's convenient," Hendricks said. "So when Travis and his team need time to run the equipment and collect data, we build that into the day. We're proud to give them a real-world setting to test it, because that's how you get answers that actually apply. It takes patience, but it's worth it."

To learn more about the Grain Crops Science Group, visit https://graincrops.mgcafe.uky.edu/.



Adam Hendricks (right) accepted the Grain Crops Science Service Award for Hendricks Farms.

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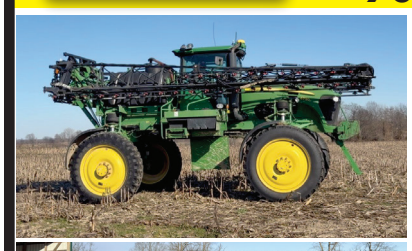









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2008 John Deere 4730 Self-Propelled Sprayer: Hours: 4,261 • Tires: 380/90R46 • Booms: 90 ft • Nozzle Spacing: 15" • Plumbing: Stainless Piping • Tank Capacity: 800 Gallon • Fill: 3" Fill • Features: Section Control, Boom Height Control, Ride Control • SN#: 4730X004649

DMI 15-Shank Nutri-Placer Anhydrous Applicator: Shanks: 15 • Equipped With: Yetter Shanks • Controls: Raven Controls

Tyler 6-Ton Fertilizer Spreader: Capacity: 6 Ton • Controls: Hydraulic Controls

H&S Model 270 Manure Spreader: Model: 270 • Features: Slop Gate

- **TILLAGE EQUIPMENT**

Great Plains Ultra-Till: Model: UT3030 • Width: 30 ft • Equipped With: Gandy Orbit Air • Hydraulics: Yes

McFarlane Dura-Reel: Working Width: 35 ft • Models: RD-4100 / RD-4135-RB • SN#: 18484

- **GRAIN HANDLING & CONVEYANCE**

Killbros 1800 Grain Cart: Features: Roll Tarp

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Convey-All Seed Cart: Model: B45-290-SP • Conveyor Type: Belt Conveyor • Features: Scales, Roll Top • SN#: 062589 • Mounted On: 2-Axle Trailer • Trailer SN: 220306488

Brandt Grain Belt Conveyor: Model: 1585 • SN#: 92523

Kinze 450 Conveyor: Model: 450 • Conveyor Type: Belt Conveyor

- **TRAILERS & TRANSPORT**

1999 Merritt Hopper Trailer: Length: 40 ft • Model: 41X96X68X25X2AXMGS • ID#: 1MT2P412IYH013278 • Suspension: Air Ride • Tires: 11R24.5 • Tarp: Electric

EZ-Trail 672 Header Trailer: Includes: (6) Stock Stoppers

Green Unverferth Header Wagon: Length: 42 ft

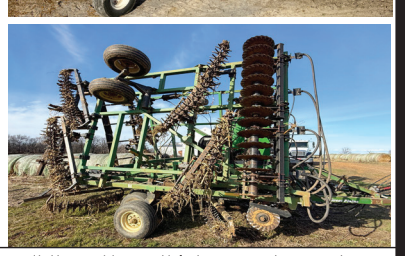
Rawhide Company, Inc. Cattle Gooseneck: Length: 24 ft • Type: Cattle Gooseneck Trailer

Gooseneck Hay Hauler: Length: 16 ft • Construction: Homemade • Capacity: Approx. 6 Round Bales

40 ft Trailmobile Water Trailer: Trailer Number: T63111 • Model: P3IT-OSAH • Tank Setup: (3) – 1,600 Gallon Tanks • (2) Mixing Tanks • Pump: Honda Pump

2002 Great Dane Box Trailer: Length: 53 ft • Axle: Single Axle • Use: Storage Only • Title: No Title Available



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Case IH 7250 MFWD

(Local Consignment) **8,983 hours,** 3 Remotes, Front Tires 420/85/R30, Back Tires 520/85/R42 with Duals, Quick Hitch, Front Fenders, 13 Front Weights

- **COMBINE**

2020 John Deere S780 Combine

945.5 separator hours and 1,325 engine hours, equipped with ProDrive transmission, chopper, PowerCast tailboard, Contour Master, and power fold extension. Equipped with 650/85R38 front dual tires and 750/65R26 rear tires. SN#: 1H0S780SELT810615

- **HEADERS & HEADER SUPPORT**

2019 MacDon FD140 FlexDraper Header, 40 ft 40-ft cutting width and John Deere S-Series hookups. SN#:352251-19

Horst 4-Wheel Steer Header Cart, 45 ft Rated for headers up to 45 ft, equipped with like-new 14-ply tires. SN#:1302515

2014 John Deere 618C Corn Head, 18 Row, 20-inch Spacing (30 ft) Equipped with knife rollers and new paint. SN#: 1H00618CPEX765223

Unverferth Header Transport, 30 ft SN#: A45060227

Crop Sweeper for 12-Row Corn Head Aluminum 30ft wide crop sweeper down corn attachment designed for a 12-row corn head.

- **PLANTING & APPLICATION EQUIPMENT**

Kinze 3700 Planter, 24 Row, 20-inch Spacing Precision Corn Meters, Kinze brush meters, 48-cell and 60-cell bean plates, canola plates, no-till setup with cast closing wheels, and KPM II monitor. SN#: 750925

Great Plains Precision Seeding System Configured for 30-ft width with 7½-inch spacing; includes wheat and soybean plates. Model: 3N3010P

Schaben Applicator / Side Dresser, 23 Row, 20-inch - Bought New Equipped with Raven controls, stainless steel hydraulic pump, 1,500-gallon tank, and Goodyear 380/90R46 tires. SN#: 1093

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- **GRAIN CARTS & HANDLING**

Unverferth 1310 Grain Cart Equipped with roll tarp, Firestone 1250/45-32 tires, and hydraulic-adjust spout. SN#: B29990111

M&W 750 Grain Cart With Shur-lok Roll Tarp, 800/65r32 Tires, Auger With 2-ft Extension, And 1000 Pto, Auger tube Re-Lined and Auger Re-flighted.

- **TILLAGE EQUIPMENT**

2014 Kelly Diamond Harrow, 45 ft SN#: 11505

Unverferth 1225 Rolling Harrow, 32.5 ft

Unverferth 1225 Rolling Harrow, 35 ft

Phoenix H11 Rolling Harrow, 25 ft 25-ft working width; good pasture renovator.

DMI Ecolo-Tiger 730 Ripper Equipped w/hydraulic-adjust coulters & 7 shanks

DMI 2500 7-Shank No-Till Ripper With gauge wheels.

Amco Offset Disc, 14 ft 14-ft working width with 21-inch blades.

- **TRUCK, TRAILERS & BED**

2003 International 9200i Day Cab Truck Detroit Diesel Series 60 (430 HP), 10-speed transmission, air ride, like-new 11R22.5 rubber, 541,882 original miles. VIN: 2HSCEAMR93C051305

2006 Single Hopper Bottom Trailer, 30 ft Shur-Lok tarp, air-operated clam doors, aluminum wheels, like-new General 11R22.5 tires. VIN: 1W9H30296M011024

1998 Single Hopper Bottom Trailer, 28.5 ft Like-new General 11R22.5 tires, Shur-Lok tarp, air doors, aluminum wheels.

Omaha Standard Truck Bed - 12 ft

- **SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & PARTS**

2013 Palmer Fiberglass Fertilizer Tank, 20,000 Gallons Measures 12 ft × 24 ft. Tank will be empty. SN#: G24769

6,000-Gallon Fuel Tank with Pump Equipped with 35-GPM Bluffton pump and 1-inch hose.

2 - 3,200-Bushel Hopper Bottom Grain Bins 1 w/unloading Auger and 1 w/aeriation tube

Kelley Diamond Parts

DMI 2500 7 New Shanks

DMI Ecolo-Tiger 730 Ripper Ripper points new

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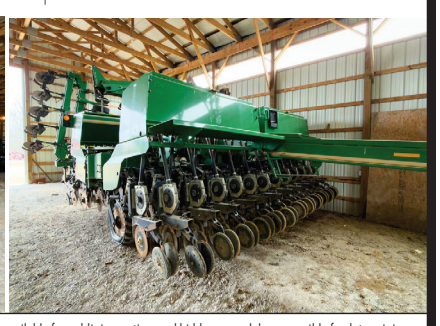
Miscellaneous Kinze Parts







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SIC hosts Section 25 Ag Technology Day

HARRISBURG, Ill. — Southeastern Illinois College recently welcomed Section 25 agriculture instructors and Section 25 FFA officers to campus for an Ag Technology Day highlighting recent upgrades to the college's agriculture and career and technical education programs.

During the visit, participants toured SIC's Career and Technical Education labs, including diesel technology, heavy equipment, welding, and powersports. Demonstrations featured a Switch electric vehicle, a satellite-guided John Deere tractor, an electric wheel loader, and EV training boards used to teach modern electrical and vehicle systems.

The visit provided instructors and student leaders with an opportunity to see how SIC is incorporating new technologies into its programs to better align training with workforce needs across agriculture, transportation, and skilled trades.

"Electric and advanced technologies are becoming more common across agriculture, transportation, and equipment industries," said Robbie Lindhorst, SIC Diesel Technology Instructor. "By integrating EV systems, modern diagnostics, and hands-on training into our classrooms, we're helping students graduate with the skills employers are already looking for, while still building a strong foundation in traditional diesel and mechanical systems."

Through the Taking Back the Trades and REV Up grants, Southeastern Illinois College has invested more than $750,000 in new equipment and training technology. These investments support hands-on learning and help prepare students for careers across SIC's Career and Technical Education programs.

Activities like Ag Technology Day strengthen connections between high school agriculture programs and postsecondary training, while giving instructors and students a firsthand look at career pathways available through SIC's Career and Technical Education programs.

For more information about career and technical education programs at Southeastern Illinois College, visit sic.edu/cte or contact an advisor at advising@sic.edu or 618-252-5400, etc. 4130.



SIC Diesel Technology Instructor Chris Jones discusses modern precision agriculture systems while demonstrating a satellite-guided John Deere tractor during an Ag Technology Day visit at Southeastern Illinois College.



SIC Diesel Technology Instructor Chris Jones discusses hydraulic system training with Dr. Steven Still, Assistant Professor at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, during a campus tour at SIC.



Ethan Ford of Ozark, an SIC Diesel Technology student, demonstrates electric vehicle components using a Switch electric vehicle during an Ag Technology Day visit at Southeastern Illinois College.

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Cultivating agriculture innovation

The agricultural sector is evolving thanks to new technology necessitated by a growing global population and the pressures of climate change. The United Nations predicts a global population of 9.7 billion by 2050. The agricultural sector must figure out a way to meet the demands of that expanding population. These challenges are being offset by advancing technologies that are helping farmers increase productivity while also reducing their ecological impact.

Technological advancements are cultivating innovation within the agricultural sector, and these are some of the options farmers are exploring.

• The internet of things (IoT): IoT is a vast network of objects embedded with sensors, software and connectivity. Farm operations can use low-cost, high-durability sensors deployed across fields to monitor soil moisture, temperature and nutrient levels in real time. These sensors allow for "variable rate application" of water and fertilizers, ensuring resources are directed only where they are needed. A report by Grand View Research says the smart agriculture market is expected to grow at a compounded annual growth rate of 10.8 percent through 2030.

• Robotics and automation: Labor shortages have led to a growing reliance on robotics and autonomous machinery to handle farm work. Modern tractors can be equipped with GPS and LiDAR (light detection and ranging) systems to operate autonomously. Optimized pathfinding helps to reduce soil compaction and more. Specialized robots are capable of selective harvesting, says the Journal of Field Robotics. Fruit pickers can evaluate the ripeness of produce before picking it, minimizing waste. Unmanned aerial vehicles or drones can offer multispectral imagery that enables farmers to identify crop stress before it is visible to people.

• Biotechnology: Farming increasingly

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The foundations of sustainable farming

The agricultural sector is built on plants and animal life, but the industry can still affect the environment in ways that contribute to the ill effects of climate change. According to data published in a 2022 report from McKinsey & Company, agriculture accounts for nearly one-quarter of global emissions, and was identified as the industry that contributes the most to exceeding planetary boundaries. Sustainable farming practices can help reduce that impact.

Even though there is growing consumer demand for more environmentally friendly products, farmers in the United States are lagging behind when it comes to adopting sustainable practices, even though they are aware of them. McKinsey reports that 90 percent of U.S. farmers have an understanding of sustainable farming, but adoption of these practices remains low. Here's a look at some of the sustainable farming practices and what the agricultural sector can do to foster a better planet.

Regenerative techniques

Healthy soil often equates to a healthy planet. The cornerstone of sustainability lies in the soil. The soil serves as a carbon sink and a water filtration system. By avoiding traditional "tilling" farming, farmers can maintain the soil structure. This will reduce erosion and keep carbon sequestered in the ground. Farmers can plant cover crops like rye or clover in the offseason to prevent soil erosion, suppress weeds and increase the organic matter of the soil. Diversifying species planted in fields will break pest cycles and naturally replenish soil nutrients over time. This can reduce the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Efficient irrigation

Global water scarcity continues to be a concern, and sustainable farms will prioritize water stewardship. In utilizing drip irrigation, which delivers water directly to a plant's roots, farmers can reduce evaporation and runoff when compared to overhead sprinklers. Collecting and storing rainwater runoff for use during drought can minimize the strain on local aquifers.

Biological pest controls

Farmers can rely on the use of integrated pest management strategies to offset chemical pesticide use. By introducing natural predators, farmers can control certain pest populations. For example, ladybugs can reduce aphids on plants. Relying on traps to collect pests also can slow pest outbreaks and reduce reliance on chemicals.

Creating fertilizers

Farmers can use the waste produced on their farms by turning it into valuable fertilizer. According to the USDA, biochar is a black carbon produced from biomass sources like wood chips, plant residues, manure, and other agricultural waste in a low-oxygen environment through a process known was pyrolysis. This material can be used as a soil amendment to improve water retention, nutrient uptake and fertility. Chicken litter, bone meal, blood meal, and compost tea are examples of farm waste-derived products that can be used as fertilizers.

Sustainable farming is a step toward the future that protects the land without compromising output.



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is being developed in the lab before crops even sprout in the fields. Biotechnology is a pillar of agricultural evolution. Gene-editing tools like CRISPR-Cas9 can develop crop varieties that are more resilient to saline soil conditions and drought. Research published in Nature Communications says that bio-engineered crops have the potential to increase yields by up to 20 percent, even in suboptimal environments. This cuts down the time required to create traits that help plants thrive.



• Vertical farming: Vertical farming enables facilities to produce more food per square foot than traditional farming, according to the Association for Vertical Farming. When coupling this with Controlled Environment Agriculture, which employs hydroponic or aeroponic systems, facilities have greater control over conditions that can affect food sources.

The utilization of different technologies across the agricultural sector is driving innovation and production.

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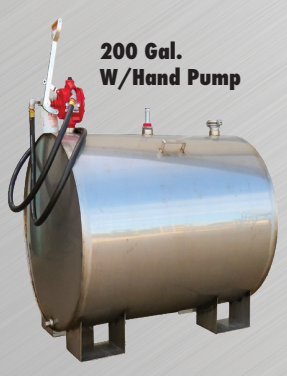
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2013 JOHN DEERE 8310R $139,500

5251 HRS, ILS, 480/70R34 FRONT DUALS, 480/80R50 REAR DUALS, 4 SCV, 1000 PTO, QUICK HITCH, IVT TRANSMISSION, 60 GPM HYD PUMP, S/N 1RW8310RJCD067670



2011 JOHN DEERE 8270R $105,900

6503 HRS, 380/80R38 FRONT TIRES, 480/80R50 REAR DUALS, 5 SCV, 1000 PTO, 16 SPEED POWERSHIFT, 60 GPM HYD PUMP, S/N 1RW8270RKAP011731



2012 JOHN DEERE 7215R $92,500

MFWD, 4528 HRS, 420/30 FRONT TIRES, 480/46 REAR DUALS, 4 SCV, 540/1000 PTO, 20 SPEED POWER QUAD, 43 GPM HYD PUMP, 15,000# HITCH, S/N 1RW7215RECA007261



2018 JOHN DEERE 6155R $92,500

MFWD, C/H/A, 2748 HRS, 380/85R28 FRONT TIRES, 460/85R38 REAR TIRES, 110" AXLES, RACK & PINION REAR AXLES, 3 SCV, 540/1000 PTO, 20 SPEED POWER QUAD, LHR, 4100 PROCESSOR, ATR, S/N 1RW6155RCJA033329



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2018 JOHN DEERE 1795 $79,000

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2005 JOHN DEERE 8120 $70,000

6542 HRS, 420/90R30 FRONT TIRES, 480/80R46 REAR DUALS, 4 SCV, 540/1000 PTO, POWERSHIFT TRANSMISSION, S/N RW8120P031064



2004 JOHN DEERE 8120 $60,000

MFWD, 8351 HRS, 420/85R30 FRONT TIRES, 520/85R42 REAR DUALS, 4 SCV, 1000 PTO, QUICK HITCH, POWERSHIFT TRANSMISSION, S/N RW8120P027273



1997 JOHN DEERE 7810 $50,000

MFWD, 5200 HRS APPROX (NOTHING SHOWS ON DASH WHEN STARTED), 18.4-42 DUALS, 3 SCV, 540/1000 PTO, 16 SPEED POWER QUAD, S/N RW7810H005366



1989 JOHN DEERE 4955 $46,500

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Four careers in modern agriculture

Farming and ranching may be the first roles people think of when they envision jobs in agriculture. But the modern agricultural sector offers a much wider range of career paths as well. As technology, sustainability and consumer demand impacts the industry, a greater number of unique and innovative career paths have emerged and opened doors for people with a wide range of skills.

According to the United States government and industry projections, the agricultural and food sectors supported about 22.1 million jobs in 2022, and growth is expected. Those exploring agriculture as a possible career field can look to these unique roles.

Precision agriculture specialist

A precision agriculture specialist is an emerging and dynamic role in the field. These professionals apply data analytics, GPS, sensor technology, and drone usage to optimize crop yields and input use. According to data reported by Zipdo, use of digital devices, AI and other tools in farming has surged. Digital tool use has risen by roughly 50 percent in the last five years, and drone technology adoption grew by 48 percent between 2019 and 2023. Estimates suggest that precision agriculture will expand robustly through the latter half of the decade, and individuals guiding this expansion will be in demand.

Sustainability consultants

Agriculture sustainability consultants also are important to modern farming. These professionals are responsible for advising farms and agribusinesses on eco-friendly practices. These may include soil conservation, water management, carbon sequestration, and regenerative agriculture. In addition, animal welfare and livestock technology specialists improve animal health and support ethical and sustainable farming practices. The Bureau of Labor Statistics says agriculture and food scientists working in science and sustainability are projected to see employment opportunities grow by about 6 percent between 2024 and 2034, which is faster than the average for all U.S. occupations.



Digital marketing

Careers in digital marketing and agricultural communications also are gaining traction, with consumers increasingly being interested in where their food comes from. Agricultural businesses need storytellers, social media managers and content creators to share engaging and transparent narratives about the innovative efforts taking place on their farms.

Agricultural entrepreneurs

Entrepreneurs, known as "agripreneurs" within the industry, are the go-getters who are helping to redefine the agricultural sector. These people develop plant-based products or ag-tech startups, combining creativity with agricultural knowledge and business development. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce says the agriculture and food industries contributed $1.53 trillion to the U.S. economy in 2023, and agripreneurs are a rising part of that equation who are fueling innovation.

Careers in agriculture are diverse and profitable. There are many paths individuals can take to contribute to this vital industry.

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Facing rising costs, farmers focus on the future

By Laurna Todd
FQ Writer

The 2026 Winter Ag Conference brought farmers, FFA members, and agricultural professionals together in Graves County on Feb. 6 for a day of networking, education, and discussion about the challenges facing today's farm economy.

Key topics included rising input expenses, trade pressures, and the aging population of American farmers. Speakers provided insight into current market conditions, equipment trends, and the financial outlook for producers. While some costs such as fuel, feed, and interest rates may begin to stabilize, overall production expenses remain a major concern for many operations.

Equipment values were highlighted as a continuing pressure point, with higher prices influencing farmers to hold onto machinery longer and rely more heavily on the used market. Industry observers noted this trend could eventually tighten the availability of quality used equipment.

High input costs continue to strain profitability nationwide. Expenses for seed, fertilizer, fuel, labor, and interest have all climbed significantly in recent years, creating difficult financial conditions even for efficient, well-established farms. Local producers acknowledged that maintaining margins in the current environment is one of the toughest challenges they have faced.



Keith Lowry stands with local FFA students at the Winter Ag Conference hosted at Lowry Farms in Graves County, which drew a crowd of more than 100 attendees.

The conference also addressed long-term concerns about the future of farming. With the average farmer nearing retirement age, barriers such as access to land, capital, and affordable housing make it difficult for young producers to enter the industry. Even so, leaders emphasized that agriculture still offers strong opportunities through technology, business innovation, and diversified career paths.

Two local FFA chapters—Graves County and Murray High Schools—were represented at the conference, where students connected with producers, explored current industry trends, and attended a keynote presentation focused on agricultural equipment markets.

Organizers reported a strong turnout and positive community response, highlighting the value of bringing farmers and agribusiness leaders together. Despite ongoing challenges, the overall message remained clear: the agricultural community continues to adapt, support one another, and remain committed to the future of farming.

How STEM powers modern agriculture

The image of farmers clad in flannel shirts while livestock pull plows through the fields may still be foremost on the minds of individuals asked to imagine farm life. But such images may no longer reflect an industry increasingly governed by advanced technology.

Even small-scale family farms have recognized the advantages of embracing technology to help make their operations more efficient and successful. Manual plows and tractors largely have been replaced by fleets of autonomous machines and precision farming technology.

Experts agree that the evolution of modern farming is a case study in the application of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. STEM is helping to address the problem of global food security and widespread climate change. U.S. News & World Report says 27 percent of new high-skills jobs in agriculture will require a STEM education. There are many ways STEM is utilized within the agricultural sector.

• ***Genomics and biotechnology:*** Scientists can now identify specific traits in plant DNA that will allow for more drought-resistant crops or those better equipped to tolerate problems like downy mildew. Other traits may make plants more capable of thriving in saline soils. Soil science also enables farmers to learn more about the complex microbiome of the soil, which ultimately can help to maximize nutrient uptake.

• ***Precision agriculture:*** STEM is a force behind precision agriculture, which the United States Department of Agriculture says is a term to describe farming based on observing, measuring and responding to within-field variability through crop management. Precision farming utilizes remote sensing from satellites and drones, sensors embedded in the soil or devices worn by livestock to provide real-time data. AI tools also are used to predict harvest yields and optimize fertilization and irrigation.

• ***Robotics:*** Automation and robotics fills a void

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Turning passion into realty:

A student's calling to advocate, communicate and serve is coming to life through an agricultural communications internship at the University of Kentucky.

By Jacob Rudy

LEXINGTON, Ky.— Though he grew up on a family farm, Jacob Rudy's calling to agriculture came much later. Now a sophomore at the University of Kentucky, Rudy's journey has evolved from looking at agriculture as "just a job" to discovering a passion for agricultural advocacy and leadership.

Rudy grew up in Daviess County, where agriculture and farming were a daily occurrence rather than a long-term career goal. While farming played a central role in his upbringing, he initially viewed it as a task to be done, not something that would define his future.

"When you grow up on a farm, it becomes normal, almost routine," Rudy said. "For a long time, I didn't understand how impactful this industry really was. I thought it was just a job, but now I know it means so much more — especially here in Kentucky."

Rudy's perspective began to change once he joined his local FFA chapter, following in his dad's footsteps. Rudy held several leadership positions before serving as a Kentucky FFA State Officer. During that year, he was exposed to the broader impact of agriculture beyond a farm gate.

"Serving as a Kentucky FFA Officer completely changed the way I viewed agriculture," Rudy said. "It showed me that agriculture is not just row crops. It's people, policy, education and advocacy. Because of this, I eventually realized I didn't just want to work in agriculture. I wanted to fight for it."

That realization sparked Rudy's passion for advocacy and heavily influenced his academic path. After his year as a State FFA Officer, Rudy found himself mentioning agriculture in every conversation he had. Whether it was with a classmate in his economics course or with a fellow member of the Student Government Association, that's all he wanted to talk about, and one day it dawned upon him.



Jacob Rudy at the UK Gatton Student Center on campus. Picture by Brian Volland.

Photo by Brian Volland

"I wasn't meant to be a direct part of the agricultural industry; my purpose is to help people understand and appreciate it," Rudy said.

While enrolled in the agricultural education and advocacy program, part of the Community and Leadership Development Program, Rudy recognized the importance of communication in strengthening agriculture's voice. He quickly became interested in storytelling and media, and believes they are tools that will educate the public, create a positive perception and amplify the voices of agriculture.

That led him to pursue an internship with the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Marketing and Agricultural Communications Department, contributing to news stories, event coverage and multimedia production that highlight the work of the college and Kentucky's agricultural community.

"This internship will give me a unique opportunity to serve agriculture," Rudy said. "Instead of being the one in the spotlight, I'm helping to tell the stories that deserve to be heard."

Through this position, Rudy will have the opportunity to engage with faculty, students and industry leaders — further expanding his understanding of agriculture's landscape.

"This is just one of the many ways this college will help develop me into a contributing member of our industry and prepare me for what's next," Rudy said.

Looking ahead, Rudy hopes to continue building a career centered on advocacy and public service. Whether through agricultural communications, policy work, or leadership roles, he remains committed to representing the industry that shaped his upbringing and values.

"I started on a farm thinking agriculture was just work," Rudy said. "Now I know it is my calling. This internship is helping me take the next step toward serving this industry for the rest of my life."

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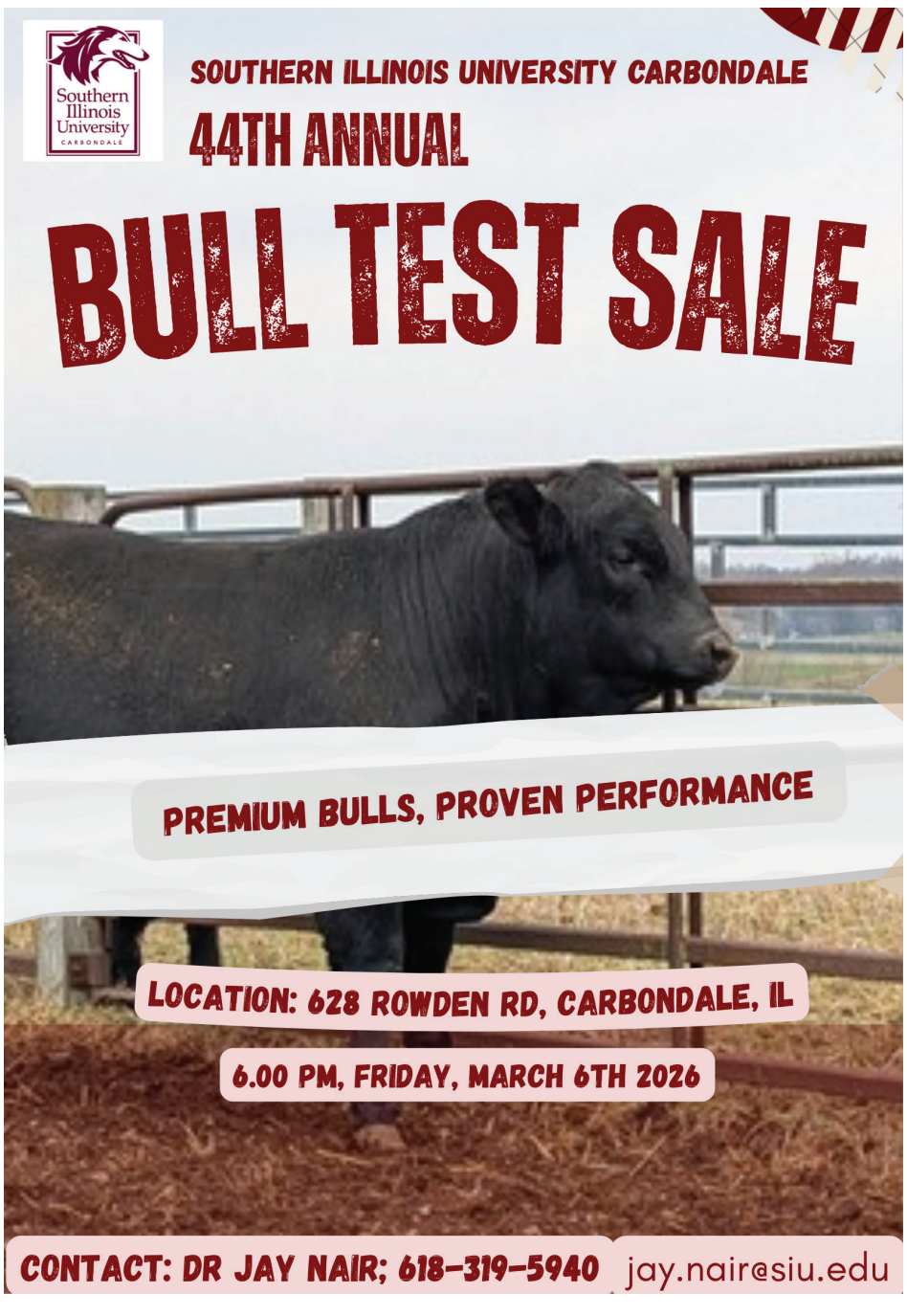
Jacob Rudy as a young child (middle) working with his dad and sister on the family farm in Daviess County.

Picture provided by Jacob Rudy





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created by human worker shortages. Agricultural engineers help design machinery or focus on the physical infrastructure of the farm. Engineers also are the minds behind innovative farming practices like vertical farming and controlled environment agriculture, which encompasses hydroponic and aeroponic systems.

• Mathematical analysis: Math is vital in the agricultural sector. Statistics, predictive modeling, accounting, and risk management, are types of mathematical analysis employed to forecast global food supplies and profits.

The link between STEM and agriculture is undeniable.

STEM is an important driver of the industry and only stands to gain influence in the years to come.

The effects of soil degration



Soil degradation is an environmental concern that occurs when land becomes less fit for a specific purpose, like crop production. As the soil loses nutrients, namely phosphorous, nitrogen and potassium, crop yields can decline significantly, compounding the problem of food shortages resulting from a growing global population.

The lack of a strong foundation to grow food and other plants is just one of the problems associated with soil degradation. Here are some additional issues tied to soil degradation.

• ***Nutritional decline***: Food grown in over-taxed soil may have a lower nutrient density. This can lead to micronutrient deficiencies in the human population.

• ***Farm closures:*** When soil erodes too much to support agriculture, farmers may abandon the land and their operations.

• ***Loss of biodiversity:*** Soils are a reservoir of biodiversity. The Food and Agriculture Organization says that a healthy soil may be home to up to 25 percent of the planet's biodiversity. Degradation can destroy the habitat for bacteria, fungi and insects that contribute to the cycling of nutrients.

• ***Poor infiltration capacity:*** Degraded soils are not able to soak up rainwater as effectively as healthy soil. This can lead to water run-off and instances of flash floods. In arid locations, extreme degradation can lead to desertification, which occurs when land is unable to support vegetation.

• ***Climate change triggers:*** The ocean, forests and soil are the world's largest carbon sinks, according to Client Earth. When soil erodes or is tilled to excess, stored organic carbon can oxidize and release into the atmosphere as carbon dioxide, contributing to climate change. Furthermore, degraded land is not capable of supporting lush vegetation necessary to pull carbon out of the atmosphere.

• ***Global unrest:*** As healthy, arable land becomes scarce, the competition for fertile territories can lead to local and international conflict. Food scarcity also contributes to higher prices on products across the world.

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Integrated Pest Management Virtual Training School set for March 19th

By Jennifer Elwell

LEXINGTON, Ky.— University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Extension specialists will share the latest integrated pest management (IPM) farming innovations during the 2026 IPM Virtual Training School.

Developed to help Kentucky's grain, forage and produce farmers, this annual one-day virtual workshop takes place March 19, beginning at 8 a.m. CST via Zoom.

"IPM is core to managing our farms for sustainability and financial stability," said Ric Bessin, UK Extension entomologist. "Our leading subject matter specialists will share their latest research addressing core production challenges, including weed, disease, insect and nutrient management for row crops and specialty crops."

The morning field crop sessions will include presentations on weed control for pastures and grain crops, updated recommendations for corn and wheat disease management, and control of fall armyworm and alfalfa weevil. Other topics include fertilization methods for organic crop production, nutrient management in cropping systems, and best practices for drone applications.

The afternoon horticulture sessions will include presentations on fungicide schedules for tree fruit, advancements in biopesticides, mechanical weed control, fertility management of vegetable crops, and preparing a greenhouse for a successful growing season.

New to the lineup of topics is wildlife damage, an issue that affects most outdoor crops. Matthew Springer, associate Extension professor of wildlife management in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, will present multiple methods to reduce wildlife damage across production systems.

"Wildlife populations can be problematic for producers across Kentucky, with numerous species ranging in size from voles to bears causing issues," Springer said. "This program will help producers understand the legal options they have to help reduce or restrict wildlife damage in their operations, subsequently benefiting their bottom lines."

After each session, attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions. The training also offers continuing education units for commercial pesticide applicators and Certified Crop Advisers.

Online registration is required to participate. For questions or more information, contact Zenaida Viloria at zenaida.viloria@uky.edu or 859-562-1336.



The IPM Virtual Training School will address core production challenges, including weed, disease, insect and wildlife management for row crops and specialty crops.

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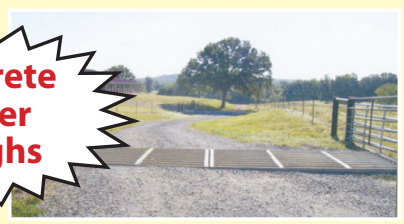

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By WAVE River Counties AG Initiative

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Quoting our Partnership Luncheon speaker Stephen Vaden .."I took a photo of this chart and sent it directly of Secretary Rollins to show her what impact this program was having on Rural America."

The WAVE area

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Kentucky farmer leaders to serve on NCGA input Cost Task Force

In response to mounting financial pressure on corn producers, the National Corn Growers Association's (NCGA) Input Cost Task Force is sounding the alarm on the harmful impact that high input costs are having on farmers' profitability.

Economic analysis from NCGA shows that average costs of production have only declined 3 percent between 2022 and 2025, while corn prices have dropped more than 50 percent in that same period. Even with projected stronger yields, most corn growers are still expecting 2026 to be a fourth year of negative returns.

The task force is working to identify practical, short- and medium-term measures that farmers, industry stakeholders, and policymakers can take to mitigate input cost burdens. The Task Force's objectives are to explore, understand, raise awareness, and provide solutions to address the stubbornly high cost of critical inputs used in corn production that impact farmers' productivity and profitability.

Since the Task Force's formation, policymakers, regulators, and industry partners have taken notice:

NCGA has endorsed Senator Grassley's Fertilizer Research Act, which would result in greater USDA reporting and transparency related to fertilizer market dynamics and prices.

The Trump Administration announced that it would reduce tariffs on important fertilizer imports.

The Department of the Interior added phosphate and potash to the critical minerals list.

The Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on "Competition issues in the seed and fertilizer industries".

USDA signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Department of Justice to strengthen competition for agricultural inputs.

NCGA worked with House Members on improving a draft letter to USDA and DOJ regarding the inputs and highlighting the role of antitrust enforcement.

Moving forward, NCGA's input Task Force will continue to evaluate the economics of input supply chains and markets. The Task Force will also explore policy and regulatory solutions to increase supply and competition in input markets.

The Input Cost Task Force is led by Matt Frostic, a Michigan corn farmer and first vice president for NCGA. Herndon, Ky. farmer and NCGA board member Brandon Hunt and Kentucky Corn Executive Director Laura Knoth serve on the task force, along with a cross-section of other farmers, state association staff, and NCGA personnel.

The family farm

Small farms are the lifeblood of rural communities. According to the Farm Bureau, 97 percent of American farms are owned by families. Small family farms make up the majority of farms nationwide and operate a higher share of acres altogether than any other farm size.

It's important to note that the distinction "family farm" does not necessarily always mean a small-scale operation. Ten percent of farms owned by families generate more than $350,000 in annual revenue.

Despite this, small-scale farms are mired in a long-term decline, according to recent U.S. Department of Agriculture reports. Driven by economic pressures, government policies generally are favoring large operations, consolidation and tighter competition.



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OAK is a resource for farmers working to build resilience. Healthier soils hold water and nutrients. Diversified markets create stability. Stronger local food systems keep dollars circulating in rural communities. To learn more about OAK's programs and services, visit www.oak-ky.org or reach out at info@oak-ky.org or 502-219-737





Advancements in livestock technology

Consumer demand drives changes in industry, and the agricultural sector is no exception. Consumer demands for improved animal welfare have led to changes in the livestock sector, and various technologies have been developed and are in development to help this particular segment of the agricultural industry thrive.

According to the Animal AgTech Innovation Summit, various startups have developed technologies that can make the livestock industry more sustainable and efficient.

Treatment

The Israeli firm Armenta has developed a non-antibiotic treatment for bovine mastitis that utilizes acoustic pulse technology. The treatment has a 70 percent cure rate.

Another firm working to treat livestock is the United States-based General Probiotics. Animal AgTech reports that General Probiotics develops cellbots and antimicrobial probiotics that eliminate harmful pathogens in livestock. That can reduce dependency on antibiotics and make food production safer.

Welfare

Faromatics, a firm based in Spain, has combined robotics, artificial intelligence and big data to improve animal welfare and farm productivity. One Faromatics product utilizes a robot suspended from a ceiling to monitor certain variables, including equipment function and health and welfare, that affect broiler chickens.

The American firm Swinetech utilizes voice recognition and computer vision technology in its SmartGuard product to prevent piglet deaths from crushing and starvation. The product also makes it possible to track and facilitate obstetrical assistance.

Operations

Based in Uganda, Jaguza Tech has developed a livestock management system that utilizes sensors, data science and machine learning to improve the efficiency, productivity and sustainability of modern farm operations. Farmers can utilize Jaguza to perform a host of functions, including monitoring their animals' health and identifying their livestock.



The Netherlands-based H2Oalert is a water control management system that checks the quality and quantity of cattle drinking water in real time. The management system also checks for pollution and malfunctions in the water supply.

Livestock technology continues to advance, and firms across the globe are developing new products and platforms to help livestock farmers make their operations more efficient, sustainable and productive.

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University of Kentucky taps Steven Price to lead Forestry and Natural Resources Department

Dr. Steven Price is the new Department Chair of the Forestry and Natural Resources Department at the UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

By Christopher Carney

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The University of Kentucky Office of the Provost has recently appointed Steven Price as Chair of the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR) at the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Price's administrative appointment begins Feb. 1 and concludes Jan. 31, 2032.

"Dr. Price is an outstanding scholar, mentor and leader who understands the critical role forests and natural resources play in Kentucky's economy, environment and communities," said Laura Stephenson, vice president for land-grant engagement and dean of the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "His vision for FNR aligns with our land-grant mission to advance discovery, educate the next generation of leaders and support communities throughout Kentucky."

With woodlands in each of the 120 counties and forest industries in 110 counties, Kentucky's forests contribute approximately $20 billion to the Commonwealth's economy annually. For Price, advancing the college's commitment to supporting Kentucky's woodlands starts with UK's people within the FNR Department.

"I am excited about leading a team dedicated to advancing forestry, wildlife and sustainable natural resource management in Kentucky," Price said. "Our foundation is strong, with excellent staff, innovative faculty and outstanding students who value our hands-on instructional and research opportunities."

Price joined UK's FNR Department in 2012 as a research and teaching faculty member. From 2017 to 2023, he served as director of graduate studies for the Forest and Natural Resource Sciences graduate program, helping develop a new doctoral program. Price is currently a professor of stream and riparian ecology and has served as acting FNR department chair since Feb. 2025.



Dr. Steven Price.

Photo by Matt Barton

Price's research focuses on the conservation and management of nongame wildlife and freshwater systems, addressing critical issues in forestry, land management, restoration science and other natural resource topics relevant to Kentucky and the Central Appalachian region. The central goal of his research program is to mentor and train students.

As a UK faculty member, Price and his students have established a strong scholarly record — publishing 78 peer-reviewed articles and securing approximately $7 million in research funding from federal and state agencies, as well as nongovernmental organizations.

His teaching portfolio includes undergraduate and graduate courses in FNR, such as Herpetology and Research Methods in Forestry. Although he has not held a formal Extension appointment, Price's Lab group is actively engaged in outreach and Extension-related activities across Kentucky.

Price is excited about FNR's future, building on the department's many successes and continuing to support the college's land-grant mission.

"Our efforts will focus on increasing research and Extension impact, expanding instructional programs and investing in the department and its facilities, with an emphasis on providing FNR students with the opportunities and instruction needed to prepare them for careers in forest and natural resource management," Price said. "While there is much work ahead, more for me to learn and always challenges to navigate, I am committed to putting in the hard work and perseverance needed to achieve the department's shared goals."

Price's administrative appointment is still pending final approval by the UK Board of Trustees during its next meeting, scheduled for Apr. 24.

Learn more about the Forestry and Natural Resources Department at Martin-GAFE.

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Messages from Commissioners of Agriculture

Jonathan Shell

KENTUCKY



Welcome to the 60th National Farm Machinery Show, the country's largest indoor farm show. It's a can't miss event – one that we are proud is hosted in Kentucky.

Farming is a way of life for many in Kentucky, but its impact is vital for every resident. It's why, as Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner, I'm dedicated to ensuring a bright future for agriculture.

Kentucky has long been rooted in agriculture so much so that 2025 agricultural cash receipts are expected to once again be near record levels of $8.3 billion. That reflects just a portion of the estimated $49.6 billion impact agriculture has on Kentucky's economy.

From its No. 1 farm commodity, poultry, to beef cattle, which numbers rank Kentucky as the No. 1 beef producing state east of the Mississippi River, to corn and soybean, two commodities that each bring in more than $1 billion annually, Kentucky's wide diversity of farm products keeps the state growing. Agriculture means economic development.

The Kentucky General Assembly recognized that potential when it committed $5 million toward agricultural economic development. With this funding we aim to amplify net income for existing farming operations and expand agricultural infrastructure, allowing Kentucky farmers and ranchers to realize the value added by a robust circular supply chain.

Considering the urgent need for farmland preservation and supply chain expansion and stability in thousands of families across the Commonwealth, this is an important and critical step.

Farming is necessary. But farming is hard and expensive. As a result, farmland is shrinking atan alarming rate in Kentucky. It is imperative that we find a way to keep farmland productive, both in the agricultural sense and in the financial sense.

With this momentum, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture is embarking on a statewide initiative to increase agriculture's economic stronghold. Investing in agriculture ensures the long- term prosperity of farming families across the state sustaining agriculture for generations to come.

— Jonathan Shell
Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner

Jerry Costello

ILLINOIS



Illinois Department of Agriculture announces $3.6 Million in grant funds for local food infrastructure

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) announced plans to distribute $3.6 million in fiscal year 2026 at the Everything Local conference in Springfield on Wednesday. The funds, which were appropriated in the FY26 state budget, will be used to support local food processing, aggregation, and distribution. Grants will be available for collaborative projects from $1,000 to $250,000 and for individual projects from $1,000 to $75,000.

"Strong agriculture depends on strong infrastructure," said IDOA Director Jerry Costello II. "The Local Food Infrastructure Grant program gives Illinois farmers the processing, aggregation, and distribution capacity they need to ensure Illinois-grown food can reach consumers."

Applications for grant funding will be available February 18, 2026, on the Illinois Department of Agriculture website.

"Everyone benefits when we empower our local farmers," said State Senator Doris Turner (D-Springfield), Chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee. "By fortifying the food system, we are supporting our local farmers and mitigating food insecurity. This funding will expand access to fresh, local foods, strengthen the local economy and grow the food supply chain."

"When we say farm-to-home food, we forget about the critical infrastructure in between," said State Senator David Koehler (D-Peoria), member of the

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Andy Holt

TENNESSEE



Last year, I transitioned from serving as Deputy Commissioner to leading the Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) as Commissioner. I reflect on 2025 as a year of growth and recovery for Tennessee's agricultural and forestry sectors.

TDA awarded a new round of Agricultural Enterprise Fund grants—investing in a wide array of enterprises, from dairy and wood products to apiaries, specialty food and ag tech operations—designed to increase farm income, expand markets and foster innovation across our rural economy.

We also launched another round of the Forestry, Agriculture, and Rural Markets cost share program, committing funds to help farmers and forest products producers invest in essential equipment to strengthen agricultural supply chains, support job creation and build resilience.

Looking ahead, I envision 2026 as a year of strengthening economic opportunity and ensuring agriculture and forestry remain the cornerstones of Tennessee's economy and communities.

I am engaging more deeply with producers through enhanced outreach. My Tennessee Roots Tour is underway where I am connecting directly with farmers, forest landowners and rural communities, listening to their needs and celebrating their contributions.

I also want to highlight the critical relief and recovery efforts following Hurricane Helene. In late 2025, the U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded a $38.1 million block grant to Tennessee that is designated for East Tennessee counties. The Hurricane Helene Agricultural and Timber Relief Fund application window is expected to open in 2026.

— Andy Holt
Tennessee Agriculture Commissioner

Don Lamb

INDIANA



Many people think of Indiana as a corn and soybean state. While it's true that Indiana ranks fourth in the country for soybean production and fifth for corn, our agricultural landscape is far more diverse than most realize. Even as rowcrop farmers continue to face low commodity prices and high inflation, our livestock sectors remain strong. Indiana is also home to a thriving hardwood industry and a wide range of specialty crops, including watermelon, cantaloupe, tomatoes, mint and potatoes. Over the past year, our state has made real progress in recognizing this diversity and supporting growth across all sectors.

We also have several exciting new ventures underway. Sustainea's investment in Lafayette marks an important opportunity for Indiana agriculture. By using cornbased dextrose to produce renewable bioMEG, the project creates a new and reliable market for Hoosier grown corn. This added demand supports local prices and gives farmers another outlet for their grain. Sustainea's partnership with Primient, including its regenerative agriculture initiative, further promotes soil health and longterm sustainability. Together, these efforts connect Indiana farmers to a growing biobased manufacturing sector and reinforce the state's leadership in agricultural innovation. Looking ahead to 2026, our focus is on raising revenue and reducing production costs for our rowcrop farmers. As always, Indiana producers will meet challenges with innovation and determination. Nationally, we will continue to pursue export opportunities and build relationships with emerging markets. And we will keep adding value to the products we grow — something Indiana agriculture has long excelled at.

Agriculture is special, and I am proud to be part of Team Ag Indiana

— Don Lamb,
Indiana Commissioner of Agriculture

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(according to most recent Census) contains 960 farms. We dare say if it was announced that any business or industry was seeing a 13 million dollar boost to 960 employees in our area, it would be big news! Yet, our local farmers will humbly and appreciatively accept these payments and re-invest them into loan payments or even higher input costs with the hope that 2026 will be much better. It's the Farmer Way!

Thank a farmer... these payments are not a Handout but rather a Hand Up trying to assist our farmers while embracing our American Cheap Food policy.

We need to take care of our Farmers... instead of talking about farmers using the word "Survivability" we need to be talking about "PROFITABILITY"! Farmers deserve a Profit!

2026 USDA Farm Bridge Assistance (FBA)

Here are the economic impact estimates based on multiplying the acreage in each county (corn, soybeans, wheat, canola) by the recent USDA Farmer Bridge Assistance per-acre payment rates. Acreages are estimates based on most recent Census of Ag.

Estimated Economic Impact by County

Ballard County (KY)

Crop	Acres	Payment Rate	Total Bridge Payments
Corn	25,175	$44.36	$1,116,383
Soybeans	35,925	$30.88	$1,109,196
Wheat	10,206	$39.35	$401,510
Canola	3,000	$23.57	$70,710
Total estimated (Ballard): ~			**$2,697,799**

Carlisle County (KY)

Crop	Acres	Payment Rate	Total Bridge Payments
Corn	29,632	$44.36	$1,314,556
Soybeans	58,965	$30.88	$1,820,325
Wheat	18,205	$39.35	$716,596
Canola	5300	$23.57	$124,921
Total estimated (Carlisle): ~			**$3,976,398**

Hickman County (KY)

Crop	Acres	Payment Rate	Total Bridge Payments
Corn	35,049	$44.36	$1,555,362
Soybeans	47,306	$30.88	$1,460,557
Wheat	14,167	$39.35	$557,540
Canola	900	$23.57	$21,213
Total estimated (Hickman): ~			**$3,594,672**

Fulton County (KY)

Crop	Acres	Payment Rate	Total Bridge Payments
Corn	25,000	$44.36	$1,109,000
Soybeans	53,000	$30.88	$1,636,640
Wheat	7,100	$39.35	$279,385
Canola	1500	$23.57	$35,355
Total estimated (Fulton): ~			**$3,060,380**

Summary — Total Estimated Bridge Payments

WAVE AG County		Other WAVE Counties	
Ballard ~	$2.69 million	McCracken -	$1.41 million
Carlisle ~	$3.98 million	Calloway -	$3.38 million
Hickman ~	$3.59 million	Graves -	$6.64 million
Fulton ~	$3.06 million	Marshall -	$1.5 million

Grand total (all four WAVE AG counties): ≈ $13.32 million
Grand total of All Purchase Counties - = $26.25 million
Note: Estimates only, based off 2022 Census of Ag

Farmers appreciate EPA's science based approach

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall commented today on EPA finalizing the registration of dicamba products.

"Farmers appreciate the decision by Administrator Lee Zeldin and the EPA to release a new registration and updated label for dicamba, an important herbicide that allows farmers to grow safe and healthy food and

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Jonathan Reynolds honored with KSA's Eddie Voils Leadership Award

The Kentucky Soybean Association (KSA) presented its 2025 Eddie Voils Leadership Award during the Kentucky Commodity Conference held on January 15.

This award is presented to the past year's top volunteer. It is a reflection of hard work, respect, and dedication to the soybean industry. This award is named for former KSA President Eddie Voils, who was extremely passionate about what the Kentucky Soybean Association stands for.

This year's winner has been an active member of the Kentucky Soybean Association since 2016, and he has earned this award through dedication to service in a wide variety of ways.

Jonathan Reynolds first came on the soybean scene as a youngster, accompanying his grandfather to the National Farm Machinery Show, Murray State University Soybean Promotion Day, University field days and other events. While still in college at the Murray State University Hutson School of Ag, he reached out to the soybean office to inquire if he could attend Soybean Leadership College while still an undergrad. Of course, the answer was a resounding "yes," and he has been active ever since.

From Frankfort to Washington, D.C., Reynolds has a solid grasp on issues that affect his operation (and yours) at the farm gate level. Time spent with his grandfather along with his FFA State Officer training have served him well, as he's an outstanding and persuasive speaker. He's written and signed off on countless letters since being in Association leadership, and he's quite accessible to the media, speaking out on everything from the Farm Bill and the 45 Z tax credit to the biofuels policy and bridge payments.

Recently, Reynolds was re-elected as President of the Kentucky Soybean Association. He also serves on the Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board, helping to invest Kentucky's portion of the soy checkoff into efforts designed to elevate return on investment and provide opportunities for Kentucky soybean farmers to succeed. Celebration.



Reynolds accepts the Eddie Voils Leadership Award from Eddie Voils' granddaughter, Ashley Coffey, during the Kentucky Commodity Conference Awards Celebration.

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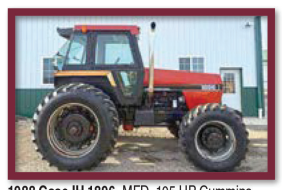

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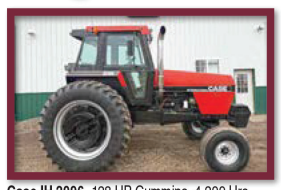

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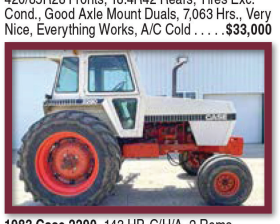

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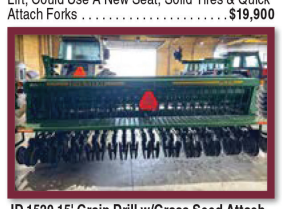

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Farming tips for horses and mules

Choosing & Using the Right Animal

Mules = endurance + brains. They're fantastic for hot climates, hills, and long days. Less likely to overwork themselves.

Horses = power + responsiveness. Great for heavier pulls and quicker field work.

Match size to task. Oversized animals waste feed; undersized ones get sore and sour.

Harness & Equipment (this matters more than people think)

Fit is everything. Poorly fitting collars cause sore shoulders fast. Check for rubs daily.

Keep leather clean and oiled. Dirt = friction = wounds.

Balance the load. If a plow or wagon pulls crooked, the animal pays for it.

Training & Handling

Consistency beats force. Calm repetition builds trust and reliability.

Voice commands are gold. "Whoa," "gee," and "haw" save your arms and the animal's mouth.

Train young but don't rush. Short sessions, quit on a good note.

Field Work Smarts

Work during cool hours. Early morning and late afternoon preserve energy and health.

Take frequent breathers. Especially after turns or heavy pulls.

Watch footing. Mud, stones, and uneven ground cause injuries fast.

Feeding & Health

Good hay first, grain second. Most work animals don't need heavy grain if forage is quality.

Salt and clean water always available.

Hoof care is non-negotiable. Trim regularly; shoes only if conditions demand it.

Know heat stress signs: heavy sweating — no sweating — trouble. Stop early.

Mules: Special Notes

They remember everything. Good handling creates a partner; bad handling creates a lifetime problem.

Stubborn = usually confused or uncomfortable. Check harness, load, or footing before blaming attitude.

They're excellent teachers. If a mule refuses, there's often a reason.

Farmer Mindset

Think long-term. A healthy animal that works 10–15 years beats one pushed hard for 2.

Respect the animal's intelligence. They're coworkers, not machines.

End the day right. Cool down, brush off sweat, check for sores.

Choosing the Right Plow

Single-bottom is your friend. Especially if you're new. Better control, less fatigue for animals.

Match plow size to soil. Heavy clay needs a narrower bottom; light sandy soil can handle wider.

Sharp share = happy animals. A dull plow can double the draft. Keep it filed or replaced.

Hitching & Draft Setup

Set the singletree level. If it tilts, the pull is uneven and hard on shoulders.

Correct draft line matters. The pull should go straight from collar to plow—no upward or downward strain.

Adjust traces, not muscle. If it's pulling hard, stop and adjust instead of pushing the team.

Depth & First Furrow

Don't start too deep. First round should be shallow to open the soil.

Ideal depth: usually 5–7 inches. Deeper isn't better—it's just harder.

Straight first furrow sets the whole field. Take your time lining it up.

Team Management While Plowing

Steady pace beats speed. Let the plow do the work.

Use your lines lightly. A relaxed hand keeps the animals relaxed.

Watch shoulders and breathing. If they're straining, something's wrong—stop and check.

Turning at the Headland

Lift the plow early. Don't drag it through the turn.

Give animals room. Tight turns stress shoulders and minds.

Keep turns consistent. Predictability keeps the team calm.

Soil & Timing

Plow when soil crumbles, not smears. Too wet = compaction; too dry = brutal draft.

Fall plowing: easier pull, buries residue.

Spring plowing: lighter work but needs good timing to avoid clods.

Working With Mules vs Horses (Plowing)

Mules prefer lighter, steady draft. They shine in long straight pulls.

Horses handle sudden resistance better. Like roots or heavy sod.

Let mules think. If they slow down, check the plow—don't whip.

Common Plowing Problems (and Fixes)

Plow won't stay in ground: adjust clevis lower, add depth gradually.

Hard pulling: sharpen share, reduce depth, check soil moisture.

Uneven furrows: check hitch alignment and animal stride match.

End-of-Day Plowing Care

Cool animals before unhitching.

Wash sweat and dirt off shoulders and collar area.

Clean and oil the plow. Rust ruins tomorrow's work.

Old-timer rule worth remembering:

If the animals look tired, the plow is wrong. If the plow looks right, the animals won't be tired.

APPROACH, from page B8

fiber. EPA's review and approval process, based on sound science, resulted in guidance that gives us continued confidence it can be safely applied. We look forward to helping ensure farmers clearly understand the updated label requirements.

"Farmers take seriously our responsibility to care for the resources we've been entrusted with, including the careful use of pesticides. Today's announcement will provide farmers with certainty as they plan for this year's planting season."

Farm Bureau has long advocated for access to safe, effective and innovative crop protection tools. This week, AFBF joined several other agricultural organizations in calling on EPA to uphold its science-based review and approval process.



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INFRASTRUCTURE, from page B7

Senate Agriculture Committee. "This investment ensures that our food makes it from farm to local food processor and distribution safely and cleanly to your plates at home."

"With food prices rising across Illinois, investing in local food infrastructure is no longer optional, it's essential," said State Representative Sonya Harper (D-Chicago), Chair of the House Agriculture and Conservation Committee. "We created this program to strengthen our farmers, shorten the supply chain and ensure Illinois families can access affordable, locally grown food. I've spent my career fighting to move our state from food deserts and fragile systems toward real, durable solutions, and this investment helps put that vision into action."

Eligible applicants include Illinois residents who store, process, package, aggregate or distribute value-added agricultural products or plan to do so. These entities must meet one of the following criteria:

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an Illinois food business with fewer than 50 employees

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an Illinois nonprofit organization

a unit of local government in Illinois

To encourage further expansion of the local food industry, all grant funding must be used for purchasing, leasing to own, renting, building or installing infrastructure related to the processing, storage, aggregation, or distribution of value-added agricultural products.

Those interested can prepare for the upcoming application by pre-registering with SAM.gov and the GATA Grantee Portal.

Additional information about the program, supporting links and helpful guidance on getting ahead on the application can be found on the Department's website.

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KSA elects 2026 executive committee

The Kentucky Soybean Association (KSA) Board of Directors elected its 2026 Executive Committee during the January 14 board meeting.

Jonathan Reynolds of Clinton will serve as President, Clay Wells of Clay as Vice-President, Drew Langley of Glendale as Secretary, and Matt Gajdzik of Shelbyville as Treasurer. The slate of officers was elected unanimously.

"It's an honor to serve with these farmer-leaders," Reynolds said. "I'm grateful to serve as KSA President, but this is not a one-man show. Having a solid executive committee is crucial to the success of our organization, and this officer team is just that." Reynolds added that he was pleased to see that the officer team is composed of farmers from four different areas of the Commonwealth.

"I think it's great that we have farmers willing to step up and serve as directors and even as officers from across the state," he said. "It wasn't that many years ago that KSA went from having five Areas to having six, to provide growers throughout the state with more representation, and having a President from the Purchase Area, Vice-President from Green River, Secretary from Lincoln Trail and Treasurer from Central Bluegrass gives us several different geographic perspectives. I think that's ideal."

To learn more about the Kentucky Soybean Association or to become a member, visit KySoy.org.



The KSA 2026 Executive Committee includes, l-r Jonathan Reynolds of Clinton, President; Clay Wells of Clay, Vice President; Drew Langley of Elizabethtown, Secretary; and Matt Gajdzik of Shelbyville, Treasurer.

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- Approximately 350 feet of blacktop road frontage on Wrightsburg Rd
- Approximately 1,300 feet of blacktop road frontage on BD Luck Rd
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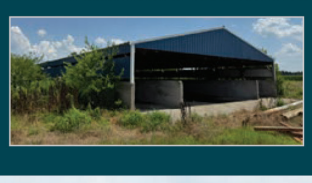
- Potential for multiple alternative uses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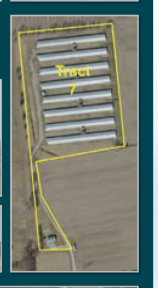

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Pleased with latest 45Z proposal, corn growers commend administration

By Bryan Goodman & Matt Ziegler
National Corn Growers Association

A proposal released today by the U.S. Department of Treasury on a tax credit designed to help the biofuel industry sell into the aviation sector was met with positive reception among the nation's corn growers.

"Treasury's proposal is a definite step in the right direction and will allow corn growers to transition into and supply the aviation sector," said Ohio farmer and National Corn Growers Association President Jed Bower. "Being able to fuel commercial planes with fuel derived from corn would be important to the long-term economic viability of farming. After today we are one step closer to that possibility."

Last year, Congress preserved and improved aspects of the tax credit in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Today's guidance reaffirmed many of those improvements.

Corn growers said they were particularly pleased



to see the direct reference to agricultural practices in the proposal.

"This is good news for farmers as we continue look for any and all avenues to secure and enhance markets for corn," Bower said. "This administration has shown that it understands the importance of biofuels to American farmer's future, this proposal confirms that."

Bower said he hopes Treasury will keep up the momentum by working with other agencies as they update the crucial 45Z-CF GREET model to appropriately account for farmers' hard work. He said NCGA will provide comments on the proposal and participate in the public hearing May 28th.

Securing vintages with regenerative farming

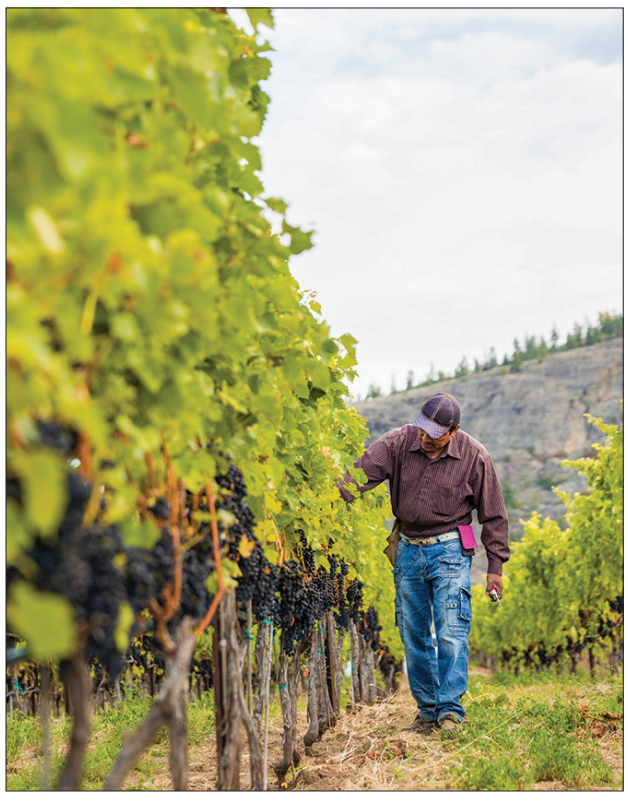
The global wine industry is not immune to the effects of climate change and soil degradation. Through a process of regenerative farming, soil health is protected and vintages can be produced with great success.

What is regenerative viticulture?

Regenerative viticulture, also known as regenerative agriculture, is farming that emphasizes the regeneration of soil health, says Eco Terreno Wines & Vineyards. These farming practices are organic and ecologically-driven to enhance the ecosystem through a partnership with nature. Regenerative viticulture focuses heavily on soil health, carbon sequestration and biodiversity.

Components of regenerative viticulture

Five primary principles drive regenerative viticulture: minimizing soil disturbance, keeping the soil covered, maintaining living roots year-round, increasing plant diversity, and integrating livestock. The Regenerative Viticulture Foundation says the goal is to create a "closed-loop" system where the vineyard provides its own nutrients instead of having to use synthetic ones.



Cover crops

The use of cover crops can increase soil organic carbon (SOC), which is vital for mitigating the wine industry's carbon footprint. According to research published in the Journal of Cleaner Production, use of cover cropping in vineyards can increase SOC by up to 1.5 tons per hectare annually, making processes much more eco-friendly. What's more, cover cropping can improve the water retention capacity of soil. This is essential in regions where drought cycles have been on the rise.

Animal integration

The primary role of animals in regenerative agriculture is "prescriptive grazing." By allowing livestock to graze between rows during the dormant season, vintners can eliminate much of the need for mechanical mowing and herbicide application. Data from the Regenerative Viticulture Foundation found sheep can reduce the need for tractor passes by up to 80 percent, significantly lowering the vineyard's carbon footprint while preventing soil compaction. Animals also convert plant matter into high-quality manure and urine, providing bioavailable sources of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium.

Chickens and ducks also may be deployed to manage pest populations like mealybugs or snails near vines without the need for synthetic insecticides. Animals also naturally aerate the soil through their beaks, feet and hooves, allowing organic matter to get into the earth more readily.

The future of healthy vineyards may rely on regenerative viticulture, which safeguards the land and ensures successful production cycles.

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Former Kentucky State Senator Paul Hornback receives Thomas Poe Cooper Farm Leadership Award

Hornback is recognized for his integral work in the Kentucky General Assembly to move the agriculture industry forward

By Grace Sowards

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service presents the Thomas Poe Cooper Farm Leadership Award each year to Kentuckians who exemplify leadership across agriculture, 4-H, family and consumer sciences or community and economic development. The award was endowed by Cooper, dean of the UK Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment from 1917 to 1951.

Former Kentucky State Senator Paul Hornback received the award for his dedication to the Kentucky agriculture industry throughout his career.

Hornback was elected to the Kentucky State Senate in 2010, representing Shelby, Carroll and Trimble counties, and part of Jefferson County. While in office, he served as Chair of Senate Agriculture, Vice Chair of Senate Licensing and Occupations, and Co-chair of the Tobacco Settlement Agreement Fund Oversight Committee.

"Sen. Hornback has been a mentor to young farmers, a trusted adviser to local officials and a respected advocate for agricultural issues across the state," said Jennifer Hunter, associate dean and director of UK Cooperative Extension. "We are honored to recognize his service to agriculture and to Kentucky."

During Hornback's time in the General Assembly, he was an active farmer. This gave him a unique perspective while advocating for his peers in the Commonwealth. Some of his most significant accomplishments during that time were the reestablishment of hemp as a legal commodity in Kentucky, the reorganization of the Kentucky State Fair Board, modernizing Kentucky's grain indemnity fund and leading the Governor's Office of Agriculture Policy.



Associate dean and director of UK Cooperative Extension, Dr. Jennifer Hunter, presented the 2025 Thomas Poe Cooper Farm Leadership Award to former Kentucky State Senator Paul Hornback.

Photo by Matt Barton

The UK Research and Education Center at Princeton has benefited from Hornback's dedication to Kentucky agriculture. He helped lead the charge in raising the initial $15 million investment for the Grain and Forage Center for Excellence. After the devastating 2021 tornadoes in Western Kentucky, Hornback worked to earn the $9 million donation from the Western Kentucky State Aid Funding for Emergencies Act.

"This recognition is such an honor," Hornback said. "I think the world of Martin-Gatton CAFE and the Extension service. All my life we've depended on them for what we do — farmers, homemakers, everyone. They keep the public connected."

For more information about Extension or the Thomas Poe Cooper Farm Leadership Award, visit http://extension.ca.uky.edu/.

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AI is transforming agriculture

Technology has revolutionized global agriculture. Automation has changed the agricultural sector, and those changes might have arrived in the nick of time.

The global population is projected to reach nearly 10 billion by 2050, and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations estimates that food production has to increase by at least 70 percent to keep up with demand. In order to address the deficit without exhausting the Earth's finite resources, many farmers are seeking help from artificial intelligence (AI). AI offers farmers additional perks as well.



Precision agriculture

Precision is a notable benefit of utilizing AI within the agricultural sector. By using AI-powered sensors and satellite imagery, farmers can monitor crop health by looking at each and every plant instead of inspecting by the acre. According to a report by Marketsand Markets, a revenue impact and marketing consulting firm, the market for AI in agriculture is expected to grow from $1.7 billion (the figure in 2023) to $4.7 billion by 2028.

Precision helps to keep plants strong and weed-free. AI-driven "see-and-spray" technology utilizes computers to identify weeds among crops and apply herbicides only to those weeds. This reduces blanket-spraying an entire field, which is a waste of resources. Research published in the Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry indicates that this AI-guided tool can reduce herbicide use by up to 90 percent. This reduces costs to farmers and benefits local ecosystems.

Risk management

Weather across the planet has featured an uptick in volatile, unanticipated conditions. This can make planting even more challenging for farmers. AI models can process decades of historical weather data, soil conditions and atmospheric changes to offer predictive analytics that help the agriculture industry. By using predictive AI tools, farmers can determine optimal planting windows to maximize yield, according to the International Food Policy Research Institute. In addition, AI algorithms can predict outbreaks of pests and diseases before farmers notice them on their own. Multispectral imagery from drones can detect crop stress caused by nutritional deficiencies or fungus days before a human might recognize such indicators. By catching things early, farmers can reduce risk of a poor crop and financial losses.

Automation

Agricultural labor shortages are forcing farming operations to seek alternatives to get the job done. The American Farm Bureau Federation notes that farm labor has become more expensive and it's harder to find workers who want to do the arduous tasks often required of them. AI-driven robotics and autonomous tractors guided by GPS can help fill the void. These devices can work through the night, preparing soil, harvesting crops and performing other vital tasks.

AI continues to be integrated into the agricultural sector. In order to maintain food security and mitigate labor shortages, farming operations are using technological tools to bridge gaps and improve efficiency.

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PRACTICE FARM SAFETY

Guidelines for farmers and workers



Agriculture is routinely ranked among the most dangerous professions around the world. Both the National Safety Council and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health say agriculture is one of the most hazardous industries in the United States. Farming operations continue to push forward with more mechanized and high-tech equipment that requires routine reviews of safety protocols.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics and NIOSH, the agricultural sector recorded a fatal injury rate of approximately 18.6 deaths per 100,000 workers in 2023. Transportation incidents, notably tractor rollovers, remain the leading cause of death. Furthermore, recent reports from the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety indicate that a child dies in an agriculture-related incident in the United States approximately every three days, which underscores the need to prioritize farm safety across all age groups.

Ensuring safe working conditions is vital within the agricultural sector. These guidelines can set the course for safer farming work.

• **Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS):** The most effective lifesaver on a farm is ROPS. When combined with seatbelt use, ROPS is 99 percent effective in preventing death during a tractor overturn. ROPS are roll bars or roll cages fitted for wheel- and track-type tractors, says Penn State Extension. Modern guidelines indicate that all machinery should be fitted with updated guarding to prevent entanglement accidents, which are often caused by Power Take-Off shafts.

• **Respiratory protection:** Grain bins and silos can pose significant risks on a farm. This includes toxic air exposure as well as the risk for engulfment. High-profile incidents in 2023 illustrated the threat that oxygen-limiting silos can pose after deadly carbon dioxide concentrations form. Risk of suffocation also is great in a grain bin if a person is engulfed by grain. Workers should never work in a bin alone and should utilize a lockout/tagout system to ensure that all augers are off before entry.

• **Chemicals and biological hazards:** High-potency pesticides and fertilizers create their own hazards on the farm. Personal protective equipment (PPE) is a must when working with chemicals. Most modern standards require proper ventilation, chemical-resistant gloves and dedicated eye protection to prevent acute poisoning and long-term health issues.

• **Hearing protection:** Exposure to the sounds of farm machinery and other equipment can result in tinnitus (ringing in the ears) and eventual hearing loss unless hearing protection is worn regularly.

• **Fatigue and mental health:** Mental and physical fatigue of farm workers can result in injury as well. A critical trend uncovered in recent agricultural safety research ultimately led researchers to conclude that "fatigue management" needs to be prioritized, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. Tired operators can be vulnerable to lapse-of-attention errors, so farmers are encouraged to implement scheduled breaks. The Rural Health Information Hub says that stress also is a big factor for farmers. Environmental factors such as drought, floods, wildfires, pests, and diseases, as well as long hours and financial concerns, can result in feelings of isolation and frustration. Stress is a known precursor to physical accidents on the farm.

These are just some of the risk factors on farms that can lead to accident or injury. Falls from ladders, injuries from livestock, exposure to UV rays, and exposure to high levels of dust, mold and bacteria also can affect modern farmers. Agricultural safety needs to evolve as quickly as the changing operations on farms.

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Addressing limited resources in the agricultural sector

Limited resources in the agricultural sector are common pressure points for modern farm operations. Whether the resource is land, labor, water, or capital, lack of assets can cause strain. But there are practical ways to ease the pressure, and most solutions work best when combined with other methods.

Depleting agricultural resources

Resource depletion is a condition that affects many modern farmers. With an expanding global population, demand for food and other agricultural products is at an all-time high. This can put a strain on the finite resources available to farmers. Efficient use of resources must become a greater priority. Farmers may want to invest in precision agriculture tools, such as GPS-guided equipment, soil sensors and variable-rate application tools, to use resources only where needed. Even crop rotation and manual soil testing can significantly reduce waste.

Soil concerns

According to the agricultural firm Verdesian, degrading and undervaluing farmland poses another challenge to today's farmers. Continuous farming practices can result in soil erosion, soil degradation and reduced fertility. Farmers can turn to sustainable practices to protect the soil and improve its health. Practices like conservation tillage and cover cropping help increase yields over time without the need for more land or chemicals.

Water management

Agriculture puts a strain on water sources. Approximately 70 percent of global freshwater withdrawals are attributed to agricultural needs, says the World Resources Institute. Micro-irrigation can involve the use of drip or sprinkler systems to increase water efficiency. In regions with limited energy infrastructure, use of solar pumps will provide a low-cost, sustainable means to accessing groundwater. Treated urban wastewater can be used for non-food crops, preserving potable water for high-value produce and human consumption on farms and elsewhere.



Capital

Limited capital can be a concern for farmers who are looking to invest in modern tools and practices. Cooperative financing and government support programs can reduce funding barriers. Farmers can pool resources to buy in bulk and share expensive machinery. Educating the public also can be a step in the right direction. Despite research indicating a need to invest in agriculture, investment remains minimal. Agriculture also is a market with very volatile prices. But with more interest, the tides may change and make investing in agriculture more attractive.

Addressing limited agricultural resources requires utilization of what's already available with an emphasis on sustainability. Through collaboration and discussion, farmers can find the assistance they need.

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★★★ NATIONAL FARM MACHINERY SHOW ISSUE ★★★

KDA focus on farmers' health, safety at this year's National Farm Machinery Show

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Farmer appreciation and a focus on farmers' health will be the mission for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's (KDA) Raising Hope, Safety, Health, and Rescue Program at the 60th National Farm Machinery Show.

The show, set for Feb. 11-14 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, is the country's largest indoor farm show with more than 900 vendors. It brings thousands out to see the most complete selection of cutting-edge agricultural products, equipment, and services available in the farming industry.

KDA's Raising Hope, a program that focuses on farm safety, farmer's health, and farm rescue, is using the popularity of the show to get a message to farmers and their families. In addition to farm safety exhibits and rescue exhibits, Raising Hope is partnering with several agencies to offer health and safety services and information to help farmers and agricultural producers remain at their physical best, Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell announced.

"Healthy farmers, both physically and mentally, means healthier farms," Commissioner Shell said. "For years, KDA has offered world-class safety and rescue demonstrations. Now, with our Raising Hope program, we can also focus on the health aspect of our agriculture producers. Adding health screenings during the National Farm Machinery Show allows us to fulfill our mission and promise of advocating for healthy farming communities."

In partnership with the MASH (Mobile Agriculture Safety Health) Team, Raising Hope is helping farmers and agricultural producers focus on health. Available health screenings will include those for blood sugar, blood pressure, cholesterol, hearing, and carotid artery. There will also be resources available for mental well-being and general health education. The health screenings will be available 9 a.m.-3 p.m. EST each day.

This year's show will feature KDA employees demonstrating safety around farm equipment including tractors, Power Take Off (PTO), Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS), and more. Grain bin rescue methods and accident prevention will also be demonstrated, along with information about "Share the Road" safety and signage.

Partnerships for this year's show include Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention, Appalachian Regional Healthcare, KY Hears/ Heuser Hearing, and the University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment.

The health screenings and health education are components of the newly formed Division of Farm Safety & Rural Health, which was created to promote the physical and mental health and safety of Kentucky's farmers and farm families. Raising Hope, which joined forces with KDA's Farm Safety program in 2025, is supported by appropriations from the Kentucky General Assembly and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



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Soybean losses continue despite assistance

By Scott Gerlt, PhD

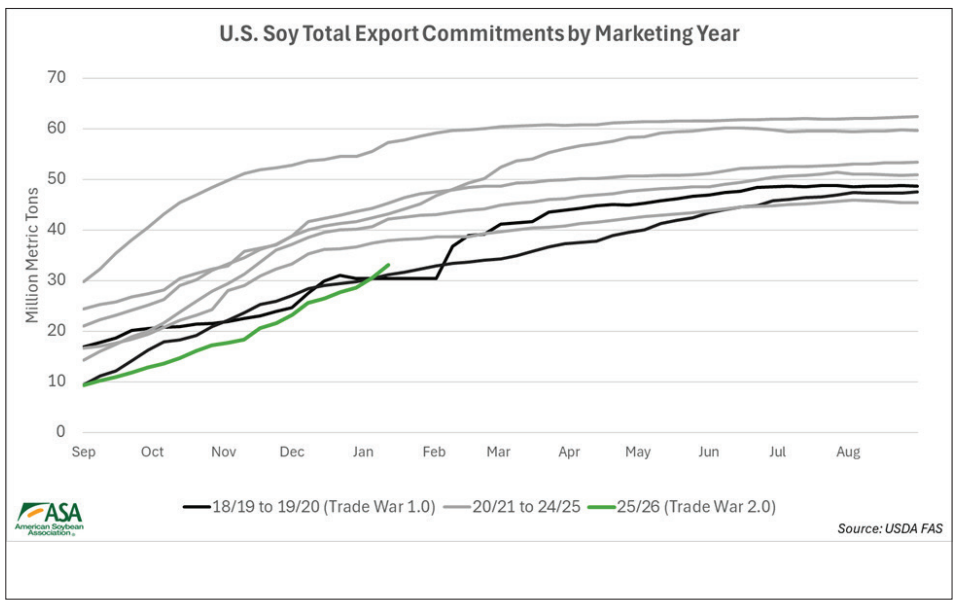
Soybean farmers in the United States are experiencing an extremely difficult crop year. The 2025 harvest is projected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to be the most expensive soybean crop ever on a per acre basis. Concurrently, geopolitical factors undermined soybean demand, suppressing prices received by farmers. These factors combined leave soybean producers with a third straight year of significant market losses. Soybean farmers have been at the tip of the spear in international trade turmoil yet have received very low assistance rates to help absorb this loss. Beyond direct assistance, strong Renewable Fuel Standard levels and finalized biofuel tax credit guidance would bolster domestic demand.

Soybean Farmers Have Suffered Historic Export Losses and Shifting Goalposts on China Purchase Commitments

Global trade issues for soybeans started in February with tariffs placed on China, Canada and Mexico under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA). China responded with a 10% additional tariff on U.S. soybeans and a 10% universal baseline tariff on all U.S exports, bringing U.S. soy's tariff differential to 20%. Tariffs from both countries escalated until Oct. 30 when Presidents Trump and Xi met in Busan, South Korea.

From the end of May 2025 to the end of November, the U.S. exported no soybeans to China. During this time, China depended on Brazil to continue imports. Additionally, the U.S. government announced negotiations on a $20 billion currency swap to Argentina in September. Following the currency swap, Argentina immediately suspended its export tax on soybeans and sold 5.1 million metric tons (MMT) to outside buyers , primarily to China, in two days. This helped China avoid purchasing U.S. soybeans for even longer.

According to the White House, the Busan summit resulted in Chinese purchase commitments for U.S. soybeans. Initially, the White House fact sheet and statements by Treasury Secretary Bessent communicated that "China will purchase at least 12 million metric tons of U.S. soybeans during the last two months of 2025 and also purchase at least 25 MMT of U.S. soybeans in each of 2026, 2027, and 2028." More recently, however, the goalpost for these purchases appears to be shifting, with Treasury Secretary Bessent and U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Ambassador Greer indicating that the 12 MMT of purchases is



to be completed by the end of February or even "this season". If indeed the 12 MMT is all that is purchased this marketing year for soybeans (Sept. 1, 2025, to Aug. 31, 2026), that would represent about a 50% drop from export levels to China during the previous two marketing years.

About 9.4 MMT of sales have been confirmed to date in official USDA data, although sales reporting lags actual sales. For the prior two years, China had purchased an average of 20.4 MMT by this point of the marketing year. Despite the availability of U.S. soybeans, all other destinations, including those that have not yet identified the destination country, are only up 20% or 4.0 MMT from the prior two years. Soybean export sales have now only caught up to the levels experienced during the 2018/2019 to 2019/2020 trade war. With the export window rapidly closing over the next two months for U.S. soybeans, the geopolitical issues severely stymied a critical component of demand.

Soybean Farmers Need Biofuel Policies Finalized to Boost Domestic Demand for Soybeans and Soybean Oil

Growing domestic biofuel use has been a bright spot for the soybean industry. The U.S. crush industry has expanded by several hundred million bushels over the past few years to supply increasing amounts of soybean

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oil. However, the biomass-based diesel industry faltered in early 2025 and soybean oil used in biofuel production dropped by about half. The lack of clarity in 45Z Clean Fuel Production Credit guidance and low renewable volume obligations (RVOs) caused many biodiesel facilities to idle.

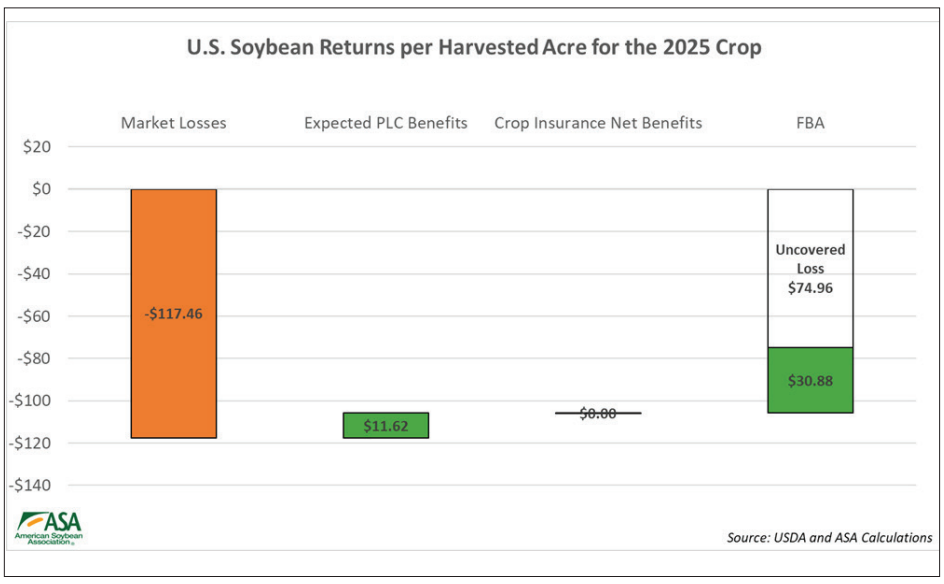
The RVOs determine how much biomass-based diesel is consumed in the United States. It is one area where the Administration has an easy and quick method to increase soybean demand. EPA proposed blending levels for 2026 and 2027 in June of 2025 but has not yet finalized the rule.

EPA estimates their proposal would increase minimum BBD blend levels by 67% from 2025 to 2026. If achieved, this increase would energize biofuel markets with robust demand. It would also provide certainty to the same markets for the next two years. EPA assumes that almost 200 million bushels per year of additional crush would be supported through the RVO.

The RVO proposal included an additional feature that would also provide a shot in the arm to soy markets. Imported biofuels and biofuels produced from imported feedstocks would receive half the Renewable Identification Number credits compared to domestic biofuels produced from domestic feedstocks. The California Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) program incentivizes use of feedstocks deemed as "waste," such as used cooking oil and tallow. The relative profitability led to a dramatic increase in their importation. In early 2025, UCO imports for biofuels almost equaled soybean oil used in biofuels. Domestic soybean oil essentially became the residual feedstock for biofuels.

Restricting credit for foreign fuels and biofuel feedstocks helps restore domestic soy as a preferred feedstock. A study funded by the United Soybean Board showed that removing the proposed half Renewable Identification Number (RIN) credit restriction would reduce soy farmer cash receipts between $500 million and $2.1 billion per year, depending on the year and how EPA handles adjusting the corresponding obligations. Soybean oil use in biofuels would also fall between 200 million pounds per year to 3.3 billion pounds per year. Imports of UCO and tallow would increase by more than 2 billion pounds in all cases.

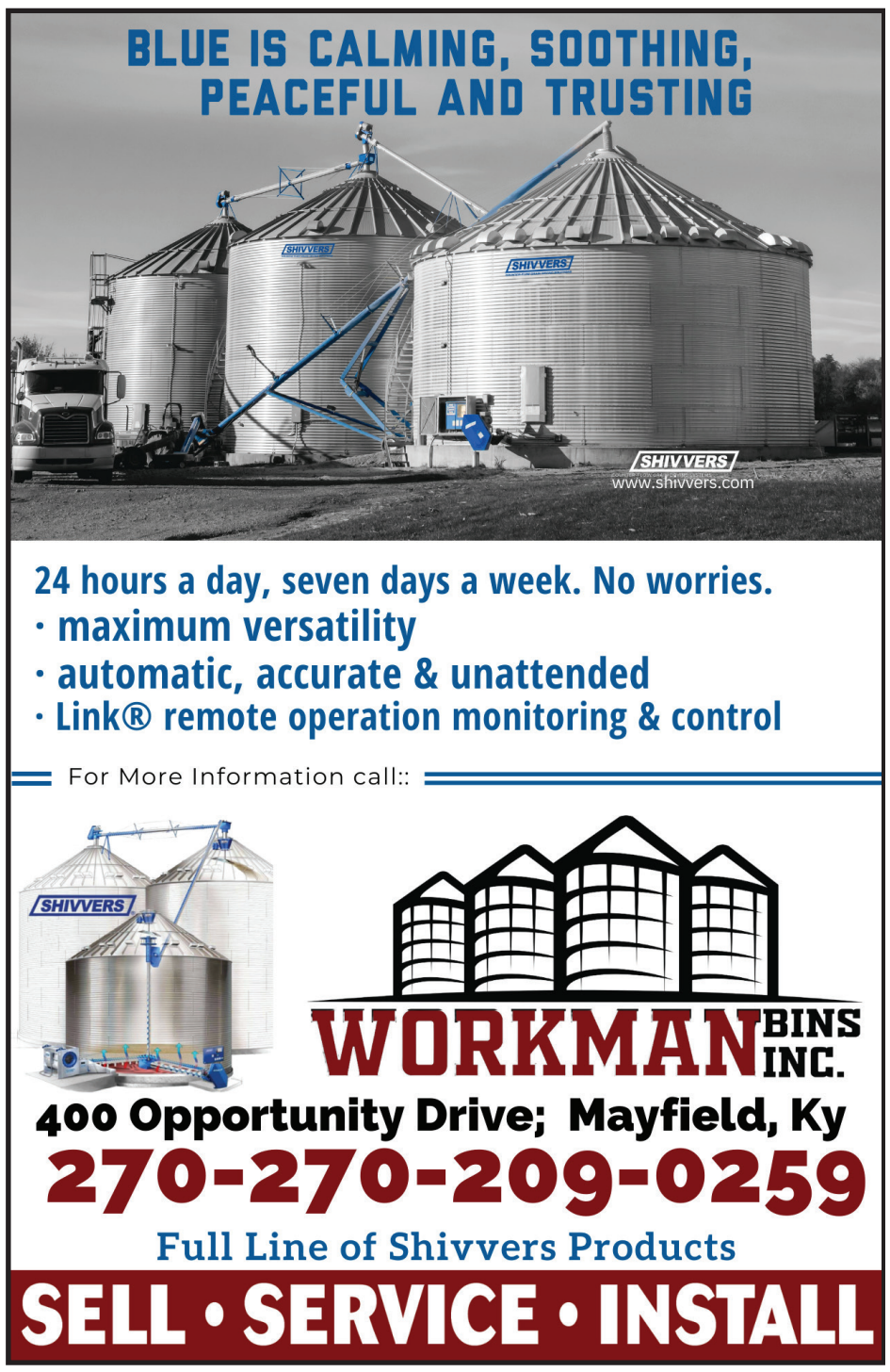
Additionally, the biofuel industry awaits final rules on the 45Z tax credit. The credit was first established in the Inflation Reduction Act in 2022 and was supposed to go into effect for on-road biofuels in 2025. Final guidance has never been released. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act in 2025 made several improvements to the tax credit by removing the indirect land use change penalty assigned to several ag feedstocks and limiting the tax credit to domestic feedstocks. The lack of final guidance continues to plague soybean oil markets as many biofuel companies have struggled to utilize the credit. The faster final guidance is released, the sooner biofuel producers can fully incorporate the incentive.



Economic Assistance Being Provided Under USDA's Initial Farmer Bridge Assistance Program Is Disproportional to Soybean Farmer and Crop Trade Losses

Strong biofuel policies can help dampen the lost export opportunities but cannot fully absorb the loss. If China only purchases 12 MMT of U.S. soybeans this marketing year, that will be 11.8 MMT less than has been averaged the past two years. This is about 430 million bushels compared to the 200 million bushels growth that EPA assumed would be supported by the RVO. While other countries have imported more U.S. soy this year, that is largely a shift along the demand curve due to lower prices for U.S. soy.

Due to this loss in demand from geopolitical issues, soybean farmers have suffered real losses. While it is too early at this point to fully quantify the impact of lost sales to China, during the previous trade war, research showed that soybeans accounted for 71% of the losses at $9.4 billion annually. Despite this, soybeans only ranked ninth in terms of payment size per acre in the recently announced Farmer Bridge Assistance program. Even when total market losses, upcoming farm bill Price Loss Coverage (PLC) payments, crop insurance, and Farmer Bridge Assistance are included, soybeans still face a loss of $75 per acre. Of the nine largest crops based on area, this is the second largest outstanding loss on a per harvested acre basis.







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USDA launches new online portal for reporting foreign-owned agricultural land transactions

Washington, D.C., — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is launching a new online portal to streamline reporting of transactions involving U.S. agricultural land by foreign persons, which can include businesses and governments, under the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (AFIDA). The new online portal is part of a broader effort to strengthen enforcement and protect American farmland as USDA continues its implementation of the National Farm Security Action Plan (PDF, 1.2 MB).

"President Trump is putting America First, and this includes increasing transparency and scrutiny of one of our most valuable national assets, American farmland. We are working to improve reporting of foreign owned land in the United States. This move to streamline the reporting portal will increase compliance and assist our efforts to effectively enforce accurate reporting of interests held by foreign adversaries in U.S. farmland," said Secretary Brooke Rollins. "The online portal will allow us to obtain verifiable information about foreign interests in American agricultural land and protect the security of our farmers."

The new online portal is available at afida.landmark.usda.gov. Users can access the portal with Login.gov, a sign in service that provides secure online access to participate in certain government programs and reporting requirements.

The new digital portal will gather the same information found on the current form FSA-153 and those subject to filing may still file using the current FSA-153 hard copy form if desired. However, filers should not duplicate filings by using both submission options.

About the National Farm Security Action Plan

One of the key tenets of USDA's National Farm Security Action Plan (PDF, 1.2 MB) is strengthening processes around disclosure of foreign persons who have an interest in U.S. farmland. This historic plan, announced in July 2025, calls for aggressive implementation of reforms to the AFIDA process including improved verification and monitoring of collected AFIDA data. In addition to the new portal, USDA published an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for AFIDA in December 2025.

About AFIDA

The new portal is part of USDA's efforts to streamline its process for electronic submission and retention of AFIDA disclosures, as initially required by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. Today USDA also shared its annual AFIDA report for 2024 with Congress, which is available online. The report lists foreign holdings of U.S. agricultural land as 46 million acres, as of December 31, 2024 and includes a section on land held and acquired by China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea in recent years.



AFIDA became law in 1978, and its regulations were created to establish a nationwide system for the collection of information pertaining to foreign ownership of U.S. agricultural land. The regulations require foreign investors who acquire, transfer or hold an interest in U.S. agricultural land to report such holdings and transactions to the Secretary of Agriculture.

The data obtained from AFIDA disclosures are used in the preparation of an annual report to Congress, which is published online.

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The AFIDA regulations define the term "foreign person" and specifies the information that must be included in the report. AFIDA focuses on foreign persons who hold direct or indirect interest in the agricultural land, provided those foreign persons with an indirect interest have "significant interest or substantial control" in the direct interest holder.



Vendors Map

NATIONAL FARM MACHINERY SHOW

West Wing



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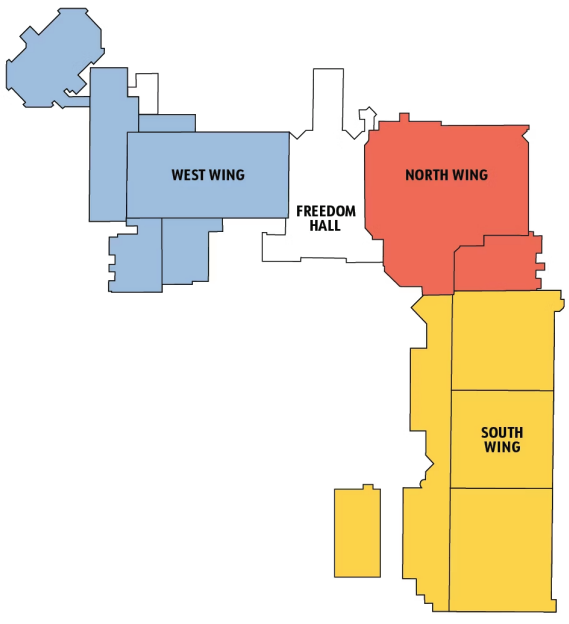

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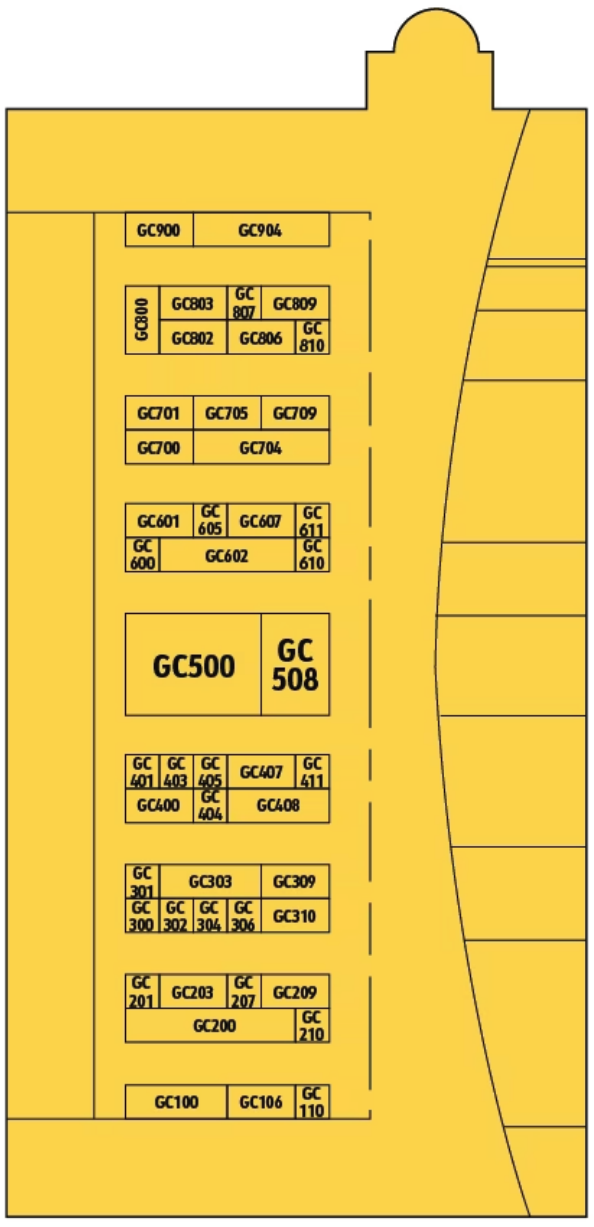
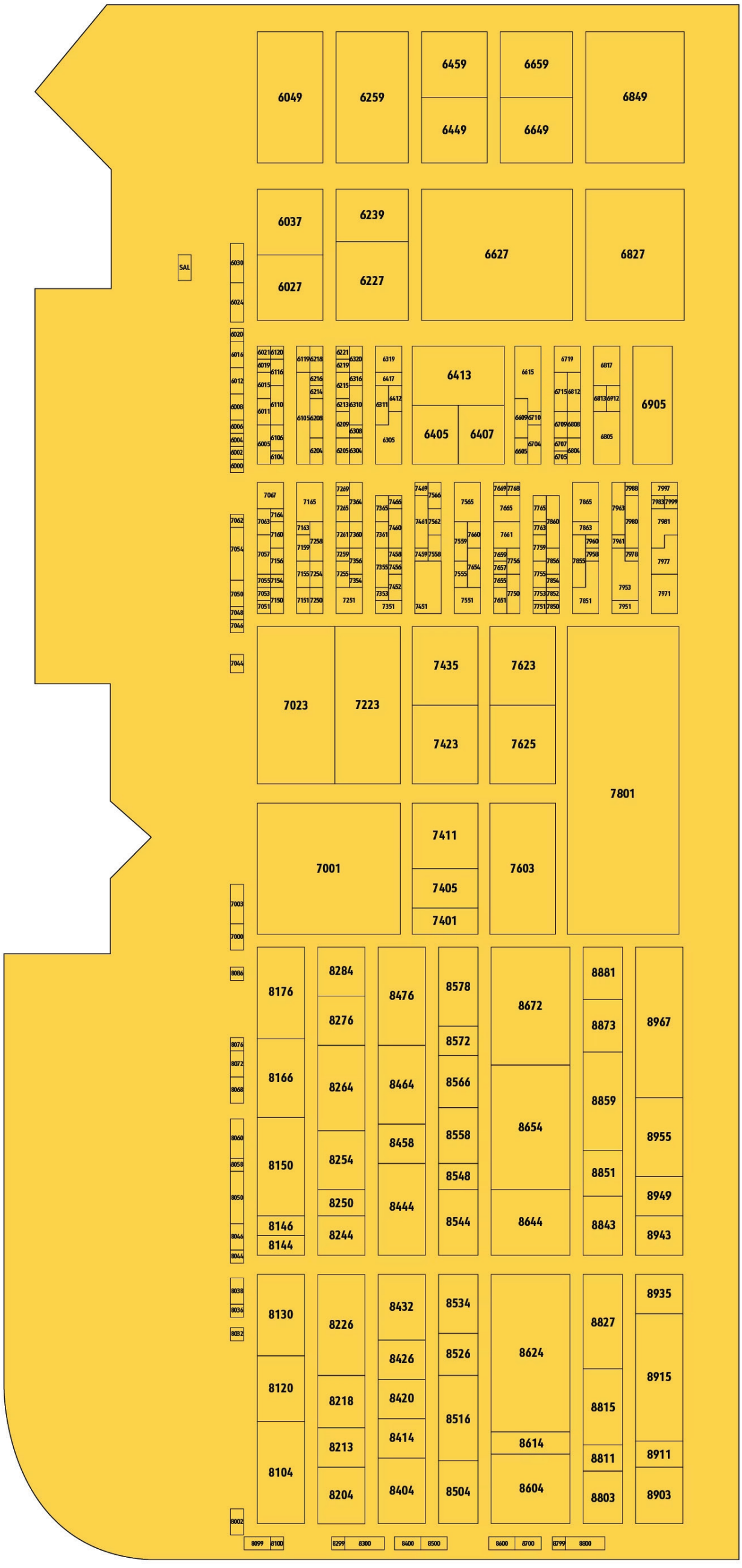


Gift & Craft

South Wing



Vendor's List

1st Choice Seeds	6209	South Wing A
360 Yield Center	5068	East Hall
502 Engraving LLC	3040	West Wing
A-1 Implements LLC	2776	Pavilion
A&I Products	6719	South Wing A
A&I Products	8414	South Wing C
A1 Mist Sprayers	5129	East Hall
Abilene Machine Inc	1312	West Hall
Abilene Machine Inc	7855	South Wing B
Accelo Racewear	15	Broadbent Arena
Accu-Steel	8146	South Wing C
Accurate Ag Drones	1323	West Hall
Ace Pump Corporation	4338	North Wing
ACI Distributors	4948	North Wing
Action Equipment Sales	4930	North Wing
Adorn Permanent Jewelry LLC	GC605	Gift and Craft
ADS Bulk Seed Buggy	2400	Pavilion
Advanced Drainage Systems Inc	7259	South Wing B
Advancing Alternatives	1404	West Hall
Ag Express Electronics	7050	South Wing B
Ag Focus	4266	North Wing
Ag Leader Technology	7865	South Wing B
Ag Revolution/AGCO	7801	South Wing B
Ag Spray Equipment	4796	North Wing
Ag-Bag by RCI	5315	East Hall
AgCamDakota Micro Inc	4437	North Wing
AGI	7423	South Wing B
Agrem LLC	7768	South Wing B
Agri Spray Drones	3444	West Wing
Agri-Cover Inc	6310	South Wing A
Agri-King	7159	South Wing B
Agri-Products Inc	7999	South Wing B
Agri-SC/Four Star Services, Inc	4377	North Wing
Agricision	1331	West Hall
AgriGold	8803	South Wing C
Agrimatics	4639	North Wing
Agro-Chem	3574	West Wing
AgroEco Power	8068	South Wing C
AKE Safety Equipment	1408	West Hall
AKE Safety Equipment	7048	South Wing B
Alberto G Moro SRL	3610	West Wing
Alcom/Frontier Trailers	6027	South Wing A
Alkota Cleaning Systems	2415	Pavilion
Allstate Ag Parts	7558	South Wing B
Altoz/Central Boiler	8213	South Wing C
AM and PM Hemp Farm	3067	West Wing
AMADAS	3134	West Wing
AMCO Manufacturing Company	5212	East Hall
American Angus Association	4323	North Wing
American Farm Mortgage & Financial Services	4859	North Wing
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Apache Palco Henke Buffalo (Global)	2229	Pavilion
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BAD Gear & Off-Road	4550	North Wing
Baker Auctions	7555	South Wing B
Balzer Inc	3198	West Wing
Bambauer Equipment LLC	2219	Pavilion
Banjo Corporation	7756	South Wing B
Barrels Etc.	GC304	Gift and Craft
Base Camp Leasing	5121	East Hall
Battery Saver/Granite Digital	4760	North Wing
Battle of the Bluegrass	5221	East Hall
Bauer North America	4453	North Wing
Baughman Tile Co.	4355	North Wing
Bayshore Sales	1003	West Hall
Bazooka Farmstar	5201	East Hall
Beck's Hybrids	6805	South Wing A
Beer Money Pulling Team	3194	West Wing
Befco Inc	6413	South Wing A
Behlen Country	7565	South Wing B
Belltec Industries Inc	6311	South Wing A
Best Bale	2529	Pavilion
Bestway Ag	3488	West Wing
Bestway Ag	3589	West Wing
Better Garden Tools	4341	North Wing
Bickett Farm Tiling	8036	South Wing C
Bidadoo	1218	West Hall
Bierman Sales	7856	South Wing B
BigIron Acution Company	5215	East Hall
Bissell Commercial	2712	Pavilion
BKT USA, Inc	6407	South Wing A
Bloemendaal Research Enterprises	7657	South Wing B
Bluegrass Ag Workers Service	7961	South Wing B
BoltsandNuts.com	3041	West Wing
Booms and Sons Ag Parts LLC	5135	East Hall
Boss Trailers	3521	West Wing
Bourbon Brooke Candles	GC610	Gift and Craft
Bourgault Industries LTD	4432	North Wing
Boyd Cat	8404	South Wing C
Brandt Industries USA Limited	8604	South Wing C
Breezy Mills	6105	South Wing A
Brehmer Mfg Inc	3042	West Wing
Brenda's	GC800	Gift and Craft
Bridon USA	2736	Pavilion
Britespan Building Systems	3388	West Wing
Brock Grain Systems	6037	South Wing A
Bryon Seeds LLC	1606	West Hall
Buckeye Hydraulics, Inc	4548	North Wing
Bugnot NA	7051	South Wing B
Bulk Seed Systems	1229	West Hall
BullSnot!	3025	West Wing
Burr King Manufacturing Inc	5115	East Hall
Busch Equipment Company	3266	West Wing
Bush Hog, LLC	8672	South Wing C
C&M (Checchi & Magli) Transplanters/Accu-Steel	8144	South Wing C
CALMAR Soil Testing Labs	4254	North Wing
Calmer Corn Heads	4530	North Wing
Calmer Corn Heads	5227	East Hall
CAP Bros Motorsports LLC	14	Broadbent Arena
Capello SRL	8827	South Wing C
Capstan Inc	8072	South Wing C
Carbo-Tech America, LLC	7459	South Wing B
Case IH	6449	South Wing A
Case IH	6849	South Wing A
Cental City Scale Inc	6204	South Wing A
Central Petroleum Co. - Cen-Pe-Co Lubricants	2724	Pavilion
CFC Distributors LLC	3224	West Wing
CGB Agri Financial Services, Inc	7655	South Wing B
Chain Locker	4365	North Wing
Challenger Lifts	2405	Pavilion
Chalmers Innovations	2010	Pavilion
Chief Agri-Kearney, NE	8578	South Wing C
Chinook Hay Systems	8299	South Wing C
Christianson Systems, Inc	4671	North Wing
CLAAS FARMPOINT	4700	North Wing
Clarks Ag Supply	2207	Pavilion
Clarks Ag Supply	7044	South Wing B
Classic Green	1029	West Hall
Clean Burn, LLC	2104	Pavilion
Cleanfix North America	8700	South Wing C
Components Plus LLC	4429	North Wing
Concept Agri-Tek	8060	South Wing C
Concept Industries Ltd.	3284	West Wing
Cone Gaurd LLC	4252	North Wing
Conrad American	4624	North Wing
Construction Implements Depot, Inc	8949	South Wing C
Continental Refining Company	8799	South Wing C
Conveyair by Thor Manufacturing Ltd	7651	South Wing B
Copperhead Ag	3366	West Wing
Cordex North America Inc	7978	South Wing B
Core Holistics	4380	North Wing
Core Holistics	4681	North Wing
Correct-A-Step	GC207	Gift and Craft
Corrosion Technologies	1420	West Hall
Country Enterprises	4653	North Wing
Country Treasures	GC600	Gift and Craft
Cowco/SI Feeders	2200	Pavilion
Cowell Ag	2304	Pavilion
Cox Shavings	3093	West Wing
Coyote Mfg LLC	4923	North Wing
CPC Feeds	2440	Pavilion
Crafts by Jarrett	GC904	Gift and Craft
Craigmyle & Son Farm, LLC	4672	North Wing
Crary Industries	6208	South Wing A
Creamer Metal Products Inc	6106	South Wing A
Cressoni-CressCo USA Inc	4248	North Wing
Cruiser Products	3023	West Wing
Custer Products Ltd.	1117	West Hall
Custom Ag Concepts Manufacturing	6215	South Wing A
Custom Farm Toys	GC408	Gift and Craft
Cutco Cutlery	5224	East Hall
D&B Sales Inc	4439	North Wing
D&B Sales Inc	1001	West Hall
D&B Sales Inc	1232	West Hall
Dan the Sign Man	1033	West Hall
Dan-O's Seasoning	GC809	Gift and Craft
Danuser	4480	North Wing
Decra Roofing Systems	3079	West Wing
Degelman	8140	South Wing C
DeltAg Formulations	4786	North Wing
Delux Mfg Co	7057	South Wing B
Deutz-Fahr (PFG America)	4984	North Wing
DICKEY-john	8046	South Wing C
Diesel Dogs	GC807	Gift and Craft
DigiFarm VBN	6016	South Wing A
Dinamica Generale US, Inc	6011	South Wing A
Dion-Ag Inc	8426	South Wing C
Direct Enterprises, Inc	4580	North Wing
DiscountHydraulichose.com	4659	North Wing
DIY Bridge	2740	Pavilion
DK Tanks	4272	North Wing
Doda USA, Inc	8526	South Wing C
Downhome Collectables	GC500	Gift and Craft
Doyle Equipment Manufacturing Company	8644	South Wing C
Drago	6305	South Wing A
Duck Foot Parts Inc	6119	South Wing A
Dukes A&W Enterprises	4880	North Wing
Dultmeier Sales	1707	West Hall
Duo Lift Mfg. Co., Inc.	3356	West Wing
Dura Products	8086	South Wing C
E-Z Trail	3600	West Wing
Eagle Plastics	4524	North Wing
EarthGen215	4657	North Wing
Easy Farm - Vertical Soultions	4356	North Wing
EkotuningCom	1107	West Hall
Elgin Service Center	1426	West Hall
EliteTruck.com	2803	Pavilion
Elmer's Manufacturing	8218	South Wing C
Energy Curve	7351	South Wing B
EnergyLogic	1224	West Hall
Eparts, Inc	3176	West Wing
Eparts, Inc	4652	North Wing
Equipment Technologies	8176	South Wing C
Estes Performance	7669	South Wing B
Exapta Solutions	7960	South Wing B
Excel Sportwear	6019	South Wing A
Express Steel	3015	West Wing
Extrutech Plastics	4836	North Wing
Fairbanks Scales	4829	North Wing
Family Fragrance	GC203	Gift and Craft
Farm Bureau	4680	North Wing
Farm Credit Mid-America	5207	East Hall
Farm Equipment Plus	1127	West Hall
Farm Power Distribution	1422	West Hall
Farm Progress	SAL	SWA Hallway
Farm Talc	4357	North Wing
Farm World Newspaper	3087	West Wing
FarmFact Software	1126	West Hall
FarmTRX	7759	South Wing B
FASS Diesel Fuel Systems	1118	West Hall
Fasse Valves	7997	South Wing B
Fast Ag Solutions	8458	South Wing C
Fastline Marketing Group	8881	South Wing C
Fellowship of Christian Farmers	6008	South Wing A
Fennig Equipment	3152	West Wing
Fennig Equipment	7755	South Wing B
Ferris/PACE	8544	South Wing C
Fertilizer Dealer Suply	7364	South Wing B
Firefly Farms Botanical Wonder	GC607	Gift and Craft
First Financial Bank - Farm and Ranch Division	4831	North Wing
Fish Head Farms	7265	South Wing B
Flax	6221	South Wing A
Fleece Performance Engineering	5214	East Hall
Flintec Inc	3089	West Wing
Flitz International Inc	3091	West Wing
Flitz International Inc	7850	South Wing B
Floyd's Wooden Animals	GC810	Gift and Craft
FMC	6030	South Wing A
For-Most/Ellegood Farm Products	2416	Pavilion
Fox Factory	5040	East Hall
Frank Winne & Son Inc.	1806	West Hall
Fransgard Maskinifabrik A/S	7067	South Wing B
Freedom Attachments	1122	West Wing
Freedom Buildings	4375	North Wing
French's Shoes & Boots	GC508	Gift and Craft
Fritsch Equipment Corp	2320	Pavilion
Fuel Pro Trailers	2500	Pavilion
G&H Petroleum Enhancer	4347	North Wing
Gardner Inc	5021	East Hall
Garfield-Tecnomec	5200	East Hall
Gator Made, Inc	8444	South Wing C
GCS Solutions Inc	1101	West Hall
GEA	7435	South Wing B
Gensco Aircraft Tires	7251	South Wing B
Geringhoff	4036	North Wing
Global Track Warehouse	7054	South Wing B
Globeius	4447	North Wing
GMLS Industries	4885	North Wing
Gorden Harvesting	6705	South Wing A
GoServ Global	4864	North Wing
Graber Post Buildings	4838	North Wing
Graham Electric Planter	7261	South Wing B
Grain Systems Distribution	8284	South Wing C

Granit Parts USA	3224	West Wing
Grasshopper	3166	West Wing
GrassWorks Manufacturing	7355	South Wing B
Great Plains Mfg Inc	6827	South Wing A
Greene Galvanized Stairs	7851	South Wing B
Greenleaf Technologies	6715	South Wing A
Greentech Mfg Inc - Crown Royal Stoves	3606	West Wing
Greenwell MFG LLC	7466	South Wing B
Gro-Tec Inc	7155	South Wing B
Groupe Anderson	8534	South Wing C
Growers Mineral Solutions	3011	West Wing
GS3 Quality Seed	4826	North Wing
Gun Grabber Products, Inc	1808	West Hall
GVM Inc	4284	North Wing
H.D. Steel Targets	4280	North Wing
H.E & M Inc	4961	North Wing
H&H Farm Toys	GC601	Gift and Craft
H&R Agri-Power	6005	South Wing A
H&S Manufacturing Co Inc	8903	South Wing C
Haisley Machine	3636	West Wing
Halderman Farm Mgt and Real Estate Svc.	3077	West Wing
Hall Manufacturing	3549	West Wing
Halverson Wood Products Inc	3037	West Wing
Hamilton Systems Inc. - Fantini	8300	South Wing C
Harbin High Tech Machinery Intll Co. Ltd.	4378	North Wing
HARDI North America	8204	South Wing C
Harvest International	7953	South Wing B
Harvest Solar	8130	South Wing C
Haviland Drainage Products Co Inc	5210	East Hall
Haybuster/DuraTech Industries	6227	South Wing A
Hays - LTI	3566	West Wing
Head Honchos	2716	Pavilion
Heartland Clutch	7988	South Wing B
Heat Smart Plus	1119	West Hall
Heatmasters/Steeltech Inc	1301	West Hall
Helton Inc	2424	Pavilion
Hensley Feed Transportation Equipment	3340	West Wing
Herd Pro	3069	West Wing
Heritage Iron/Oliver Heritage	1233	West Hall
Herschel Parts	4661	North Wing
Heuring Crop Insurance	6412	South Wing A
Higgs Welding LLC	2216	Pavilion
High Grade Mfg Inc	7654	South Wing B
Higher Power Hydraulic Doors	6015	South Wing A
Hilco Technologies	7562	South Wing B
Hillbilly James and Jellies	GC303	Gift and Craft
HitchDoc Manufacturing	8050	South Wing C
Holston Gases	3018	West Wing
Honey Bee Manufacturing	7405	South Wing B
Honeyville Metal Inc	6812	South Wing A
Hooker Pumps	4461	North Wing
Horizon Products/Zerk Zapper Tool	4857	North Wing
Horsch LLC	4595	North Wing
Hot Shot's Secret	6709	South Wing A
Hud-Son Forest Equipment	1123	West Hall
Hurricane Ditcher	8955	South Wing C
Hustler Equipment	4372	North Wing
Hydra Fold Auger, Inc	4590	North Wing
Hydrate with the Hintons	GC300	Gift and Craft
Hylio Inc	1228	West Hall
Hytech Marketing	1406	West Hall
Hytech Marketing	7163	South Wing B
I-Beam Sliding Doors	7000	South Wing B
ICS Consulting Service LLC	7361	South Wing B
Ideal Farm Equipment	4334	North Wing
Ihle Fabrications, LLC	3274	West Wing
Illinois Grain & Seed Equipment IGSE	2124	Pavilion
IMD LLC	6021	South Wing A
Incinerators by Lewis Repair & Mfg	7164	South Wing B
Industrial Tech Service LLC	2005	Pavilion
Intercomp	6605	South Wing A
International Harvester Collectors Club - Chpt 10	1013	West Hall
International Stock Food	1416	West Hall
Iron Bull Mfg, LLC	1221	West Hall
IronCraft	4024	North Wing
IUOE National Pipeline Training Fund	6316	South Wing A
J. Assy	2742	Pavilion
J&M Manufacturing Inc	4048	North Wing
Jamison Ag Repair/Upper Wheel Drive	7062	South Wing B
Jansen Electronics	7465	South Wing B
JCB Inc	4996	North Wing
Jenkins Iron and Steel	3182	West Wing
Jenkins Iron and Steel	5335	East Hall
Jensen Equipment Company	4828	North Wing
Jet Company Inc	2325	Pavilion
JM Innovations Inc	W4	West Hall
John Blue Company	2708	Pavilion
Johnson Mfg. Inc	4675	North Wing
Jordan Ag Supply	8038	South Wing C
JT Farm Toys	GC200	Gift and Craft
K.A. Group (K-Tec, Ashland)	3236	West Wing
K&M Manufacturing	1700	West Hall
K&S/Bosch Lights	4647	North Wing
Kaan Ertugrul	1110	West Hall
Kampert Ag LLC	7469	South Wing B
Kann Manufacturing Corporation	2232	Pavilion
Kasco Manufacturing Co Inc	3436	West Wing
Kate's Korner Kupboard LLC	GC309	Gift and Craft
Kelley Manufacturing Co KMC	4734	North Wing
Kencove Farm Fence Supplies	4337	North Wing
Kenova Kreations	GC803	Gift and Craft
Kentucky Beef Council	3054	West Wing
Kentucky Corn Growers Association	2317	Pavilion
Kentucky Department of Agriculture	W2	West Hall
Kentucky Hoop Barns	6710	South Wing A
Kentucky Impliment LLC	4282	North Wing
Kentucky Operation Lifesaver	W1	West Hall
Kentucky Pork Producers	3036	West Wing
Kentucky Soybean Promotion Board	3186	West Wing
Kentucky State Police	3049	West Wing
Kile Machine and Manufacturing	6020	South Wing A
King Kutter Inc/Taylor Pittsburgh Mft.	4438	North Wing
Kinze Manufacturing	4406	North Wing
KIOTI Tractor	4200	North Wing
KMW	7551	South Wing B
Kondex Corporation	7854	South Wing B
Kongskilde Industries	5302	East Hall
Kooima Ag	4348	North Wing
Krone NA Inc	6905	South Wing A
KSCanuck	GC306	Gift and Craft
KSi	8476	South Wing C
Kubota Tractor Corporation	7023	South Wing B
Kuchar Combine Performance Combine Parts	2141	Pavilion
Kuhn North America	4000	North Wing
KZValve	7360	South Wing B
Laines Goats and Company	GC301	Gift and Craft
Lambton Conveyor Ltd	8572	South Wing C
Lanair Products	7852	South Wing B
Land Luvr	8254	South Wing C
Land Pride - Division of Great Plains Mfg	7223	South Wing B
Landoll Company LLC	6659	South Wing A
Landoll Company, LLC	3400	West Wing
Lankota	7165	South Wing B
Launch Pro Drone Trailers	3530	West Wing
Lawsen Equipment	2000	Pavilion
Leading Edge Industries	4238	North Wing
LeafFilter Gutter Protection	4776	North Wing
Leafgaurd of Louisville	2764	Pavilion
Legacy Steel Buildings	3448	West Wing
Lepp Planter Pipes	4363	North Wing
Lepp Planter Pipes	7255	South Wing B
Lewis Cattle Oilers	3014	West Wing
Liberty Mutual Insurance	3021	West Wing
Liebrecht Manufacturing	4456	North Wing
Liftwell Hydraulics	1226	West Hall
Limbsaw Company	4890	North Wing

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LINAK	7660	South Wing B
Lindsay Corporation	4835	North Wing
Liquitube Marketing International	2152	Pavilion
Liquitube Marketing International	7753	South Wing B
Lock Jaws	7003	South Wing B
Loftness Specialized Equipment	3550	West Wing
Longshot Enterprises	4651	North Wing
Loup Electronics	1520	West Hall
LS Tractor USA LLC	6649	South Wing A
Lucky Buck Marvo Mineral	1220	West Hall
Lundell Plastics	2118	Pavilion
Lynx Ag LLC	1500	West Hall
MAC LTT INC	4702	North Wing
MacDon Industries Ltd	3206	West Wing
Mad Hat Bar	GC407	Gift and Craft
Magnum Lift Systems	2158	Pavilion
Magpie Tiger	GC705	Gift and Craft
Mahindra	4900	North Wing
Mainero USA & Dose Manufacturing	3456	West Wing
Man@Machine- Treffler	3007	West Wing
Mandako	3466	West Wing
Marathon Pipe Line LLC	4848	North Wing
Marcrest Manufacturing Inc	3474	West Wing
Martin Industries LLC	8566	South Wing C
Mary's Magnetic Magic Jewelry	GC209	Gift and Craft
Mast Productions/Pit Express	8873	South Wing C
Mathews Company	8166	South Wing C
Maverick Tile Finder Inc/Todd Schaeffer Equip	4566	North Wing
Maxam Tire NA	7665	South Wing B
Maxco Lubricants	8032	South Wing C
Mayslick Farm Supply	2782	Pavilion
McBurney's Livestock Equipment	3390	West Wing
McCain Bros. Excavating, LLC & Simon Innvtns	4400	North Wing
McCormick North America	4456	North Wing
McFarlane Manufacturing Co Inc	4972	North Wing
McHale	4936	North Wing
McTavish Steelworks Workbenches	4871	North Wing
MDS Manufacturing Co. Inc	4638	North Wing
Mechanical Transplanter Co LLC	3081	West Wing
Meg-Mo Systems	7160	South Wing B
Meridian Manufacturing	8915	South Wing C
Metalcraft by K	2160	Pavilion
Metalcraft by K	2800	Pavilion
Meyer Manufacturing Corp	8150	South Wing C
Micro-Trak Systems Inc	4584	North Wing
Mid-American Tool	2411	Pavilion
Mid-South Pressure Washers	2774	Pavilion
Midwest Rancher	4572	North Wing
Millner Haufen Tool Co.	8044	South Wing C
Millner Haufen Tool Co.	2754	Pavilion
Milwaukee Tool	5039	East Hall
Mitco	3614	West Wing
Monosem	5123	East Hall
Montana Post Driver	3146	West Wing
Monty's Plant Food Company	7765	South Wing B
Morgan's Fudge	2154	Pavilion
Morton Buildings Inc	8935	South Wing C
Mountainview Machine	2006	Pavilion
MRCOOL HVAC	3029	West Wing
Mtn View Equipment	6317	South Wing A
Multi Seal	1100	West Hall
My Yield	7977	South Wing B
National Equipment, Inc	4359	North Wing
Natural Resources Conservation Service - USDA	7269	South Wing B
NDEco	7401	South Wing B
NDY Manufacturing	4748	North Wing
Nealy Company	1516	West Hall
Neat Companies	7151	South Wing B
Nectar of the Vine	GC405	Gift and Craft
Needham Ag Technologies LLC	7451	South Wing B
New Ag Supply	4975	North Wing
New Holland	6049	South Wing A
New Peco Inc	2225	Pavilion
NewFields Ag	2139	Pavilion
Nichols Tillage Tools Inc	2135	Pavilion
Nitrogen Sealing Systems	2306	Pavilion
Norden MFG	6808	South Wing A
Norden MFG	6817	South Wing A
Norstar Industries	7661	South Wing B
Northern Minnesota Machinery Sales	1130	West Hall
Norwood Sales	7603	South Wing B
Norwood Sales	7625	South Wing B
Nuhn Industries Ltd	5301	East Hall
Nutra-Boss, Inc	3010	West Wing
O'Connell Drainage by Legacy Equipment Co	7981	South Wing B
Oak and Olive	GC900	Gift and Craft
Ohio Valley Insurance	8099	South Wing C
Oregon Orchardgrass Seed & Clover Comm	6004	South Wing A
Oregon Ryegrass Seed Growers Commission	6000	South Wing A
Oregon Tall Fescue Commission	6002	South Wing A
Outback Guidance	7963	South Wing B
Pacer Pumps	1518	West Hall
PaperPie	GC110	Gift and Craft
Partners Brand Seed	6024	South Wing A
Parts Express	6006	South Wing A
Pasture Management Systems, Inc	1006	West Hall
Patriot Equipment/Minden Machine Inc	8811	South Wing C
Patz Corporation	4726	North Wing
Peach Lane	GC210	Gift and Craft
Peak Forage Solutions	2106	Pavilion
Penta Equipment	3300	West Wing
Pequea Machine Inc	5323	East Hall
Performance Feeds	8100	South Wing C
Perma-Column	6104	South Wing A
Pharm CBD, LLC	GC403	Gift and Craft
Pik Rite	5105	East Hall
Pivot Bio	4448	North Wing
Pneu-Tek Tire Tools	1424	West Hall
Poettinger US Inc	6239	South Wing A
Poly Tech Industries inc	8911	South Wing C
Polymer Industries Inc	1208	West Hall
Poseidon LLC	2768	Pavilion
Power Service Products	4641	North Wing
PowerLift Consultants	7461	South Wing B
PPI Equipment	4477	North Wing
Prairie Grain Analyzers Inc	4685	North Wing
Praxidyn	4724	North Wing
Precision Engine Service LLC	8058	South Wing C
Precision Fabrication	7154	South Wing B
Premier Energy	1703	West Hall
Prescription Tillage Technology LLC	1524	West Hall
Preslar's Western Shop Inc	8624	South Wing C
Pride of the Farm/Advantage Feeders	4623	North Wing
Pride Solutions May Wes	7971	South Wing B
Priefert Mfg./CPC	2432	Pavilion
Pro Puller Tires	13	Broadbent Arena
Progress Eco S.A.	1116	West Hall
Propel SDA LLC	4354	North Wing
Protexia	6615	South Wing A
ProTrakker Guidance Systems	4236	North Wing
PSI Power Inc	3628	West Wing
PTO Link	4449	North Wing
PTX	4060	North Wing
Puck Custom Enterprises Inc	7750	South Wing B
Purdue University - National AgrAbility Project	6308	South Wing A
QC Supply	2008	Pavilion
Quake LED	3046	West Wing
Quality Craft Tools	1113	West Hall
Quality Craft Tools	1800	West Hall
Quality Drills	6213	South Wing A
Quality Liquid Feeds	1131	West Hall
R J Tool and Supply	7046	South Wing B
Raisch Farm Supply	1522	West Hall
Raptor Dynamic	3426	West Wing
Rawhide Portable Corral, Inc	3386	West Wing
Rayne Plane Inc	6219	South Wing A
RCFarmarm	6707	South Wing A
Real Harrows LLC	7250	South Wing B
Red Barn Associates	3374	West Wing
Red Board Systems	7053	South Wing B
Red Haw Supply	12	Broadbent Arena
Redball	8500	South Wing C
Redekop Manufacturing	1210	West Hall
Reliance Power Parts	1305	West Hall
Remlinger Manufacturing	2520	Pavilion
RhinoAg - Dixie Chopper	8654	South Wing C
Richfield Industries	4658	North Wing
Richmond Brothers Equipment LLC		
Rim Gaurd Inc	4824	North Wing
Ripco Systems	8276	South Wing C
Ritchey Livestock ID	1025	West Hall
RJ Tool and Supply	2144	Pavilion
Rock Valley Tractor Parts	4327	North Wing
Rodman Drill/Eppico	4423	North Wing
RODOC feat. Wilson Trailer	3140	West Wing
Rostech Electronics	1430	West Hall
Roto-Mix LLC	3588	West Wing
RSE Fabrication	3097	West Wing
Rursch Specialties	16	Broadbent Arena
Rut MFG.	2108	Pavilion
S&S Disel Motorsport	4686	North Wing
S3 AWS Airbar	1200	West Hall
Salford Group Inc	7623	South Wing B
SaMASZ North America LLC	2203	Pavilion
Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership	1206	West Hall
Schaeffer Specialized Lubricants	7559	South Wing B
Schaffert Mfg Co Inc	6319	South Wing A
Scheid Diesel	4256	North Wing
Schlagel Manufacturing	3033	West Wing
Schrader Real Estate and Auction	2130	Pavilion
Schulte Industries	3242	West Wing
Schumacher Company LC	6110	South Wing A
Schweiss Doors	4662	North Wing
Schweiss Doors	5230	East Hall
Seed Genetics Direct	4358	North Wing
Sensor-1 RVC Enterprises Inc	6218	South Wing A
Sentry Pac Pro	2148	Pavilion
Seven Springs Farms	7951	South Wing B
Shaver Manufacturing Co	4960	North Wing
Sheffield Financial A Division of Truist	7763	South Wing B
Shivvers Country Clipper	8851	South Wing C
Shore Measuring Systems	2805	Pavilion
Shoup Manufacturing	2211	Pavilion
Show N Tell	GC701	Gift and Craft
Show-Me Products	1412	West Hall
Show-Me Products	1418	West Hall
Show-Me Shortline Co LLC	8516	South Wing C
Shur-Co	5137	East Hall
ShurWrap USA	2706	Pavilion
SI Distributing Inc	2242	Pavilion
SI Distributing Inc	6804	South Wing A
Silver Stream Shelters	7055	South Wing B
Silveus Insurance Group	6912	South Wing A
Simpco Inc	4481	North Wing
Sioux Steel Company	8244	South Wing C
Sioux Steel Company	8558	South Wing C
SJ Driveshaft	1410	West Hall
Sloan Express	8943	South Wing C
SMA, Inc	1317	West Hall
Smart Art	GC100	Gift and Craft
Smith Designs	GC401	Gift and Craft
Smith Wright & Company	GC700	Gift and Craft
Smitty Feed Troughs	2003	Pavilion
Smoky Mtn Cattle/Moly Mfg./Rice Lake/MJE LE	8120	South Wing C
SnirtStopper	4987	North Wing
SoCo Swings	2718	Pavilion
Soil Test Pro/FarmLogic	7254	South Wing B
Soilmax	6308	South Wing A
Soilmax	7863	South Wing B
Southeast Val 6, Inc	4324	North Wing
Southeast Val 6, Inc	4648	North Wing
Southern IL Scale and Construction Inc	1217	West Hall
Southern Indiana Supply	4764	North Wing
Southern Tool Supply	4752	North Wing
Southland Dairy Farmers	SDF	West Hall
Spartan Mowers/Intimator Group	3410	West Wing
Sprayer Specialties Inc	8859	South Wing C
Spraytec Fertilizers	6813	South Wing A
Springfield Plastics Inc	2760	Pavilion
Stalk Knockers	8400	South Wing C
Stay Tuff Fence	7566	South Wing B
Steele Ag Innovations	8002	South Wing C
Steinbauer Engineering & Performance	6704	South Wing A
Stine Seed Company	4224	North Wing
STOR-LOC	2700	Pavilion
STOR-LOC	3000	West Wing
STOR-LOC	3001	West Wing
Storm Insurance	4963	North Wing
Strickland Bros Entrps Inc / Flatland Frmr Innvns	1327	West Hall
Sudenga Industries Inc	8420	South Wing C
Sugar Creek Ag, Inc	7365	South Wing B
Sukup Manufacturing Co	8967	South Wing C
Summer Accents	1017	West Hall
SunFire Radiant Heaters	6116	South Wing A
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Agricultural groups sound alarm about farmers' future

Agriculture groups sound an alarm about the economic crisis in rural America in a letter sent in January to Congress. 56 organizations representing a cross-section of agriculture signed the letter, sending a strong message to Congress.

The letter describes an existential threat looming over many farms, stating, "America's farmers, ranchers, and growers are facing extreme economic pressures that threaten the long-term viability of the U.S. agriculture sector. An alarming number of farmers are financially underwater, farm bankruptcies continue to climb, and many farmers may have difficulty securing financing to grow their next crop."

Farm losses are the result of a multitude of challenges over several years of downturns that have led to devastating farm losses. The letter goes on to say, "For the last three to four years the reality of record-high input costs and rapidly declining and historically low crop and specialty crop prices have culminated in many U.S. farmers experiencing negative margins and losses approaching one hundred billion dollars nationwide… These trends aren't just statistics; they represent an economic crisis in rural America."



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The letter, organized by the American Farm Bureau Federation, acknowledges—and expresses appreciation for—the significant investments over the past year in farm programs, a bridge assistance program, and other aid to support farmers. It also notes that losses for commodity crops and specialty crops remain deep and the gap needs to be closed, saying, "In addition to continuing to pursue federal policies to increase long-term domestic demand for U.S agricultural commodities, we urge Congress to provide immediate economic support to fill in the gap of remaining losses for both field and specialty crop farmers."

Farmers appreciate that members of Congress on both sides of the aisle have acknowledged the deep losses on family farms and the need for additional aid. Today's letter emphasizes the urgency of the economic crisis as farmers question whether they can afford to plant another crop. Stabilizing the farm economy benefits all Americans by ensuring our food supply remains strong and secure.



John Deere bets big on Indiana: $125M distribution enter planned for Lake County

By C.J. Miller

John Deere has recently broken ground on a $125 million distribution center in Lake County in northwestern Indiana.

Hoosier Ag Today first reported on this project in July 2024, with John Deere purchasing the property for the site at the time for $7 million.

The 1.2 million-square-foot distribution center is being built on 234 acres off of I-65, near the cities of Lowell and Hebron. The facility is planned at 2105 W. 181st Avenue—just southwest of the interchange of I-65 and State Road 2.

According to a release from Gov. Mike Braun's office Tuesday evening, the new facility is expected to create 150 jobs, each expected to pay above the county's current average wage.

"Our state's location as the Crossroads of America makes it the ideal destination for companies of all sizes to serve customers across the U.S. and around the world," said Gov. Braun in a statement. "John Deere's expansion to Indiana is a testament to our business-first environment, our robust manufacturing sector, and our strong pipeline of skilled talent."

The site of the future 1.2 million-square-foot distribution facility for John Deere. The site is located near the interchange of I-65 and State Road 2 near Lowell in Lake County. Photo courtesy of Coldwell Banker Commercial Realty.

John Deere says their new facility is strategically located to enhance their supply chain capabilities nationwide, and will be designed to streamline operations and ensure timely delivery of equipment and parts.

The company says it will continue to maintain its primary North American Parts Distribution Center in Milan, Illinois, which has been in operation since 1973 and employs about 1,200 people.

John Deere adds that its expansion to Indiana is part of their commitment to invest $20 billion in U.S. manufacturing over the next 10 years.

The Indiana Economic Development Corp. (IDEC) has committed $2.5 million in incentive-based credits to the project, according to the Governor's Office. The company will be eligible to claim those state benefits once its planned investments are made and employees are hired.

President Trump mentioned John Deere's plans during an appearance in Clive, Iowa, on Tuesday. The Indiana facility is one of two that has been announced by the company. John Deere says it also plans to build a $70 million manufacturing facility in Kernersville, North Carolina, that will produce excavators previously produced in Japan.

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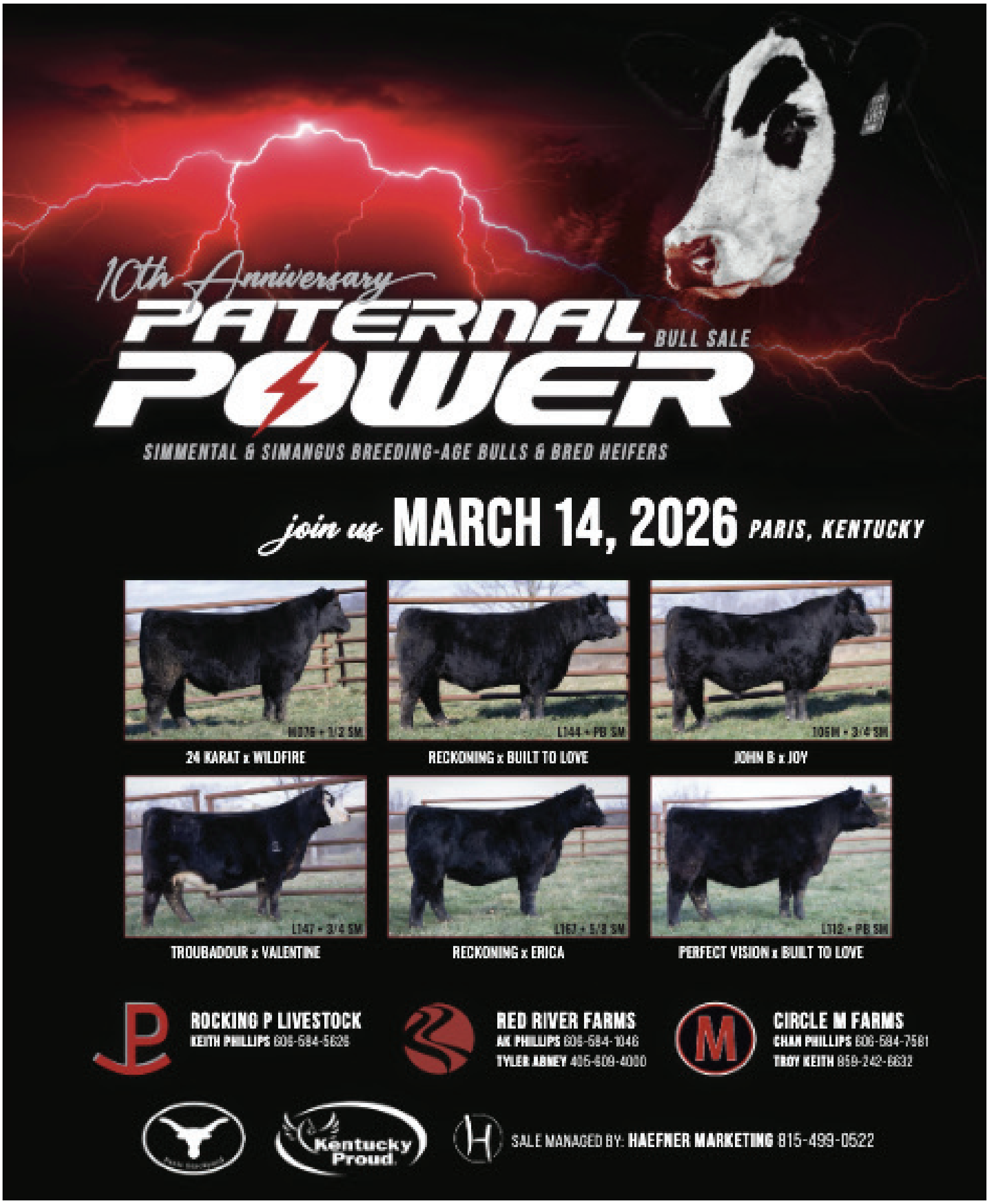
The American Soybean Association is accepting applications for the Valent and ASA Ag Voices of the Future program, which will be held July 13-16 in conjunction with the ASA summer board meeting and Soy Issues Forum in Washington, D.C.

The Ag Voices of the Future program is for students who are passionate about agriculture and interested in expanding their understanding of key agricultural policy issues, the critical role of advocacy, and the wide array of career opportunities in agricultural policy. Class size is limited, and students must be at least 18 years old on or by July 13 to apply.

Select students from the 2026 Ag Voices of the Future program will be awarded a scholarship to participate in the Agriculture Future of America Leaders Conference, Nov. 12-15, 2026, in Kansas City, Missouri. The scholarship covers conference registration fees and travel expenses.

Students must submit their online application by March 5, 2026. To apply for the ASA and Valent Ag Voices of the Future program and be considered for a scholarship to the AFA Leaders Conference, click here, then click the "Apply Now" button. To be considered for the Ag Voices of the Future Program, students should check the box on the application form that reads, "I have an interest in agriculture policy and would like to be considered for the ASA and Valent Ag Voices of the Future Program (July 13-16 in Washington, D.C.) and an AFA Leaders Conference Scholarship."

If a student has already applied for the AFA Leaders Conference, they can modify their application to check the box for the Ag Voices of the Future program.







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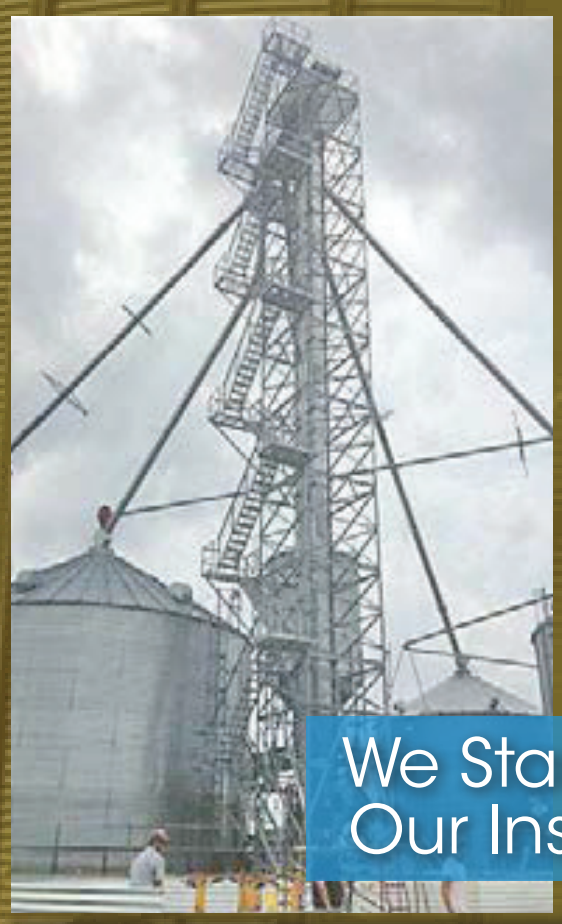





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National FFA week set for Feb. 21-28

National FFA Week is coming up fast, landing this year from Feb. 21 to 28, 2026, and chapters across the country are already lining up ways to celebrate agricultural education, leadership development, and the real-world impact FFA has on students and their communities.

The National FFA Board of Directors originally designed the weeklong tradition in 1948. The weeklong celebration intentionally encompasses George Washington's birthday on February 22, recognizing his legacy as an agriculturalist and farmer.

The week is built for storytelling, too. Whether you're an FFA member, alum, parent, supporter, or local partner, it's a great time to share what the blue jacket means in your hometown. National FFA encourages participants to post their photos and memories using #FFAWeek, helping spotlight the program far beyond the classroom.

Several themed days anchor the celebration. Alumni Day (Tuesday, Feb. 24) is a natural opportunity for chapters to recognize the people who helped build their programs — from handwritten thank-you notes and meals to simple shout-outs that highlight long-time supporters.

Give FFA Day follows on Thursday, Feb. 26, encouraging donations and community backing for local chapters and member opportunities. The week wraps up with Wear Blue Day on Friday, Feb. 27, when members and supporters are asked to show their FFA pride, snap a photo, and tag National FFA alongside the #FFAWeek hashtag.

National FFA Week also ties into fundraising at the local level. Supporters can purchase $1 paper emblems at Tractor Supply Co. during the week, benefiting the Grants for Growing program, and many chapters are encouraging participants to share a "paper emblem selfie" as another easy way to spread the message.

On the chapter side, the plans range from school spirit to community outreach. Neodesha FFA in Kansas, established in 1936 with more than 100 active members today, is promoting a full slate of activities, including a spirit week, a community breakfast with free-will donations, and an alumni work auction.

In Texas, Wylie East FFA is leaning into dress-up days as a fun way to build momentum in the hallway while rewarding participation through chapter points.

Agribusiness partners are getting involved as well: Illinois-based Prairieland FS is inviting eligible chapters to create short videos explaining why cooperatives matter in local agriculture, with prize money for the most-engaged entry shared on social media during the week.



National FFA WeekImage courtesy of the National FFA Organization

For chapters still pulling ideas together, National FFA has planning tools available including activity logs, templates, an updated FFA Week logo, and ready-to-post social media kits designed to make promotion easier and more consistent.

No matter how a chapter marks it, National FFA Week is a reminder that FFA is more than a line on a schedule, it's a pipeline for the next generation of producers, ag educators, innovators, and rural leaders.

New analysis reinforces urgent need for additional farm support

American Farm Bureau President Zippy Duvall highlights the urgent need for legislation expanding the bridge support program for farmers, reinforced by new analysis indicating the economic crisis in farm country is likely to continue this year.

"We are grateful for the aid Congress has delivered to farmers this year and do not take that for granted. But we are in an economic crisis, the likes of which we haven't seen in decades. New Farm Bureau analysis reveals farmers are likely to face another very difficult year if markets do not improve. The sad reality is the climbing rate of farm bankruptcies and further consolidation of farms is only going to accelerate if Congress fails to act.

"Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle have assured us in recent weeks that they recognize more aid is needed to keep our food supply strong, which requires a strong agricultural sector. Many have also voiced strong support for approving year-round E15 fuel, which would be a win-win for consumers and farmers by reducing the price of fuel at the pump while increasing demand for both corn and sorghum.



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"The target for months has been to include both priorities in the government funding package. So, it was a shock to see bill text proposed by the House that includes neither. There is still time. Congress must act. Failing to do so would not only fail farmers, who don't control the prices they're paid or the skyrocketing cost of supplies, it would fail every family in America who relies on farmers to provide safe and healthy food to stock their pantries.

"We know much work is yet to be done for a legislative package to reach the finish line. The importance of including a lifeline for farmers, which translates to food security for families across America, cannot be overstated."

AGRICULTURE & BUSINESS OUTLOOK

Leave the Wire:

Turning Decisions Into Action for 2026



By Alan Hoskins
President and National Director of Sales
American Farm Mortgage & Financial Services

A few years ago, someone posed what seemed to be a reasonably simple math problem. The question was: "Ten birds are sitting on a wire, and three decide to leave. How many birds remain?" It sounded straightforward. Having mastered elementary school math (or "grade school," as we called it), I confidently replied, "Seven." The individual responded, "That's not correct."

I disagreed—after all, ten minus three is seven. The person then explained that the correct answer was ten. Confused, I asked how that could be possible. The explanation was simple: while three of the birds had decided to leave, none had yet taken action. Since no action had occurred, all ten birds remained on the wire. While this story may be interesting—or even entertaining—what relevance does it have to agricultural producers? I believe the answer is: quite a lot.

As harvest concludes and producers begin evaluating the 2025 production year, many are facing significant challenges. These may include substantially higher input costs, commodity prices below the cost of production, and/or below-average yields—just to name a few. For some, these conditions represent the most severe downturn experienced in many years; for others, this may be their first encounter with a cycle of this magnitude. In either case, success will require more than simply deciding to change. Meaningful improvement demands action—supported by a clear implementation plan and a defined, measurable outcome. Saying "I am going to change" rarely leads to success without identifying specific steps to achieve that goal.

For example, a producer may choose to evaluate soil test results to determine fertilizer application rates for the upcoming year. If a decision is made to reduce fertilizer usage, what is the anticipated financial impact based on projected yields and estimated 2026 commodity prices? While I recognize that yield and price are variables that cannot be predicted with certainty, the pursuit of perfection should not become a barrier to progress.

Additionally, while decisions may ultimately rest with one individual or a small leadership group, the responsibility for strategy development should not fall on them alone. I strongly encourage producers to seek input from trusted advisors—crop consultants, insurance agents, accountants, and bankers—to gain additional perspectives and identify opportunities for improvement. Finally, be thoughtful about the number of significant changes implemented at one time. While today's challenges may feel overwhelming, focusing on a limited number of changes that deliver the greatest improvement in profitability or efficiency is often more effective. It has been said that prioritizing more than three major organizational changes at once can dilute focus and reduce overall success.

Navigating periods of uncertainty is never easy. However, drawing upon both your own experience and the insights of those around you can help illuminate the path forward. As you plan for the months ahead, I encourage you not only to decide to change—but to leave the wire and take action.



American Farm Bureau establishes 2026 policies

New Grassroots Leaders Also Elected

In January, farmer and rancher delegates to the American Farm Bureau Federation's 107th Convention adopted policies to guide the organization's work in 2026. Key topics ranged from labor to animal health to risk management.

For the fourth year, delegates were polled during the voting session regarding their farms. The results show almost 99% of those who cast votes operate family farms and more than two-thirds represent small- to mid-size farms as defined by USDA. Today's discussion highlighted the fact that farmers across the spectrum and across the country are struggling.

"America's farmers and ranchers are facing unprecedented challenges in agriculture, including high supply costs, trade imbalances, and low commodity prices. Today, our members gave us clear guidance on how we should address those challenges in the coming year," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "Farm Bureau's strength was on display today, as our grassroots set the policy for this organization. We look forward to taking their stories to leaders in Washington, as we work to ensure farmers and ranchers can continue to fill pantries for families across the country."

Delegates adopted policy to improve labor programs to meet the needs of America's farmers and ranchers, including formalizing support for the new Adverse Effect Wage Rate methodology, and further revisions to avoid unpredictable rate swings in the future.

They voted to support federal funding for research and biosecurity facilities to better identify and combat illnesses and pests that threaten the health of crops and animals. New policy also includes committing more resources specifically to eradicate the New World screwworm, and keeping the U.S.-Mexico border closed to cattle trade until the screwworm is controlled.

Delegates revised national farm policy to provide more protection for dairy farmers who may suffer losses due to market challenges.

Delegates also formalized support for prioritizing locally grown fruits, vegetables, bread, and proteins in institutional purchases such as schools and government facilities.

Voting members also requested that the board of directors analyze several agricultural issues, including the impact of tariffs and the lack of affordable insurance options for poultry farmers.



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Farm Bureau Leadership Elections

Beyond policy changes, AFBF President Zippy Duvall and Vice President Scott VanderWal were unanimously re-elected for another two-year term.

Delegates also elected members to serve on the AFBF board of directors and national program committees. Stacy Simunek, Oklahoma (Southern Region), was elected to fill a one-year term on the AFBF board of directors. Joyce Brady, New Hampshire (Northeast Region), and ValJay Rigby, Utah (Western Region), were elected to two-year terms.

Eleven other state Farm Bureau presidents were re-elected to two-year terms to represent their regions on the board. From the Midwest Region—Garrett Hawkins, Missouri; and Mark McHargue, Nebraska. From the Northeast Region—Chris Hoffman, Pennsylvania. From the Western Region—Carlyle Currier, Colorado; and Rosella Mosby, Washington. From the Southern Region—Eddie Melton, Kentucky; Harry Ott, South Carolina; Jimmy Parnell, Alabama; Scott Sink, Virginia; Jeb Smith, Florida; and Dan Wright, Arkansas.

National Program Committees

Julie Hardy of Georgia (Southern Region) was elected to a two-year term on the Women's Leadership Committee. Mindy Orschell of Indiana (Midwest Region), Dot Jensen of Utah (Western Region) and Jennifer Cross of Maryland (Northeast Region) were re-elected to two-year terms.

Heidi Cooper of Massachusetts was elected chair, Steve Breeding of Delaware was elected vice chair and Lynn Leahy of Wisconsin was elected secretary of the Promotion & Engagement Committee. They will each serve one-year terms.

Tommy Salisbury of Oklahoma was elected chair, Cleve Jackson of Georgia was elected vice chair and Katie Wiese of Minnesota was elected secretary of the Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee.

They will each serve one-year terms beginning in March at the end of the YF&R Conference.

AFBF appreciates the 110 speakers and 4,500 registered attendees who helped make the 2026 Convention such a success.

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John Deere announces U.S. expansion following year of big layoffs

John Deere announced plans to open two new U.S.-based facilities — in Indiana and North Carolina — an expansion the company says will create more than 300 jobs and increase its domestic manufacturing and distribution capacity.

The announcement comes as the equipment maker has faced scrutiny over workforce reductions in the Midwest and questions from farmers and lawmakers about its long-term commitment to U.S. manufacturing amid expanded operations in Mexico.

The expansion includes a new parts distribution center near Hebron, Indiana, and a new excavator manufacturing facility in Kernersville, North Carolina. Both facilities are expected to open within the next year.



John Deere S7 Combine Image by John Deere

"Our investment in these new facilities underscores John Deere's dedication to strengthening the backbone of American industry and supporting local economies," said John May, chairman and chief executive officer of John Deere. "We believe in building America, and these projects represent our intent to continue driving innovation and job creation in the United States."

Indiana parts distribution center

John Deere recently broke ground on a new distribution center near Hebron, Indiana, aimed at strengthening the company's supply chain and improve parts availability nationwide. The facility is expected to employ approximately 150 workers.

"This new facility is an investment in customer expectations around world class product support through parts availability for our US based ag, turf, construction, forestry, mining and turf customers," said Denver Caldwell, vice president, Aftermarket and Customer Support. "Indiana's strong workforce and central location make it an ideal choice for expansion."

John Deere will continue to operate its primary North American Parts Distribution Center in Milan, Illinois, which has been in operation since 1973 and employs approximately 1,200 people.

Excavator manufacturing facility in North Carolina

The company also announced plans for a $70 million excavator manufacturing facility in Kernersville, North Carolina. The plant will produce future-generation excavators for the construction market, with production shifting from overseas manufacturing to the United States.

The North Carolina facility is expected to employ more than 150 people and will utilize advanced manufacturing technologies to support equipment demand and domestic production.

"We are excited to

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Beef Expo set for March 6th - 8th

By Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jonathan Shell

Over the years, we've seen ups and downs in the beef cattle industry.

In 2025, we saw a rebounding of the market. Cattle prices were up more than 25 percent for much of the year, offsetting the fact that there were fewer animals on the market. Cattle and calves brought in more than $1.5 billion in cash receipts, making it one of Kentucky's top commodities.

The cattle industry's strong showing for 2025 helped contribute to the overall agricultural sales for the state, which economists at the University of Kentucky anticipate will be near the $8.3 billion record mark.

These numbers show how important agriculture is to the state of Kentucky and cattle producers are a large reason for that. The nearly 1 million head of beef cattle in the Commonwealth and the more than 31,000 farms with beef cattle, solidifies cattle among Kentucky's top commodities.

As a cattle farmer myself, I know firsthand the hard work that goes into the beef industry from bottle-feeding calves to fighting the weather. It is that experience that forms my deep appreciation for the farmers across Kentucky who make this their passion year after year. Without their continued efforts Kentucky would not have the great agricultural community that makes it stand out amongst other states. Farming is integral for our state and cattle farmers are a large part of the equation.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the annual Kentucky Farm Bureau Beef Expo. As the largest beef cattle state east of the Mississippi River, Kentucky is blessed to have this event as a staple on our agriculture calendar each year. The expo will take place March 6-8 in the West Wing of the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, a prime facility for livestock events.

A lot of work goes into making the Beef Expo possible every year, including the many hours Kentucky Venues CEO David Beck and his team put into hosting this event.

The Beef Expo evolved from earlier cattle events, officially forming as the Kentucky Beef Expo in 1987. Combining various breed shows into one major event reduced costs while showcasing top genetics for breeders and buyers in one place. The expo's roots trace back to the Kentucky Angus Sweepstakes in 1947 and a general livestock show planned by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture starting in 1974, with the goal of promoting quality cattle and boosting the state's beef industry.

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bring this new facility to our Kernersville campus and to be part of the region's thriving manufacturing community," said Ryan Campbell, president Worldwide Construction and Forestry and Power Systems. "Our focus will be on delivering excellence, creating jobs, and advancing the legacy of John Deere in American manufacturing."

Expansions follow workplace reductions

The announcement follows a year of significant workforce reductions across several John Deere facilities, particularly in Iowa and Illinois. Since April 2024, the company has eliminated roughly 2,200 jobs in Iowa alone, citing lower equipment demand and challenging agricultural market conditions.

In September 2025, John Deere confirmed additional layoffs affecting more than 140 employees at its Waterloo and Ankeny, Iowa, operations. The company has said production schedules are adjusted based on seasonal demand and order volumes.

At the same time, Deere has faced criticism from some farm groups and policymakers over expanding manufacturing operations in Mexico, raising concerns about the balance between domestic and international production.

Company executives have maintained that recent investments signal a long-term commitment to U.S. manufacturing. During a 2025 earnings call, John Deere reaffirmed plans to invest approximately $20 billion in U.S. operations over the next decade, including factory upgrades, workforce development, and new production capacity.

"These investments reflect our confidence in the future of U.S. manufacturing and our commitment to innovation, quality, and job creation," said John May, chairman and chief executive officer of John Deere.



Kennedy, Rollins unveil historic reset of U.S. Nutrition Policy, put real food back at center of health

Washington, D.C., — U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins today released the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2025–2030, marking the most significant reset of federal nutrition policy in decades. The new Guidelines deliver a clear, common-sense message to the American people: eat real food.

The U.S. faces a national health emergency. Nearly 90% of health care spending goes toward treating chronic disease, much of it linked to diet and lifestyle. More than 70% of American adults are overweight or obese, and nearly 1 in 3 adolescents has prediabetes. Diet-driven chronic disease now disqualifies many young Americans from military service, threatening national readiness and limiting opportunity.

"These Guidelines return us to the basics," Secretary Kennedy said. "American households must prioritize whole, nutrient-dense foods—protein, dairy, vegetables, fruits, healthy fats, and whole grains—and dramatically reduce highly processed foods. This is how we Make America Healthy Again."

"Thanks to the bold leadership of President Trump, this edition of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans will reset federal nutrition policy, putting our families and children first as we move towards a healthier nation," Secretary Rollins said. "At long last, we are realigning our food system to support American farmers, ranchers, and companies that grow and produce real food. Farmers and ranchers are at the forefront of the solution, and that means more protein, dairy, vegetables, fruits, healthy fats, and whole grains on American dinner tables."

Under President Trump's leadership, the Administration is restoring scientific integrity, accountability, and common sense to federal health guidance. The 2025–2030 Guidelines reestablish food—not pharmaceuticals—as the foundation of health and reclaim the food pyramid as a tool for nourishment and education.

The Guidelines emphasize simple, flexible guidance rooted in modern nutrition science:

Prioritize protein at every meal

Consume full-fat dairy with no added sugars

Eat vegetables and fruits throughout the day, focusing on whole forms

Incorporate healthy fats from whole foods such as meats, seafood, eggs, nuts, seeds, olives, and avocados

Focus on whole grains, while sharply reducing refined carbohydrates

Limit highly processed foods, added sugars, and artificial additives

Eat the right amount for you, based on age, sex, size, and activity level

Choose water and unsweetened beverages to support hydration

Limit alcohol consumption for better overall health

The Guidelines also provide tailored recommendations for infants and children, adolescents, pregnant and lactating women, older adults, individuals with chronic disease, and vegetarians and vegans, ensuring nutritional adequacy across every stage of life.

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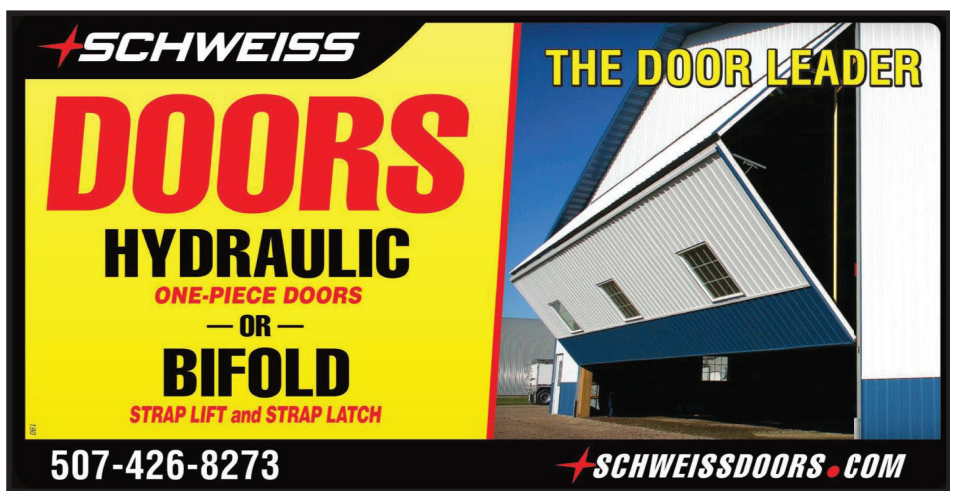

Farmers applaud return of whole milk to schools

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall commented on President Trump signing the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act into law.

"Farmers applaud Rep. GT Thompson and Senator Roger Marshall for working to return whole milk to America's schools, and to the president for signing the legislation last month. The commonsense, bipartisan bill ensures children will have access to important vitamins, protein and other nutrients while supporting dairy farmers who need access to expanded markets for their product.

"America's farmers as a whole are struggling with high expenses that outpace income. Finding a solution that benefits everyone without creating extra costs for taxpayers is innovative and a sign of good government. Farm Bureau is committed to working with the administration to find more solutions to keep farmers in business and increase affordability for America's families."



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U.S. pork producers pleased new dietary guidelines put pork front and center on plate

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Pork Producers Council applauds the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's release of the 2025-2030 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which encourage Americans to "consume a variety of protein foods from animal sources, including eggs, poultry, seafood, and red meat."

"America's pork producers appreciate the 2025 Dietary Guidelines putting pork front and center on the plate. They took note of producer concerns and rightly gave pork and other high-protein, nutrient-dense, and delicious meats their due when it comes to Americans' health and dietary habits," said Rob Brenneman, NPPC president-elect and pork producer from Washington, Iowa.

Quintessentially American foods like pork chops and Easter hams can remain a staple of American households, and the guidelines go so far as to recommend parents introduce nutrient-dense foods including meat early and continue focusing on "nutrient-dense foods such as protein foods" throughout childhood.

NPPC has long advocated for sound science, including how the Dietary Guidelines are developed. The "upside down" pyramid released by the administration encourages consumers to feel good about eating and enjoying their protein as part of a healthy, balanced diet, and America's pork producers are proud to play a part in their wellbeing by providing readily available, affordable, enjoyable pork products.

NPPC will continue to review the new guidelines and work with the Trump administration to ensure future food policy decisions serve the health and nutrition interests of the American public and that pork continues to play a vital part.



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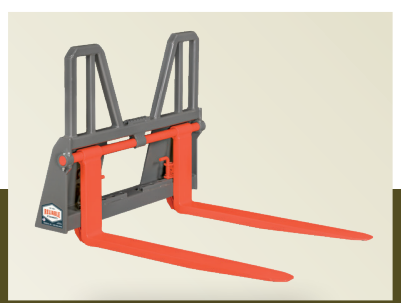

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ASA urges balance on agricultural drone policy



The American Soybean Association is closely monitoring recent federal actions related to restrictions on certain foreign-manufactured drones used in U.S. agriculture and the potential impacts on farmers. Precision agriculture tools, including drones, are essential for today's farmers to manage costs, monitor crops, and operate efficiently. Foreign-manufactured drones represent a significant majority of the agricultural drone market, and sudden restrictions on their use without available domestically manufactured alternatives risk adding new financial and operational burdens for farmers already facing tight margins and market uncertainty.

"Soybean farmers depend on modern technology to stay competitive, efficient, and sustainable," said Scott Metzger, president of ASA and Ohio farmer. "While we recognize the importance of addressing national security concerns, it's critical that policymakers fully consider the real-world impacts these decisions can have on farmers who rely on these tools every day. Taking proven technology out of farmers' toolboxes without workable alternatives only adds cost and uncertainty at a time when farmers can least afford it."

ASA has consistently supported policies that protect farmers' access to reliable technology, broadband connectivity, GPS systems, and spectrum resources critical to modern agriculture. We urge policymakers and federal agencies to work with agriculture stakeholders to address security concerns while preserving farmers' access to essential tools.

USDA accepting applications for the 1890 National Scholars Program



WASHINGTON, DC — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is now accepting applications for the USDA 1890 National Scholars Program, which aims to encourage students at the Congressionally created 1890 land-grant universities to pursue careers in food, agriculture, and natural resource sciences. The application deadline is March 8, 2026.

Students around the country are invited to complete and submit their applications online through an online application. The USDA 1890 National Scholars Program is available to eligible high school seniors entering their freshman year of college that will attend one of the 1890 land-grant universities and pursue degrees in agriculture, food, natural resource sciences, or related academic disciplines. The program is also open to rising college sophomores and juniors that meet the same criteria.

"Our land-grant universities, especially our 1890 land-grants, are critical in educating the next generation of agriculturists, and the USDA 1890 National Scholars Program supports this effort by providing students with real-world work experience and support for their education. Now more than ever we need to encourage our young people to join the noble and fulfilling profession of farming and feeding our fellow citizens," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins. "President Trump has made it a priority to promote excellence at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and USDA is proud to further these efforts through this important program."

This program is a partnership between USDA and the 19 land-grant universities that were established under the Morrill Land Grand Act of 1890. Scholars accepted into the program will get work experience at USDA through summer internships and will also receive financial support from USDA for their education.

The USDA 1890 National Scholars Program supports Executive Order 14283, White House Initiative to Promote Excellence and Innovation at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and continues USDA's long history of developing leaders and providing support to public land-grant universities to build the next generation of the agricultural workforce.

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New dietary guidelines emphasize beef's place in a healthy diet



WASHINGTON — In January, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) welcomed the release of the 2025-2030 Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs). The updated DGAs nearly double the recommended daily amount for protein intake, increasing it to 1.2-1.6 grams per kilogram body weight, depending on your age group and individual caloric needs. The document focuses on building a healthy diet around whole foods, limiting highly processed foods and added sugars, and prioritizing protein at every meal like nutrient-dense beef. Red meat is specifically mentioned as a healthy source of protein in a varied, balanced diet.

"As a mom, I understand the importance of eating nutritious wholesome protein and as a rancher, I see the hard work that goes into providing the best possible food for our communities. The updated and simplified Dietary Guidelines will help more families like mine learn the facts about beef's nutritional value and make the best decisions when they're shopping for a nutrient-rich, whole, and delicious protein," said Kim Brackett, an Idaho rancher and NCBA vice president. "Beef provides high amounts of protein plus nine other essential nutrients like iron and B vitamins, and gold-standard clinical studies have consistently shown that it is easy to incorporate beef into a balanced, heart-healthy diet. We appreciate Secretary Rollins and Secretary Kennedy underlining the role of beef as an important part of a healthy diet."

The Dietary Guidelines released today are simplified and more consumer-friendly than previous cycles. The streamlined approach taken by Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins and Secretary of Health and Human Services Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. keeps science-backed recommendations at the heart of the DGAs, but makes them far more practical for the families, caregivers, school administrators, and medical professionals who are making decisions every day about what to feed our children, seniors and Americans of all ages. Other recommendations in the DGAs include:

Incorporate beef tallow and other healthy fats into the cooking process.

Use healthier cooking methods like baking, broiling, roasting, stir-frying, or grilling, all of which can be used with the wide variety of retail beef cuts available to American families.

Introducing nutrient-dense foods like meat during infancy and early childhood to support growing children.

Although much discussed in recent months, the DGAs do not make any changes to the existing recommendation that saturated fats should not make up more than 10 percent of daily calories. The guidelines do note that healthy fats are a natural part of real foods like meat, and these fats support many important functions in the body like nutrient absorption.

"As Americans face the double burden of being overfed and undernourished, they are searching for reliable, affordable solutions to meet their nutritional needs and personal preferences. Thankfully, there are a wide range of beef options in the marketplace," said Registered Dietitian and nutrition scientist Dr. Shalene McNeill, executive director of nutrition science for NCBA. "On a per-gram basis, beef offers more nutrient value than many other animal and plant options. Incorporating beef in the diet can help support the overall health and well-being for all Americans."

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USDA names new leadership of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Agency remains committed to mission delivery and continuity of service to U.S. agriculture

In January, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced important leadership changes within the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). Dr. Michael Watson, APHIS Administrator, will retire at the end of January after decades of distinguished service, and Dr. Rosemary Sifford, Deputy Administrator for Veterinary Services and U.S. Chief Veterinary Officer, has recently retired from federal service after a similarly notable career. Beginning on February 1, 2026, Ms. Kelly Moore will serve as Acting Administrator and effective immediately, Dr. Alan Huddleston will serve as the Acting U.S. Chief Veterinary Officer. Additionally, to ensure continuity during this transition, APHIS Veterinary Services Associate Deputy Administrator Dr. Adis Dijab will continue to provide operational oversight of Veterinary Services. APHIS operations continue uninterrupted, guided by science-based policies, strong stakeholder engagement, and experienced acting leaders to ensure program continuity. APHIS remains steadfast in its mission to protect the health, welfare, and value of our Nation's plants, animals, and natural resources—continuing to deliver solutions and essential services that safeguard U.S. agriculture and support stakeholders nationwide.

"Dr. Watson and Dr. Sifford are dedicated public servants and we greatly appreciate their time at USDA, serving American farmers and ranchers, and protecting the national security of the United States. I am so grateful for their extended service to support the Trump Administration during such a critical time for American agriculture," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins. "The team at APHIS plays a critical role in protecting our food supply from foreign pests like the New World Screwworm, as well as fighting diseases like bird flu. I have the utmost confidence in Ms. Moore, Dr. Huddleston, and Dr. Dijab in continuing this critical mission and defending American agriculture."

"Dr. Watson and Dr. Sifford exemplify the best of public service. Their leadership and commitment to collaboration strengthened APHIS and the nation's animal and plant health systems," said Dudley Hoskins, Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs. "These are consequential changes at a pivotal moment for the agency, and I am confident that Ms. Moore, Dr. Huddleston, and Dr. Dijab will not only serve as steady hands for program continuity but will lead APHIS into a new era."

Dr. Watson's notable career reflects his unwavering commitment to safeguarding U.S. agriculture, building strong partnerships with States and stakeholders, and mentoring future leaders. Beginning his USDA career in 1994 as a plant pathologist with the Agricultural Research Service, he later held key leadership roles across multiple APHIS programs. Dr. Watson consistently championed science-based policy, ensuring APHIS decisions were grounded in rigorous data and research to protect U.S. agriculture and maintain public trust. His legacy is one of collaboration, integrity, and dedication to public service. Dr. Watson will remain with APHIS until January 31 to facilitate a seamless handoff to the incoming Acting Administrator, ensuring continuity and stability during this leadership transition.

Ms. Moore is currently Acting Chief Operating Officer for USDA's Marketing and Regulatory Programs mission area and Acting Deputy Administrator of Marketing and Regulatory Programs Business Services. She brings extensive operational leadership experience and results-driven management, including a strong foundation of discipline from her prior service in the U.S. Marine Corps. Ms. Moore is highly adept at guiding organizations through periods of change and transition and driving efficiency, compliance, and innovation at scale—critical to APHIS's mission during this pivotal time.

Dr. Sifford began her USDA career in 1997 as a Saul T. Wilson Scholar and held numerous roles across APHIS. Under her leadership and guidance, APHIS advanced major animal health efforts, including combatting highly pathogenic avian influenza—with unprecedented detections in dairy cattle—and strengthening preparedness and response for New World Screwworm. Her direction ensured these efforts were grounded in science-based policy, supported by field-ready guidance, and delivered with transparent stakeholder engagement. A steadfast champion of practical, proven biosecurity, Dr. Sifford worked closely with States and industry to protect animal health nationwide.

Dr. Alan Huddleston will serve as Acting U.S. Chief Veterinary Officer. With deep expertise in epidemiology and program development, Dr. Huddleston will represent U.S. animal health priorities internationally and maintain strong engagement with States and industry.





Farm Bureau names 2026 Farm Dog of the Year

Recognizing the vital role that four-legged friends often play on family farms and ranches, Farm Bureau launched the Farm Dog of the Year contest several years ago – now a popular feature of the American Farm Bureau Convention.

The winner of the 2026 Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year award is Max, a 4-year-old Border Collie owned by Oklahoma Farm Bureau members John, Charla and Brynley Enns. AFBF, with support from Nestlé Purina PetCare, recognized Max as the winner, from among nearly 100 contenders. Max was selected by a team of judges.

Members of the public voted online to select the People's Choice Pup. Goose, owned by Kentucky Farm Bureau member Lindie Huffman, was named People's Choice Pup. Two other dogs were finalists for People's Choice Pup: Ruby Hope, owned by Indiana member Travis Burkhart; and Bubbles, owned by Montana member Elena Hovland-Stuker.

"Farm dogs are more than workers, they're family," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "While they assist with chores, they also offer the companionship that makes tough days a little easier. It has been a pleasure to partner with Purina for the eighth annual Farm Dog of the Year contest, showcasing the important role dogs play in everyday farm life."

Rounding up livestock, chasing off predators, opening gates, fetching or carrying tools/buckets and greeting visitors are among the many tasks performed by farm dogs. The contest celebrates the diverse ways farm dogs support farmers and ranchers.

Farm Dog of the Year Max's primary role is to herd beef cattle on the Enns' farm. His assistance is invaluable for John, who is disabled and uses a mobility scooter. Moving "momma cows" and their growing calves from pasture to pasture so they have access to nutritious, fresh grass is a recurring chore for John and Max.

"I can't image doing this without Max," John said. "Max is not only a working dog, he's great with the family." After a long day of herding boisterous cattle on mostly hilly terrain, Max often accompanies John and Charla to pick daughter Brynley up from school. Balancing farming with a disability and family life while navigating today's challenging farm economy would test anyone. But John remains undeterred. "Together, we make things work," he said.

Purina, one of the nation's leading pet care companies, donated prizes for the contest again this year, which included $5,000 in prize money, a trophy plate, a year's supply of Pro-Plan dog food and other Purina products for Max. The People's Choice Pup, Goose, receives a trophy plate, Purina products and a $2,500 cash prize. Nestle has been helping dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives through scientifically based nutritional innovations for 130 years.

"Purina is proud to continue partnering with the American Farm Bureau to celebrate the essential role of farm dogs like Max," said Jack Scott, vice president of sustainable sourcing at Nestlé Purina PetCare. "These remarkable dogs are invaluable partners in agriculture, and through the Farm Dog of the Year award, we're honored to recognize their contributions and the bond that makes pets and people better together."



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Again this year, as part of the Farm Dog of the Year program, AFBF will donate $1,500 to P.H.A.R.M. Dog USA, which trains and places farm dogs with farmers living with physical, cognitive or illness-related disabilities. The donation will be made in honor of Max and Goose.

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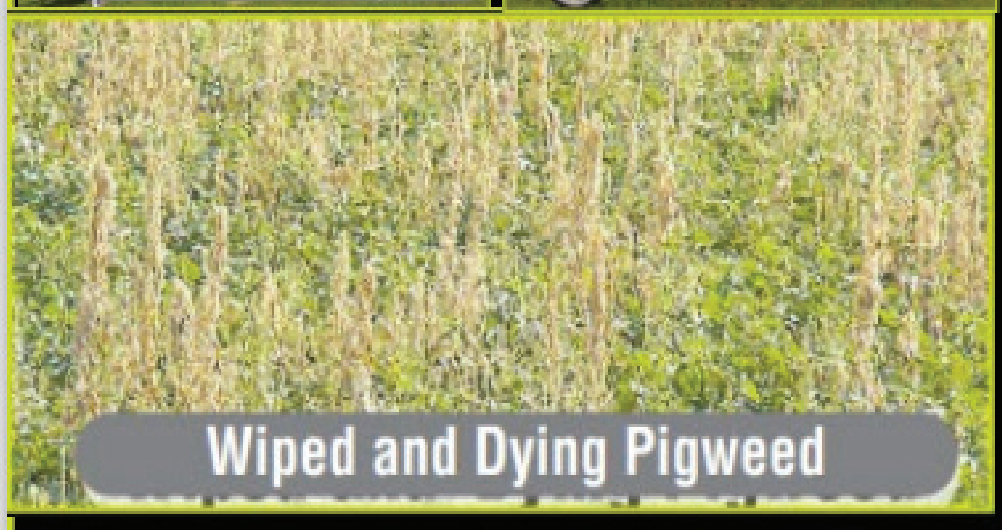

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UTM sophomore receives AMVAC scholarship for ag students

MARTIN, Tenn. – Hannah Fowler, a University of Tennessee at Martin sophomore agribusiness major from Atwood, is one of seven students nationwide to receive the 2025 Southern Agriculture Industry Advancement Scholarship from AMVAC, an American Vanguard company that specializes in the development, manufacturing and marketing of products for agricultural use.

Fowler has a concentration in farm and ranch management. The other students receiving the scholarship are Jessie Adams of the University of Georgia Tifton Campus, Rhet Bexley of the University of Arkansas, Delaney Brown of Texas A&M University, William Cordell of the University of Florida, Navdeep Godara of Virginia Tech University and Sadie Morris of Mississippi State University.



HANNAH FOWLER – Hannah Fowler, a sophomore agribusiness major from Atwood, was one of seven students nationwide to receive the 2025 Southern Agriculture Industry Advancement Scholarship from AMVAC.

Each recipient will be awarded a $2,000 scholarship to help them continue their educational and professional pursuits in the agriculture industry. These students' fields of interest vary widely across the industry, including agribusiness, crop science, plant breeding and weed science.

"Agriculture has always been a part of my life," Fowler told AMVAC. "Growing up on a row crop farm taught me where it all begins, and studying agribusiness lets me give back and make an impact. I'm so grateful to be chosen for this scholarship."

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants needed a nomination from a consultant or professor and experience studying agriculture or working in the industry between 2023 and 2025. The scholarship was open to seniors in high school or students enrolled in an agriculture program at an accredited college or university.

The announcement was made by AMVAC on Dec. 8.

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USDA Farmer Bridge Assistance Payments fall short for soybean farmers

Back in December, the American Soybean Association responded to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's release of additional details regarding the Farmer Bridge Assistance program. The commodity-specific payment rates for the program will include $30.88/acre for soybeans, which will not cover the significant financial damage soybean farmers sustained this year due to the high cost of production and losses sustained during the China trade war.

ASA appreciates the administration's focus on the economic downturn in the U.S. agricultural industry. The per-acre financial support for soybean farmers, however, will not be enough to ensure their operations can survive through the next growing season. The FBA program is a critical first step in making soybean farmers whole, but additional actions, including finalizing biofuels policies to bolster domestic markets for U.S. soy, are urgently needed.

"ASA is grateful to the Trump administration and USDA for recognizing the economic losses farmers are experiencing, but due to significant trade losses this year, the payment rate for soybeans will likely not be enough for soybean farmers to keep their operations financially solvent as we move into the next planting season," said ASA President and Ohio farmer Scott Metzger. "While the assistance provides some relief, farmers need strong, reliable markets to guarantee the long-term success of the U.S. soybean industry. We urge the Trump administration to focus on immediate, achievable actions which will support domestic soybean markets, including finalizing policies that create a preference for soy-based biofuel feedstocks through the 2026-2027 Renewable Volume Obligations, robust biomass-based diesel volumes, and 45Z Clean Fuel Production Credit tax guidance. Reliable markets depend on policies that grow demand, strengthen rural economies, and provide certainty for the next generation."

ASA urges the administration to deliver long-term demand solutions by finalizing strong biofuels policy. Finalizing EPA's biofuel blending requirements as proposed, including the RIN credit discount for imported biofuel feedstocks that undercut domestic soybean demand, would prioritize American-grown feedstocks, support domestic energy production, and strengthen demand for U.S. soybean oil. Further, the swift finalization of 45Z tax guidance to ensure the positive changes created through One Big Beautiful Bill Act can be realized, is imperative to support biofuel industry investments. Putting these policies in place now will help ensure today's assistance is paired with lasting market opportunity for soybean farmers and rural communities.

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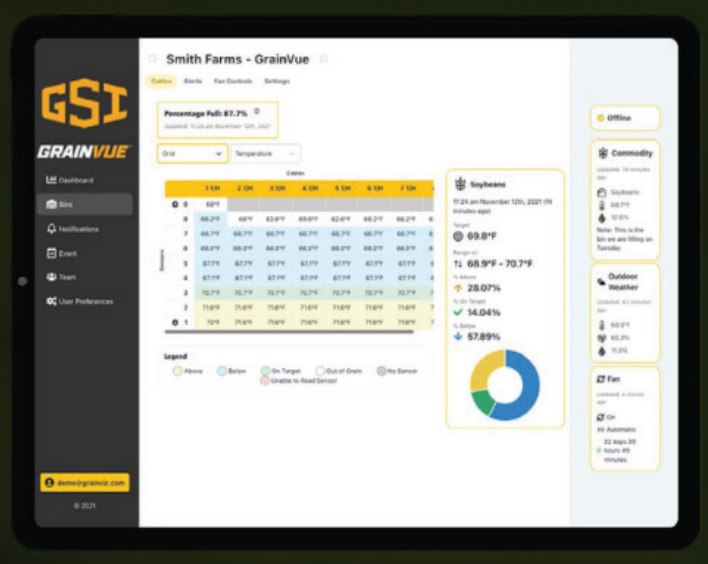

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2003 PETERBILT 357, Very nice truck, fleet maintained, runs excellent, air seat, tilt/tele, differential lock, dump valve, power windows, power door locks, power mirrors, heated mirrors, cruise control.
Stk. #03PETE520TADUMP **$30,000**



1994 KENWORTH T800, Good truck, runs excellent, double frame, air gate, air seat, differential lock, steerable air lift axle, pre-emissions Detroit, 425 HP, diesel, 13 speed manual Eaton-Fuller transmission.
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2016 FREIGHTLINER 114SD, Good truck, runs great, very clean, 430 HP, air seat, power windows, full locking rears, power door locks. Everything about this truck is nice/bed/cab, frame no rust, super nice truck.
Stk. #16DET363TADUMP **$70,000**



2011 INTERNATIONAL WORKSTAR, Very nice truck, low miles, not rusty, Southern ran truck, air seat, differential lock, tarp, air gate, diesel, 350 HP, left hand drive, manual tarp, tandem rear axles, Allison transmission.
Stk. #11740054TADUMP **$45,000**



2012 PETERBILT 365, Good truck, runs excellent, low miles, power right window, air seat, differential lock, dump valve, heavy duty truck, Cummins engine, manual transmission, sleeper size 36 in , left hand drive, overdrive.
Stk. #12PETE254FLAT365 ..... **$30,000**



2008 PETERBILT 365, Nice truck, well maintained, runs excellent, dump valve, differential lock, sliding 5th, power right window, power mirrors, heated mirrors, tilt/tele, 445 HP, 8LL speed, flat top 30 in. sleeper, A/C
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1996 PETERBILT 379, Good truck, runs excllent, air seat, dual exhaust, sliding 5th wheel, differential lock, dump valve, clean truck, 475 HP, dual exhaust,manual Eaton-Fuller transmission, 10 speed, air ride suspension.
Stk. #96CAT379DC **$35,000**



1997 PETERBILT 379EXHD, Good truck, runs excellent, dual exhaust, dual breathers, air seat, double bunk, differential lock, sliding 5th wheel, tilt/tele, dump valve, 10 speed, air ride suspension, manual Eaton-Fuller transmission.
Stk. #97N14379 ..... **$30,000**



2009 PETERBILT 386, Good truck, runs excellent, clean, air seats, platinum interior, full gauge package, dual exhaust, differential lock, good tires, APU! 13 speed, GVW Class 8: 33,001 lbs. or greater, Cummins engine, 450 HP.
Stk. #09ISX104386 ..... **$13,000**



2013 PETERBILT 388, Good truck, runs great, full gauge package, full locking rears, dual exhaust, dual breathers, dual air ride seats, tilt/tele, power windows/mirrors, heated mirrors, 13 speed, air ride suspension.
Stk. #13MX589FLAT388 ..... **$45,000**



2022 VOLVO VNR64T300, Very nice truck, fleet maintained! Runs excellent, air seat, tilt/tele, differential lock, dump valve, power windows, power door locks, power/heated mirrors, cruise control, 450 HP.
Stk. #22AV525VNRDC **$28,000**



2020 KENWORTH T680, Very nice truck, fleet maintained, no rust/Southern ran truck! Air seat, air brakes tilt/tele, power window/mirrors, heated mirrors, 45 HP, diesel, 12 speed, Eaton-Fuller transmission, super nice truck!
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2019 PETERBILT 579, Good truck, runs great, clean, air seat, fleet maintained, no rust, very nice truck, power windows/mirrors, heated mirrors, differential lock, dump valve, A/S 5th, cruist, tilt/tele, 12 speed, left hand drive.
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