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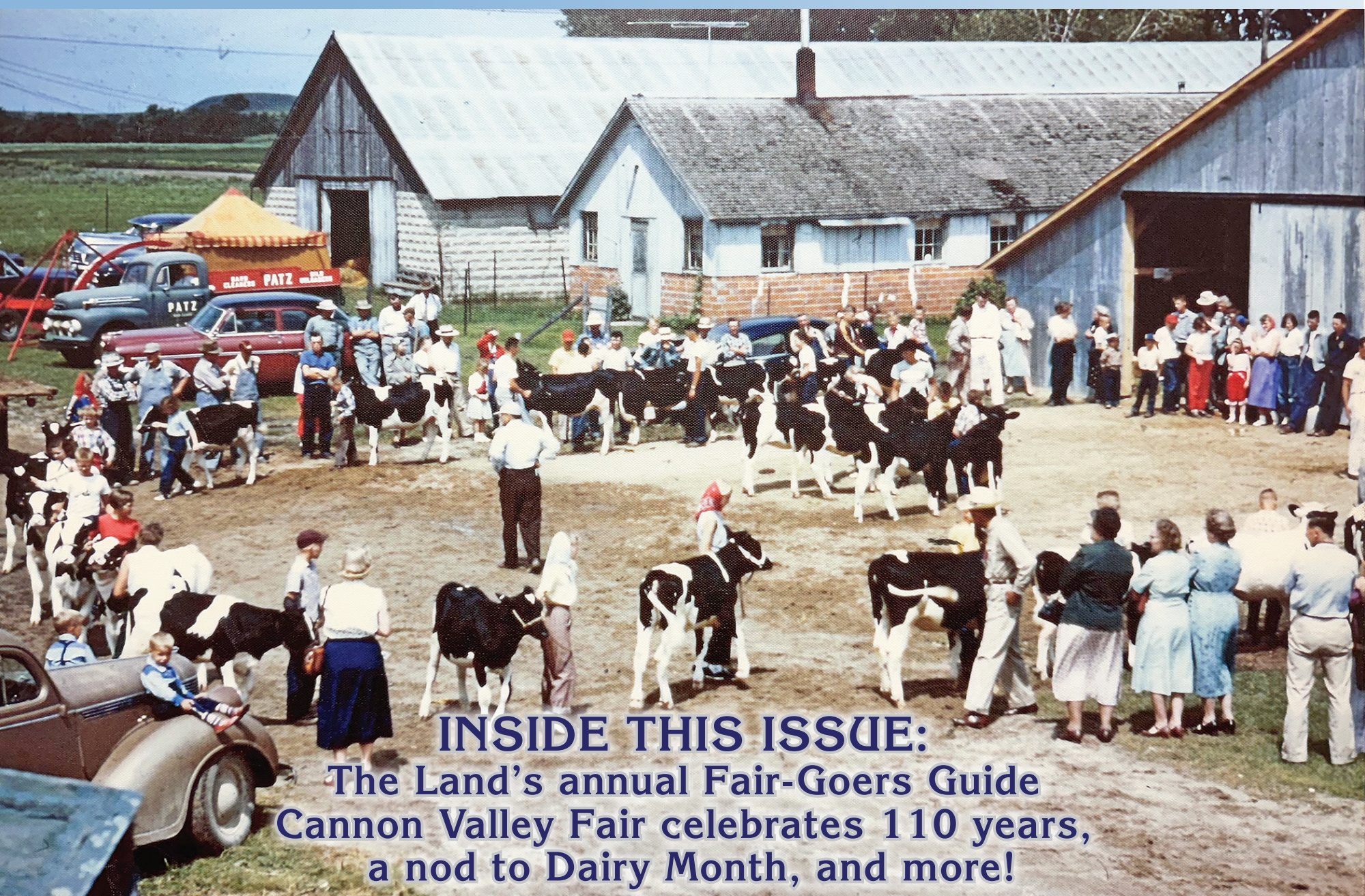
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Meeting memories at the county fair

Is a writer allowed to write "words don't do it justice?" Perhaps not, but I'm fine to admit that while I can see, smell, and hear my childhood county fair, it feels impossible to fully deliver the nostalgia it creates. Unless of course, you know it, too.

A county fair done right brings a sense of community pride. As a kid, fair week felt just a little longer than all the rest. Our evenings began with a fast and early dinner, then piling in the van and heading to the fairgrounds. We received our allotted number of tickets and promptly prioritized rides, running through the mental math to make sure we strategically used them up with not a single one left over.

One afternoon, a parent was able to take my friend and me to the fair early to walk through the barns and go on the rides. We rode the Ferris wheel and as a child's dreams would have it — certainly not an adult's — we stopped at the top for a bit. The two of us looked out over the grounds, trying to locate the landmarks of our town. She gestured toward the general vicinity of our neighborhood block. And of course, we waved and hollered at whoever we thought we recognized far below us, trying to get their attention.

At some point after the ride, my friend realized she was no longer wearing her ring. It had been given to her by an aunt, and she was crushed. We walked through the grounds over and over, eyes glued to the gravel. She figured it must have flung off at some point on the Ferris wheel. We looked and looked to no avail. Year after year, it became habit to keep an eye out for that ring.

After each August's fair, life would resume as usual. Near the fairgrounds were gravel walking trails, and my dad often walked our trusty dog, Skippy, there. Sometimes I joined him. How different it was to see the buildings and grandstand empty, the grounds quiet. It was hard to believe it could be the same place where those colorful, lively nights of the fair were.



LAND MINDS

By Laura Cole

OPINION



Photo by Laura Cole

It's hard for this writer to believe there was a time when she hoped to get stopped at the top of the Ferris wheel.

As summer break dwindled down, back to school shopping took over the glossy newspaper ads and tv commercials. My friends and I saw clean tennis shoes again when our mothers bought them for phy. ed. with the firm understanding we were not to wear them outside until the following summer.

My family and another in the neighborhood attended a parochial school, some went to public, another homeschooled. And so each fall, there was a bit of a transition from a summer spent almost totally in the neighborhood.

Initially, after school meant jumping off the school bus, tossing my backpack in my room, and running back outside to meet up in someone's yard. Cooler weather, school friends, eventually age, I guess, too, slowed those meet-ups.

I've since taken my daughter to the same fair with her grandparents. She participated in the tractor pull, attended a rodeo, witnessed a chick hatch from its egg. There have been some changes, but much of what I loved as a child has stayed the same. And walking by the Ferris wheel, I couldn't help but linger for a bit, still looking for that long-lost ring.

Included in this issue is our annual Fair-Goers Guide with all

of the Minnesota and Iowa fairs listed with their 2025 dates, locations, and contact information. To quote a classic fair song, "Don't miss it; don't even be late."

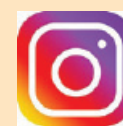
Also in this issue is a bonus article from columnist Lee Mielke with a special note for Dairy Month. And you'll hear from long-time columnist Kent Thiesse. We're pleased to share that he'll be contributing a little more frequently, continuing to write about timely government farm program information, ag policy issues, and other agriculture topics. In an effort to more wholly reflect his content, his column title has been updated to Farm Programs & Ag Insights.

Please enjoy.

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June remains Dairy Month

Once again, we are blessed with another June Dairy Month. THANK YOU America's dairy farmers.

Yes, June Dairy Month is a promotion by the U.S. dairy industry but it serves as an important reminder to consumers of the tremendous nutrient package contained in milk, particularly cow's milk, and the many dairy products that are made from it.

Milk is perhaps best known for its high calcium and vitamin D content, which health advocates say are crucial for maintaining strong bones and teeth. Regular consumption of milk can help prevent osteoporosis and reduce the risk of bone fractures.

The high-quality protein that is found in milk also contains all nine essential amino acids, making it an excellent source for muscle growth and repair. This is especially beneficial for athletes, individuals engaging in regular physical activity and older adults.

Milk contains potassium, which helps regulate blood pressure by balancing sodium levels in the body. Some studies suggest that a diet high in potassium-rich foods, including milk, can even lower the risk of cardiovascular diseases.

Drinking milk, particularly low-fat or fat-free varieties, can aid in weight management by providing a feeling of fullness due to its protein content.

Calcium in milk has been linked to fat breakdown and reduced fat absorption in the body.

Milk is a good source of vitamins A and D, as well as zinc and selenium, all of which play a vital role in supporting a healthy immune system. These nutrients help the body fend off infections and promote overall well-being.

A lesser known fact perhaps is the iodine in milk, which is essential for proper brain development, particularly during pregnancy. Adequate iodine intake supports cognitive function and reduces the risk of developmental delays in children.

Lastly, B vitamins found in milk, particularly riboflavin (B2) and vitamin B12, are essential for energy production and a healthy metabolism.



MIELKE MARKET
WEEKLY

By Lee Mielke

OPINION

These vitamins help convert food into energy and support overall metabolic function.

Health studies, research, and nutrition science has evolved in the past decade to show neutral or positive benefits of full-fat dairy foods such as whole milk, including less weight gain, neutral or lower risk of

heart disease, and lower childhood obesity. The old slogan, "Milk does a body good," was true back then and is still true today.

Plant-based beverages cannot make claims like these and that may be the reason for their shrinking in popularity. I have written many times in the past, encouraging shoppers to read the ingredients on the labels to see what is actually in these products to make them at least taste good.

Do some research on the impacts to the environment that result from the production of these plant based products versus naturally produced cow's milk on the farm.

Sustainability is an important consideration and Dairy Management Incorporated states on its website that the dairy industry is "dedicated to addressing climate change and water quality while providing nutritious and affordable foods that will nourish generations to come." The dairy industry has put its money where its mouth is, too.

"Every day, dairy farmers impact the land, water and air we all share. But as good environmental stewards, they have always innovated and adopted new practices and technologies to produce the same amount of food using fewer natural resources, yet still provide all the same great nutrition.

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★ Rebecca Sip Ada, Minn. May 30

The aftereffects of wind resulted in plenty of crop scouting at the Sip farm. "Our corn originally looked really beat up, but it's really coming out of that," Rebecca Sip stated on May 30. "And I think corn is pretty resilient, so I think it'll be just fine." She noted an acre or two required replanting.

Sip stated it was their sugar beets that got the worst of the wind. While she said it will definitely set them back some, it occurred in spot areas and some of it has pretty decently come back.

Most of the first herbicide spray has been applied to the corn as Sip noted the last week has presented them with perfect spray days. They also completed the first herbicide spray on the wheat.

Sip had earlier concerns about the success of the preemergence application on the soybeans. "But everything's looking really clean so far," she stated.

Last year, some of their ground had been hailed out. They were limited on what they could do because of insurance

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★ Adam Wentzel De Graff, Minn. May 29

Three and a half inches of rainfall during the week of May 18 was followed by cool temps at Adam Wentzel's farm. "They're talking some heat — warmer weather starting this weekend," Wentzel stated on May 29. "That would be welcomed."

Of the corn crop, he stated, "It looked pretty tough there after the first shot of rain. It got real cold there a couple nights." There was also some mud splashing, but he added it's now starting to look a lot better.

Wentzel reported the soybeans are around the second trifoliate stage. "Our early planted soybeans are looking nice," he stated. "Our later stuff — there's still a couple things emerging, which is okay."

The edible black beans are up and filling in, though they had Wentzel briefly worried. "They kind of slowed down a little bit, especially with that cold. They didn't come up real fast."

"We just got the wheat sprayed this past week and that's looking really good," Wentzel stated. "We'll be starting to spray corn here pretty soon. It's at that V4, V5 range. I know some sidedressing is happening. We have not done any yet."

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★ Todd Degler Chanhassen, Minn. May 29

On May 29, Todd Degler reported receiving a quarter inch of rain a couple of days prior, and the week before, at least two to three inches. "Now to just get some sunshine out here and stuff will probably take off," he stated.

Over five acres of pumpkins have been planted. Degler utilized a cultivator he converted into a three-row planter. "It's pretty archaic, but it works just fine," he stated.

"In the past I've tried things with air seeders and stuff, but we plant such a variety of seed sizes that it doesn't necessarily work very well."

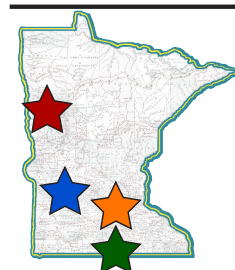
The corn maze went in on the evening of Memorial Day. Degler planted the two acres in 15-inch rows, going two separate directions. The design will be cut in a few weeks; this year, Degler's brother created a music theme.

The corn is doing well with the early planted crop up and the crop planted mid-May just popping out of the ground. Degler expected they would wait a few weeks yet to begin spraying.

The oats are also looking well, currently at about six inches. "The rain that we got the last two weeks helped a lot," Degler stated.

He reported they would be hooking up the hay cutter later in the day as the alfalfa is up, and they might be able to squeeze in four cuts this year. "The mixed grass, we'll cut right away," he stated. "We also have some fields that are 100 percent grass — those will wait." ♦

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The Land Managing Editor



★ Dale Stevermer Easton, Minn. May 30

Wet and cold is how Dale Stevermer described the last two weeks of May. Earlier in the week, his farm received about

four-tenths of an inch. The week prior, rainfall totaled about 1.8 to 1.9 inches over the span of three days. Temperatures had not been outside of the 70s. "You would like to see a little bit better growth, but lack of heat units, lack of sunshine has made that a challenge," he stated on May 30.

During his last report, Stevermer mentioned there was quite a bit of dust blowing in the air. He was able to report the recent moisture has calmed that down.

Along with monitoring the crops' progress, Stevermer stated he will evaluate in the next week or so when to complete a postemergence spray, as well as get some soil nitrate measurements done.

Stevermer expects to plant his sweet corn in mid- to late June. As the rye cover crop is starting to head out, he noted it will become harder to work with and more competitive against the sweet corn. And so once the wind goes down and there's a little heat, Stevermer will terminate the rye with either glyphosate or Gramoxone.

Just over 2,000 pigs arrived at Trails End Farm on May 23. Roughly forty pounds, they come in at around seven to eight weeks, and Stevermer has been completing the extra management required to ensure they are off to a good start. ♦

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MAGA and MAHA meet; aha it's not

For U.S. farmers and ranchers, Thursday, May 22 was right out of a Dickens novel: It was the best of days and the worst of days.

Early — and I do mean cow-milking early — that morning, the U.S. House of Representatives teed up a vote to pass the tax-cutting, deficit-exploding 1,000-page bill favored by GOP leaders and the Trump White House. Despite two Republican members sleeping through the actual vote, the bill squeaked by in a 215-214 count.

Farm groups and Big Ag lobbyists greeted its passage warmly because it delivered top wants: expanded crop insurance subsidies; extended breaks for depreciation, income tax, and inheritance taxes; 30 million more farm-program eligible acres; and extended biofuel tax breaks through 2031.

Their cheers were muted, however, because while the biggest of the bigs in American agriculture will receive huge benefits under the GOP bill, the smallest of the small are targeted to pay for much of it.

In fact, "The nutrition portion of the bill proposes

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FARM & FOOD FILE

By Alan Guebert

OPINION

more than \$300 billion in reductions to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) over ten years," explained the Ohio Country Journal in a preview of the law. "The Congressional Budget Office estimates these adjustments could affect around 3 million recipients."

So, according to the Republican budget plan, a good way for American farmers to feed the world is for Congress and the White House to slash food aid abroad while creating three million more undernourished, hungry people in the United States.

Little wonder then that quiet restraint was the order of the day, especially if, as the Environmental Working Group, using the U.S. Department of Agriculture's own data, showed last year that "between 1985 and 2023, a total of 10,249 recipients got farm subsidy payments every year... [that averaged] \$1,090,970 over the 39-year period."

The total take by these few over those nearly four decades was \$11.18 billion, noted the EWG, while "The top 10 repeat farm subsidy recipients collected between \$9 (million) and \$20 million each during this period."

And yet, according to 215 House Republicans on May 22, federal spending is so out of control that one crucial way to reel it in is to cut \$300 billion in SNAP benefits from 3 million people who now receive an average of \$6 per day in federal food assistance.

Farmers, ranchers, and Republicans did, however,

receive their own bitter pill later that day when the unnaturally-tanned U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. issued a report "that found two weed killers widely used by farmers could be linked to chronic conditions like diabetes, heart disease and asthma," noted the New York Times.

Indeed, the two GOP chairs of their respective ag committees, Rep. Glenn Thompson of Pennsylvania and Sen. John Boozman of Arkansas, were so vexed by this MAHA — Kennedy's "Make America Healthy Again" — moment that they issued a statement calling it "imperative" that Kennedy and his MAHA minions adhere to the "risk-based and scientific processes set forth by Congress."

So, Congress, when not doing a splendid job managing the nation's finances, also serves as the final arbiter of all things scientific? Who knew.

The American Soybean Association had a more heated reaction. It called the MAHA report "brazenly unscientific," "misleading" and "anti-farmer..."

President Donald Trump, who attended the MAHA meeting, was hot, too, just not in the way the ASA was, reported Food Fix's founder and editor Helen Bottemiller Evich.

"The most telling thing I heard during the event," she noted, "was from Trump himself. He said more than once that MAHA was 'hot.'"

Hot? Forget Dickens; bring in Orwell.

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The buzz about this life

It's not that I sit around thinking about bees.

It's just that I interviewed someone about the epidemic of bee colony losses recently, and it got me thinking about the brevity of life. Ours — and theirs.

One man on the phone told me the lifespan of a single honey bee is 30–45 days.

I read that if a bee stings someone, it might hurt us — but it often kills the bee.

That's some pretty wild stuff, considering bee stings are common.

It's also brought back one of my young childhood memories of being stung by a bee. I can't even recall if I did something to provoke a bee to be angry enough to engage in a kamikaze mission; nonetheless, he aimed right at me. Soon enough, I felt its wrath. It stung me.

Right. In. The. Fanny ... and as I stood right next to the gas barrel.

Oh, the irony in that scenario.

With my luck, there's no way a bee could have stung me in a place that I could actually talk about at the time. It was waaaaay too embarrassing to tell someone I'd been stung in the rear end. My derriere. My tookas. My hams.



TABLE TALK

By Karen Schwaller

My dad — who had obviously heard my distress signal from across the farm yard — came out of the shop and had to bend me over his knee so he could inspect the situation and get the bee and its stinger out. And if that wasn't bad enough, I had to go in the house to face Mom next, who had to mix up some concoction to spread all over the sting in order to help soothe it and keep the swelling and itching down.

If only that concoction would have kept the rear end swelling away throughout all of my adult life.

The injustice of it all.

But this story really got me thinking. What if my life from infancy to adulthood was only 30–45 days long? What would I do with my life? Would I be able to do something as great as a single honey bee does?

Would I be a worker bee — spending all my time toiling and laboring for the good of the "hive"? Would I be a queen bee — lording over everyone around me and engaging in a regulation "Queen of the Hive" fight to the death toward anyone who wanted to take my place at the top? Or would I be a drone bee? (With that title, that kind of bee was way ahead of its time.)

If one of the jobs of a honey bee is to pollinate for the world, would I pollinate (nurture) other people

in the short time I had, and help them be able to grow and be productive? How much nurturing would I be able to do in 30–45 days?

If my life was like that of a honey bee, would I be able to spend my time spreading sweetness, love and kindness in my short time here?

And if my human life were like that of a drone bee my main job would be to help carry on the human race. And I guess I have done that in my time here — in single and duplicate!

We can all make an impact on the world, but if we had 30–45 days in which to do it, we'd have to think long and hard about how we could make the most impact in the shortest amount of time. And yet, bees just go about their lives, doing what they do.

And when it's over, it's just over.

I guess we humans are much the same.

And I guess it's true that even if we live to be 100, it's still only a short time (in the big picture) to make our mark on the world, because when we fly away from this life, we're gone for a long, long time.

That thought stings a little; but maybe I don't need to be such a buzz kill.

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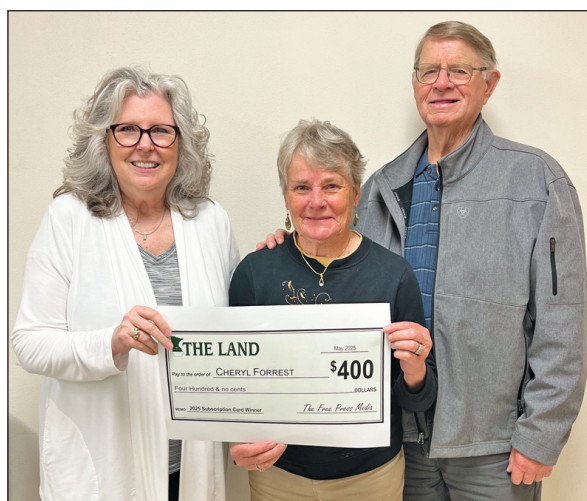
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2025 Subscription Card Contest winner announced!

We are pleased to announce Cheryl Forrest as The Land's 2025 Subscription Card Contest winner and recipient of \$400!

Cheryl and her husband, Dan, reside outside of Waseca, Minn. on the farm Cheryl grew up on. Originally homesteaded in 1870, the farm began with Cheryl's great-great-grandfather and his son. Her great-grandparents had 13 children, initially raising most of them in a small log cabin. As the story goes, while Cheryl's great-grandmother was pregnant, she told her husband the barn and other buildings were in place; it was time for a house to be built. Cheryl's grandfather was the first of the children to live in the house as a newborn.



Pictured with The Land's General Manager Deb Pettersen (left) are Cheryl and Dan Forrest of Waseca, Minn.

Cheryl and Dan lived in Burnsville, Minn. for 44 years, teaching at Sibley High School in West St. Paul, now named Two Rivers High School. When they retired, Cheryl's mom had moved to town and her dad had passed. She told Dan they could move to the farm if he wanted to try it. "So we did," she said.

Twelve years later, the couple still enjoys being on the farm, gardening and growing many flowers. Besides the addition of a pole barn, all of the buildings are original and have been modernized. The home

where her grandfather was raised remains and has been remodeled several times. A cousin's son farms the land currently. "We're very proud to still be on this farm," Cheryl stated.

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Bring on blue this upcoming berry season

It may not be fresh blueberry season yet, but when it is, you can be ready for a "boost of blue," as the United States Highbush Blueberry Council says. The Council reports blueberries are grown commercially in 26 states, and Minnesota is one of the top ten producers. Compared to the other colors of the rainbow, it seems to me naturally blue foods are rare in the kaleidoscope of things we eat. Pie, pancakes, and muffins are top of mind when it comes to blueberries, but these recipes go beyond those basics and bring that boost of blue to your plates.



KITCHEN CLASSICS

By Diane Lochner

rhubarb pie recipe, with the blueberry variation submitted by a Mrs. Sherman Clark of Minneapolis.

Blueberry-Rhubarb Pie

"Betty Crocker's Picture Cookbook," 1950

Filling ingredients: (Readers, use a preferred pie crust recipe.)

1 1/3 cups to 2 cups sugar

6 tablespoons all-purpose flour

2 cups blueberries

2 cups cut-up rhubarb

1 1/3 tablespoons butter

Mix the flour and sugar (Mrs. Clark suggests using "the minimum amount of sugar" which I interpret to mean 1 1/3 cups.). Add the blueberries and rhubarb; mix in bowl, and transfer to prepared pie pan. Dot with butter, and cover with top crust. Cut slits or pierce with a fork for ventilation; sprinkle with sugar, if desired. Bake at 425 degrees for 40-50 minutes, until crust is nicely browned and juice begins to bubble through slits in the crust. Serve slightly warm.

Blueberries and ice cream go together like, well, blueberries and pancakes! It should go without saying that this next recipe comes with a 21+ age restriction, since the directions don't appear to call for boiling off the alcohol.

Blueberry Monday

"A Cook's Tour of Minnesota" by Ann L. Burckhardt, 2004

3 tablespoons rum

3 tablespoons fruit brandy (such as apricot)

2 1/2 cups frozen blueberries

Measure rum, brandy, and berries into a small saucepan. Heat and stir for 2 to 3 minutes, until sauce forms. Serve warm over ice cream. Note: if you use fresh blueberries, use a dry pint (also about 2 1/2 cups) and add 1/4 cup granulated sugar.

Chef Deborah Madison offers this non-alcoholic blueberry sauce well-suited to pancakes and ice cream. Vanilla ice cream topped with dollops of blueberry and a red-fruit sauce would be a colorful dessert for your Fourth of July picnic.

Blueberry Sauce

"Vegetarian Cooking for Everyone" by

Deborah Madison, 2007

3 cups blueberries, stems removed

2 teaspoons molasses

1/3 to 1/2 cup sugar to taste

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon or ginger or 1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg

Juice of 1 lime to taste

Rinse berries and place in saucepan (don't dry the berries). Add molasses, 1/3 cup sugar, and the spice. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. The berries should burst and fall apart. Taste, and add more sugar if desired; stir in the lime juice. At this point, you can serve as-is or force through a strainer to make it smooth to serve warm or chilled.

Finally, this last one doesn't involve blueberries, and requires a specialty ingredient, but is blue and might be a fun kitchen trick for kids to try. Butterfly pea flower powder (say that three times fast!) is available from online retailers, and as such a small quantity is needed per serving, perhaps

you can use the leftover powder to experiment and turn other foods blue!

Butterfly Pea Flower Powder Lemon-Lime Drink

"The Princess Bride Official Cookbook" by Jenn Fujikawa, 2022

1/4 teaspoon butterfly pea flower powder

1 1/2 cups lemon-lime soda

2 tablespoons lemon juice

1 mint leaf (optional)

In a bowl or liquid measuring cup, mix the butterfly pea flower powder and lemon-lime soda, stirring until dissolved. Fill a glass with ice (clear glass is optimal for the best visual) and pour in the butterfly pea liquid mixture. Pour in the lemon juice to change the color. Garnish with the mint leaf, if using. Serve.

(Full disclosure: I have tried this once, and the result was underwhelming. I'll try it again this summer and report back.)

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Time for pruning, and the lowdown on fertilizers and watering

Besides getting your veggies installed, what should you be doing this time of year? You can start pruning back your spring flowering shrubs any time after they bloom like lilacs. If no shaping is needed, simply prune off the spent flower heads. Spring flowering shrubs set the buds for next year during the summer. If you prune these shrubs, like lilac in the fall, you are pruning off next year’s flowers.

Sometimes it is necessary to prune out of season and make the floral sacrifice. I did with some overgrown honeysuckle shrubs. They will look better next year.

I am noticing lots of empty spaces in my perennial beds this year. This is a sad and happy experience for me. Sad some have died – not sure who all of them were, but happy to have more spaces to fill. Raspberry Charm peony is on my replacement as it’s missing from the fold. Two other peonies also failed to survive from last year. This is baffling as they are usually so reliable!

The survivors are loaded with buds and pictured is Paeonia Pink Hawaiian Coral. She has been a garden friend



GARDEN MUSINGS
By Diane Dunham



Photo by Diane Dunham
Pictured is the peony variety Pink Hawaiian Coral.

for over 20 years. I purchased this one from a catalog and received a tiny piece that took 5 years to bloom. Now this beauty is over 4 feet across.

Growing your own produce can also be a fun, interesting and rewarding experience! Growing organically remains popular – so much so that each generation seems to think they invented it! Regardless whether you garden flowers, veggies or manage turf – using the least amount of inputs to achieve your results is always best.

The two broad groups of garden products are synthetic (human-made) chemical types or organic/natural based chemicals. Both chemicals. For example, the chemical composition for bone meal, a natural organic product, can range from 10-30% phosphorus, depending on the type of bones and methods used to process it.

Products used as organic fertilizers are usually available separately, so you can mix up your own concoction. These are easily found at garden centers or feed stores and can be in dry or liquid form. Be careful to store

some of these items away from interested animals and in tightly closed containers to keep flies from laying eggs in/on it. If you have ever owned a jug of liquid fish or a bag of ground fish meal, you know what I mean.

Here are some of the choices for the big three primary organic fertilizer elements:

N - nitrogen from bloodmeal, fish meal, fish emulsion, alfalfa meal

P - phosphorus from bone meal, rock phosphate

K – potassium from kelp meal, greensand, seaweed (or extracts)

For a balanced fertilizer to cover a 100 square foot area, mix together: 6 lbs. alfalfa meal, 3 lbs. bone meal, 4 lbs. greensand, 1lb. kelp meal.

Organic fertilizers are slower acting as opposed to synthetics that are readily available to your plant. Your real benefit of organic fertilizers will be more realized in the second year of growing in your garden, so apply to the garden area asap.

Some gardeners love manure. Not me. Personal preference here. If you are a fan of using manure, only use rotted manure (sounds delightful) in the garden. Manure should be at least one year old if you are timing the piles. Fresh manure is considered too hot, or high in nitrogen, and can cause your plants to burn. Manure is likely the cause of any common scab disease that you may have on your root crops, most notably potatoes. Once S. scabies is in the soil, it is there for good...the gift that keeps on giving.

During the growing season you can also spray plants with sea kelp several times over the course of the summer — like a big vitamin for plants.

Rain has been plentiful this year. Yellowed, droopy leaves can be a sign of too much water. If your veggie plants are sitting in water puddles after a rain, try to create waterways so the water can flow away. One day isn’t a crisis, several days – and your plants could be drowned.

Water your garden plants seldom and deeply, make those roots search for water and grow deeper. Watering frequently encourages shallow root growth and your plants then suffer if there are dry spells or you go on vacation.

Soil is comprised of 25% of air/pore spaces. If you fill those spaces daily with water, you are drowning your plants. The top of the soil will always look dry first, dig a few inches down to check for moisture before watering. I know, it’s fun to water – but take control!

The outdoor Mankato Farmers’ Market is open every Saturday at 8 a.m. until noon at the Best Buy parking lot in Mankato. Stop by and see me at “Market Bakery” for all your fresh baked goods! We have nearly 50 vendors with a wide variety of items!

Diane Dunham is a retired horticulture instructor and is the owner of Market Bakery.

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'Practice fair' provides preparation, serves community

By Laura Cole

The Land Managing Editor

Cannon Falls, Minn. — Behind every fair is a dedicated board, and their commitment far surpasses one week out of the year. For starters, there's scheduling volunteers, judges, and entertainment acts, building upkeep, determining needed improvements, and staying on top of possible livestock restrictions. It is this diligence that leads to landmark anniversaries.

This year, the Cannon Valley Fair in Cannon Falls, Minn. will celebrate 110 years. And the fair isn't alone in its longevity.

Mary Lorentz joined the Cannon Valley Fair board in 1995, and has continued her involvement through the years. She has been secretary and treasurer, and she currently serves as an honorary board director. In 2017, Lorentz was the recipient of the District 1 Fair Person of the Year award. "I think working at the fair kind of gets in your system, and you just don't want to give it up," she stated.

Not far behind Lorentz's tenure is Nancy Hovel's own impressive span of service. She has been a director on the board since 1998. Hovel works with the 4-H, the open class, the livestock — and anywhere else where help is needed. "I learned from a great teacher," she stated, acknowledging Lorentz. "You don't come into a fair with tunnel vision. You come in and can see the whole picture."

The board considers Cannon Valley "a practice fair" for 4-H members and open class participants. Located in Goodhue County, the Cannon Valley Fair runs the first week of July. Hovel explained they accept participants from not only Goodhue County, but also Rice, Washington, and Dakota counties, which all have their county fairs following Cannon Valley's. "So they can all come here and exhibit, but then they have to go to their county fairs to advance," she stated.

"Sometimes that's the first time the livestock is in and out of a trailer," Hovel also stated, adding that the fair provides a good learning experience and can help take the fear out of being



Photo by Laura Cole

Nancy Hovel (left) and Mary Lorentz joined the Cannon Valley Fair board in the 90s. Pictured behind them is an activity for fairgoers — "Chalk the Wall." At the end of each night, it's washed clean for the next day.

judged.

Last year, there were 510 4-H exhibits. In the open class, the needle and fancy work division had 384 exhibits.

The fair holds a jackpot market beef show and sheep show. "We also host the district six Holstein show here every year," Hovel stated.

The fair utilizes GoldStar Amusement for their carnival. "They do a wonderful job," Hovel noted. This year, wristbands can be purchased and will be honored the whole day. "For all the rides your stomach can handle," Hovel added with a laugh.

Improvements to the fairgrounds and manners of operation have been made over time. Lorentz remembers when they secured a computer for board use. And when a new hospital was built, she asked the director at Mayo Clinic if they'd consider donating the trailer that had previously been used for their offices, which they did.

A new sheep barn has been built, as well as a show arena with ample room for stalling animals.

"How about the ceiling in the 4-H building?" Hovel asked Lorentz, to which she humorously responded, "Well, how about the 4-H building, period?"

ON THE COVER:

Previously, participants had to show animals outside. The fair's new show arena is Hovel's favorite improvement that's been made.

Lorentz credited her husband for his carpentry work over the years on the building. Improvements have also been made possible due to County Fair Grants. The board has been able to purchase more sheep and goat pens, and they've also received help with the PA systems and with securing acts for the fair.

"Every year it seems like there's something new that makes it a little bit better," Lorentz stated.

There have also been cherished traditions that remain. The Fourth of July parade is organized by the fair board. This year, the grand marshal will be Dr. Mike Pedersen, who had been the fair's vet for twenty-seven years.

"And that afternoon, we have harness horse racing, which has been a part of



Photo courtesy of the Cannon Valley Fair

This year's tagline is "Honoring the past, Celebrating the present." Harness horse racing has taken place at the fair since 1916. It will be held this year at 2 p.m. on July 4.

the Cannon Valley Fair since 1916," Hovel stated. "Then the night of the Fourth, it's the Cannon Valley Fair that puts on the fireworks."

The Cannon Valley Fair Association's mission statement states that it is "dedicated to fostering community spirit by organizing events that promote local agricultural traditions, education, and entertainment." There is a pride that comes from the work done for their community.

Many events are held at the fairground including the Lion's Club Father's Day pancake breakfast, the Goodhue County Ridge Riders Saddle Club's horse shows, 4-H day camps, cross country meets, and even weddings.

"We had one demolition derby couple that got married out on the demo track," Hovel stated.

This year, the Cannon Valley Fair will run from July 3–6. "We want to invite everybody to come celebrate with us," Hovel stated, adding the fair is a gathering and a welcoming back home.

When asked how the day after the fair is spent, Hovel replied, laughing, "We usually sleep in." But before the day is over, she makes notes of what went well, what can be improved on, and begins her planning for the following year.

The Cannon Valley Fair is located at 800 N Ninth St. in Cannon Falls, Minn. For more information, visit cannonvalleyfair.org.

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From the Fields

SIP, from pg. 4

requirements, so she expects they'll have a bigger fight with weeds on that particular field. "But other than that specific ground, weed control's looking good at this point."

Sip stated with the sugar beets between the 4- and 8-leaf stage, they'll put down a fungicide for Rhizoctonia. They'll also monitor for root maggot fly, and after that, Cercospora. "Sugar beets are something you kind of have to walk through the whole summer," she remarked. ♦

WENTZEL, from pg. 4

Wentzel will also be setting aside time to scout the fields to confirm there isn't a need to replant.

The livestock on the farm are doing well. Levi, Wentzel's oldest son, is working with the two lambs in preparation for the county fair later this summer. ♦

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2025 Outstanding Teacher of the Year honored

St. Paul, Minn. — Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom is proud to announce Nathan Lund of Glacial Hills Elementary in Starbuck, MN as the recipient of the 2025 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award. This honor recognizes K-12 educators in Minnesota who creatively integrate agriculture concepts into their classrooms.

Lund has taught 5th and 6th grade at Glacial Hills Elementary since 2021. With his support, students in his class have gained a deeper appreciation for agriculture and the environment through hands-on learning experiences. These include starting and maintaining a schoolyard garden, incorporating hydroponic systems in the classroom, restoring native habitats around the school grounds, canning tomatoes from the garden, and hosting food-making contests. In addition, Lund

launched a school-wide composting initiative with his students actively leading the effort each year.

Reflecting on his work, Lund shared that witnessing students become proactive environmental stewards over the past four years has been a rewarding experience.

Lund credits programs like Ag in the Classroom, Lettuce Grow, Action for Healthy Kids, and Farm to School with helping him to bring authentic agriculture experiences into the classroom. "Through all of these different experiences, it is my goal to give students many opportunities to build life skills and a love of life-long learning and growing," says Lund.

Information submitted by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. ♦

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3200 St. Francis Blvd. NW
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1310 Rossman Ave.
Detroit Lakes, Minn.
beckercountyfair.com
(218) 847-5587

Beltrami County Fair Aug. 6-10

7223 Fairgrounds Rd. NW
Bemidji, Minn.
beltramicountyfair.org
(218) 444-8169

Benton County Fair July 29-Aug. 3

1410 Third Ave. S
Sauk Rapids, Minn.
bentonfairmn.com
(320) 253-5649

Big Stone County Fair July 10-13

220 Fair St.
Clinton, Minn.
bigstonecountyfair.com
(320) 325-FAIR

Blue Earth County Fair July 24-27

335 Fairgrounds St.
Garden City, Minn.
blueearthcountyfair.org
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1201 N State St.
New Ulm, Minn.
browncountyfreefair.com
(507) 354-2223

Cannon Valley Fair July 3-6

800 N Ninth St.
Cannon Falls, Minn.
cannonvalleyfair.org
(507) 263-3548

Carlton County Fair Aug. 14-17

3770 Front St.
Barnum, Minn.
carltoncountyfairmn.com
(218) 389-6737

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501 W Third St.
Waconia, Minn.
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207 East Second St. S
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905 W Fourth St.
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620 Main Ave. E
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Friday, July 18th
Laser Tag-1-8:45pm
J & K Amusement-4pm
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Sunday, July 20th
Horse Fun Show-11am
Car Show-11-3pm
J&K Amusement-noon
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605 Vienna Ave.
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Cambridge, Minn.
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1336 Fairgrounds Road
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Le Sueur County Fair Aug. 14-17

320 S Plut Ave.
Le Center, Minn.
lesueurcountyfair.org
(507) 357-6500

Lincoln County Fair July 31-Aug. 3

200 W Strong St.
Tyler, Minn.
lincolncountyfairmn.com
(507) 247-5151

Lyon County Fair Aug. 13-17

524 Fairgrounds Rd.
Marshall, Minn.
lyoncountyfairmn.com
(507) 530-2175

Mahnomen County Fair June 26-28

5th St. NW
Mahnomen, Minn.
mahnomenmncountyfair.org

Marshall County Fair July 23-27

520 N Eighth St.
Warren, Minn.
marshallcountyfair.org
(218) 745-4445

Martin County Fair Aug. 11-17

1300 N Bixby Rd.
Fairmont, Minn.
martincountyfairmn.com
(507) 235-9576

McLeod County Fair Aug. 14-17

840 Century Ave. SW
Hutchinson, Minn.
mcleodcountyfair.com
(320) 587-2499

Meeker County Fair July 30-Aug. 3

1230 N Armstrong Ave.
Litchfield, Minn.
meekerfair.com
(320) 693-5279

Mille Lacs County Fair Aug. 6-10

1400 Third St. N
Princeton, Minn.
millelacscountyfair.com
(763) 389-3138

Morrison County Fair June 26-29

15575 Hawthorn Rd.
Little Falls, Minn.
morrisonfair.com
(320) 632-1040

Mower County Free Fair Aug. 5-10

700 12th St. SW
Austin, Minn.
mowercountyfair.com
(507) 433-1868

Murray County Fair Aug. 13-16

3048 Broadway Ave.
Slayton, Minn.
murraycountyfair.com
(507) 836-6303

Nicollet County Fair Aug. 6-10

400 W Union St.
St. Peter, Minn.
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(507) 934-2684

Nobles County Fair Aug. 6-10

1600 Stower Dr.
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Norman County Fair June 18-21

503 W Thorpe Ave.
Ada, Minn.
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Northern Minnesota District Fair July 10-12

4940 Fairwood Ave.
Littlefork, Minn.
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Olmsted County Fair July 21-27

1403 3rd Ave. SE
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Otter Tail County Fair- East July 24-27

455 4th St. SE
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(218) 346-2750

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1812 Pebble Lake Rd.
Fergus Falls, Minn.
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(218) 736-0272

Pennington County Fair July 16-20

524 Barzen Ave. S
Thief River Falls, Minn.
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(218) 653-1500

Pine County Fair July 30-Aug. 3

707 1st Ave. NW
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(320) 629-3408

Pipestone County Fair July 30-Aug. 2

10th Ave. SE
Pipestone, Minn.
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Polk County Fair July 9-13

200 Polk Ave. SE
Fertile, Minn.
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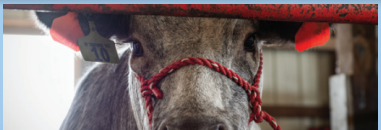
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County Road 5
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Hwy 310
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Steele County Free Fair Aug. 12-17

1525 S Cedar Ave.
Owatonna, Minn.
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Stevens County Fair Aug. 5-10

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Morris, Minn.
stevenscountyfair.org
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Todd County Fair June 26-29

203 9th St. NE
Long Prairie, Minn.
toddcountyfairmn.com
(320) 732-2739

Traverse County Fair Aug. 21-24

407 7th St. S
Wheaton, Minn.
co.traverse.mn.us/community/
traverse-county-fair/

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Aug. 13

600 Hope St.
Mankato, Minn.
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[https://extension.umn.edu/local/
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(507) 327-7679

Wabasha County Fair July 30- Aug. 2

99 Coulee Way
Wabasha, Minn.
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Wadena County Fair June 19-22

400 Ash Ave.
Wadena, Minn.
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(218) 539-8158

Waseca County Free Fair

July 9-13

409 8th Ave. NE
Waseca, Minn.
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Washington County Fair July 30-Aug. 3

12300 40th St. N
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washingtoncountyfair.org
(651) 436-6009

Watonwan County Fair July 17-20

35164 S 11th St.
St. James, Minn.
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(507) 375-5515

Wilkin County Fair Aug. 21-24

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(701) 671-0214

Winona County Fair July 9-13

506 W 6th St.
St. Charles, Minn.
winonacountyfair.com
(507) 932-3074

Wright County Fair July 23-27

Cty Rd. 6 SW & 60th St. SW
Howard Lake, Minn.
wrightcountyfair.org
(320) 543-2111

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July 24-26

Fairgrounds Rd. W
Canby, Minn.
ymcfair.org

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Adair County Fair July 9-13

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Greenfield, Iowa
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Adams County Fair July 11-15

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Corning, Iowa
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400 N. Division St. W
Audubon, Iowa
auduboncountyfair.com
(712) 563-4467

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South 2nd Ave.
Vinton, Iowa
FB: Benton County Fair
(319) 472-3517

Black Hawk-National Cattle Congress Fair Sept. 17-21

257 Ansborough Ave.
Waterloo, Iowa
nationalcattlecongress.com
(319) 234-7515

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Waterloo, Iowa
(319) 234-7515

Boone County Fair July 17-20

1601 Industrial Park Rd.
Boone, Iowa
boonecountyfairia.com
(515) 432-5899

Bremer County Fair July 27-Aug. 2

717 5th Ave SW
Waverly, Iowa
bremercountyfair.com
(319) 939-4895

Buchanan County Fair July 15-20

204 12th St. NE
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Buena Vista County Fair July 9-13

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Butler County Fair June 25-29

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butlercountyfair.org
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214 8th Ave.
Coon Rapids, Iowa
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1000 Fair Ave.
Atlantic, Iowa
casscofairia.com
(712) 243-1132

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1195 210th St.
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July 16-20

3700 Fourth St. SW
Mason City, Iowa
northiowafair.fun
(641) 423-3811

Cherokee-Marcus Community Fair

Aug. 7-10

301 S Maple
Marcus, Iowa
marcuscommunityfair.com
(712) 540-1084

Cherokee County Fair July 16-20

200 Linden St.
Cherokee, Iowa
cherokeecountyfair.net
(712) 225-5843

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2070 W Mclane St.
Osceola, Iowa
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July 16-20

800 IA-39
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Facebook: Crawford County Iowa Fair
(712) 263-5306

Dallas County Fair

July 8-12

28057 Fairground Rd.
Adel, Iowa
dallascountyfair.com
(515) 993-3728

Davis County Fair

July 16-20

20471 Old Hwy. 2
Bloomfield, Iowa
daviscountyfair.org
(641) 664-3712

Decatur County Fair

July 15-21

1700 NW Church St.
Leon, Iowa

Delaware County Fair

July 7-13

200 E Acers St.
Manchester, Iowa
delawarecofair.com
(563) 927-6449

Des Moines County Fair

July 22-28

1015 S Gear Ave.
West Burlington, Iowa
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(641) 295-3194

Dickinson County Fair

July 19-24

1602 15th St.
Spirit Lake, Iowa
dickinsoncountyfairgrounds.com
(712) 336-0479

Dubuque County Fair

July 22-27

14569 Old Hwy. Rd.
Dubuque, Iowa
dbqfair.com
(563) 588-1406

Emmet County Agricultural Show

July 23-27

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Estherville, Iowa
pfangus.wixsite.com/theemmet-countyfair
(712) 363-4431

Fayette County Fair

July 22-26

504 S Vine St.
West Union, Iowa
(563) 294-0338

Floyd County Fair

July 16-20

2516 Seven Mile Rd.
Charles City, Iowa
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Franklin County Fair

July 9-13

1008 Central Ave. W
Hampton, Iowa
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(641) 456-2049

Fremont County Fair

July 16-21

1004 Legion Rd.
Sidney, Iowa
(712) 374-2715

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July 8-14

601 E Lincoln Way
Jefferson, Iowa
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Grundy County Fair

July 21-26

1308 Fourth St.
Grundy Center, Iowa
grundycountyfair.com
(319) 404-8856

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Aug. 28-Sept. 1

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Guthrie Center, Iowa
guthriecountyfair.com
(641) 332-2230

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July 22-27

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Webster City, Iowa
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July 22-28

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Rodeo
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Exhibits



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nicolletcountyfair@gmail.com

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The Mighty Howard County Fair June 25-29

220 W 7th St.
Cresco, Iowa
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Humboldt County Fair July 22-28

311 6th Ave. N
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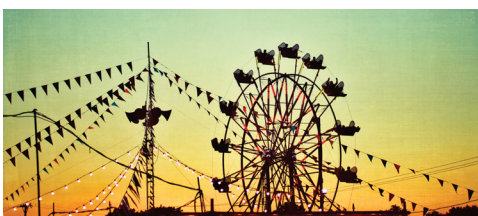
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July 15-20

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Aug 8 & 9	-	Bull Riding	-	7 pm
Aug 10	-	Demolition Derby	-	2pm

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2214 US Hwy. 169
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- Awards for Kandiyohi County Century Farms • FFA Legacy Farm Family
- Antique Tractor Parade
- Heritage Square Stage -
- Chuck Thiel & The Jolly Ramblers
- Sawyer's Dream • Jeff James
- Freddie Justice - Planets Funniest Hypnotist • Magician - Magie Joe
- Out Door Arena -
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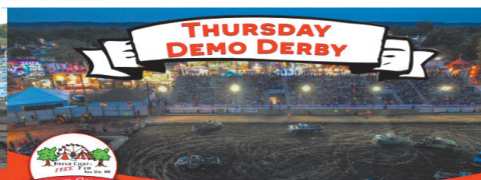


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August 11th

Central region sees steady milk output, retail cheese demand strengthening

This column was written for the marketing week ending May 30, 2025.

April butter and cheese inventories were below those a year ago. The latest Cold Storage report showed April 30 butter stocks at 337.4 million pounds, up 14.2 million pounds or 4.4% from March, but 24.7 million or 6.8% below those in April 2024. March stocks were revised down 578,000 pounds from last month's report.

StoneX says this was the smallest seasonal butter build in 10 years, adding “There was plenty of milk/cream available in April so we have to attribute this to demand; increased exports and maybe slower imports.

With inventory this low the second quarter stocks/use ratio is looking tighter than last year which would justify a \$2.60 per pound average.”

American type cheese stocks climbed to 805.9 million pounds, up 10.3 million pounds or 1.3% from the March level, but were down 19.6 million pounds or 2.4% from a year ago. The March total was revised 2.1 million pounds lower.

The “other” cheese category holdings inched up to 579.1 million pounds, up 753,000 pounds or 0.1% from the March level but were down 16.8 million pounds or 2.8% from a year ago. The March level was revised up 3.4 million pounds.

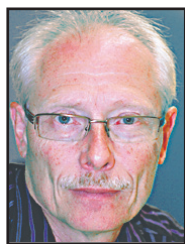
April's cheese inventory totaled 1.4 billion pounds, up 10.4 million pounds or 0.7% from March, but down 35.4 million or 2.4% from a year ago. The March total was revised up 5.9 million pounds.

The Daily Dairy Report stated “Cheese stocks have now trailed prior-year levels for 14 consecutive months, but April's year-over-year decline was the narrowest loss seen in a year.”

The Daily Dairy Report's Sarina Sharp wrote in the May 23 Milk Producers Council newsletter; “Plentiful milk and high components add up to a lot of cream. Churns are running hard. But US butter is among the cheapest in the world and exports are booming. Domestic consumption is also record high. It was up 3.6% year over year in the first quarter. Insatiable demand for butter helped keep stocks in check.” The March to April build was the smallest since 2014, according to the Daily Dairy Report, which added; “Butter stocks have topped year-ago volumes in every month since January 2024, but in April they fell 6.8% below prior-year levels.”

Rabobank dairy analyst Lucas Fuess, speaking in the June 2 Dairy Radio Now broadcast, credited the Cold Storage report for the strength in dairy prices in the Memorial Day Week, but warned that tariff and trade policy pose “some cloudiness.”

He said limited escalation with Mexico has meant



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By Lee Mielke

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product continues to flow freely and we saw a reprieve in the relationship with China. But, the tariff freeze with China is only for 90 days, he said, and we could see further escalation there so volatility is to be expected.

Worst case scenario would be any escalation of trade differences with Mexico, according to Fuess. “It is in the best interest for both countries to make sure that does not happen,” he said, “Due to the food that flows both ways across that U.S. Mexican border.” He adds that there would be a lot of downside for our whey protein, permeate, and lactose exports in any escalation with China.

Fuess does not see much more rise in cheese prices ahead, due to the anticipated higher supply in the coming weeks but concluded; “Thankfully cheese exports have remained strong at least through first quarter.”

CME Cheddar block cheese climbed to \$1.95 per pound Wednesday, highest since Oct. 3, 2024, but it closed the shortened Memorial Day Week at \$1.9475, up 7.75 cents on the week and 13.75 cents above a year ago. The barrels finished at \$1.87, 1.75 cents higher, 7 cents below a year ago, and 7.75 cents below the blocks. There were 26 CME sales of block on the week and 13 barrel.

Retail cheese demand is strengthening in the Central region, according to Dairy Market News, and food service sales are steady. Exports are also strengthening. Class III milk is available and cheese-makers say they are purchasing additional loads as low as \$7-under class and running busy schedules.

Spot milk availability is mixed in the west with decreasing farm level output in some parts and more educational institutions starting spring recesses. Cheese manufacturers convey that milk is sufficiently meeting needs. Cheese production was steady or stronger following the holiday weekend.

Inventories are extremely tight. Domestic demand is reported as steady, stronger, or in balance with supplies. International buying varies from steady to strong, according to Dairy Market News.

The butter soared 10 cents Tuesday, then added a half cent Wednesday to hit \$2.5250, highest CME price since Jan. 27, 2025. It closed Friday at \$2.4750, up 5.50 cents on the week but 61.50 cents below a year ago, on 39 sales this week.

StoneX May 27 Early Morning Update attributed butter's strength to “End-users seeking more price coverage thru year end and into 2026 amid global fat prices that have yet to show material weakness.”

Dairy Market News says milk output is steady in

the Central region and contacts report cooler temperatures in parts of the region are leaving plenty of cream available. Ice cream makers are pulling on cream supplies as they prepare for the summer.

Cream multiples are holding steady in the Central region. Butter makers are actively churning, and spot loads of butter are available.

Cream continues to be more than ample in the West, despite milk production decreasing week-to-week for parts of the region, and ice cream production increasing. Cream multiples remained above flat market at mid-week. Churning schedules were steady or stronger following the holiday weekend. Domestic butter demand is steady. Retail demand is described as at or above expectations. Food service demand was termed as down from expectations while export demand is strong, according to Dairy Market News.

Grade A nonfat dry milk climbed to \$1.2875 per pound Friday, highest since Feb. 13, up 3.50 cents on the week, and 12 cents above a year ago. There were 14 sales put on the board for the short week.

The Daily Dairy Report's Sarina Sharp says “The anemic dollar is helping US milk powder compete abroad. That's boosting export prospects and finally starting to prop up US prices.”

Dry whey closed Friday at 57.25 cents per pound Tuesday, up 3 cents on the week, highest since Feb. 10, 2025, and 15.75 cents above a year ago on 9 sales.

Sharp says “The US accounted for a typical share of China's whey imports in April, as shipments that arrived last month were not subject to the temporary but significant 145% tariff. Chinese importers stocked

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Cash Grain Markets

	corn/change*		soybeans/change*	
Stewartville	\$4.08	-.14	\$9.89	-.15
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Hope	\$4.07	-.11	\$9.99	-.15
Cannon Falls	\$3.91	-.11	\$9.67	-.11
Sleepy Eye	\$4.07	-.17	\$9.95	-.11
St. Cloud	\$3.98	-.18	\$9.88	-.14
Madison	\$3.97	-.22	\$9.80	-.16
Redwood Falls	\$4.08	-.19	\$9.95	-.16
Fergus Falls	\$3.75	-.14	\$9.55	-.17
Morris	\$3.93	-.19	\$9.75	-.16
Tracy	\$4.16	-.16	\$10.14	-.13
Average:	\$4.03		\$9.90	
Year Ago Average:	\$4.19		\$11.33	

Grain prices are effective cash close on June 3.

*Cash grain price change represents a two-week period.

2024 farm income was at lowest level in years

The University of Minnesota and the Southern MN Agricultural Center of Excellence released the 2024 Farm Business Management Summary for southern Minnesota earlier this spring.

The summary showed that the average net farm income was \$37,849 in 2024, which was a 50 percent decline from 2023. This was significantly below the 2022 average net farm income of \$311,240, which was the highest average net farm income ever recorded in the FBM Summary. The 2024 average net farm income was at the lowest level since 2018, and followed several years of very strong net farm income levels in the region. The 2024

reduction in net farm income levels was largely driven by reduced crop profits that resulted from much lower grain market prices, along with reduced crop yields in some locations. Livestock profit margins in 2024 in southern Minnesota were mixed, showing strong profits in beef and dairy production, but continued negative profit margins for finishing hogs.

The Farm Business Management Summary for southern and west central Minnesota is prepared by the Farm Business Management instructors. This summary includes an analysis of the farm business records from farm businesses of all types and sizes in southern and western Minnesota. This annual farm business summary is probably one of the “best gauges” of the profitability and financial health of farm businesses in the region on an annual basis.

Background data from the 2024 FBM Summary

The “Net Farm Income” is the return to labor and management, after crop and livestock inventory adjustments, capital adjustments, depreciation, etc. have been accounted for. This is the amount that remains for family living, non-farm capital purchases, income tax payments, and for principal payments on farm real estate and term loans. The average net farm income in 2024 was +\$37,849 in southern Minnesota. This compared to a FBM statewide average 2024 net farm income of \$70,563 in Minnesota.

The “median” net farm income is the midpoint net farm income of all farm operations included in the FBM Summary, meaning that half of the farms have



FARM PROGRAMS & AG INSIGHTS

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a higher net farm income and half have a lower net income. The average median net farm income in 2024 was only +\$12,869 in southern Minnesota, which compared to a median net farm income of \$21,473 for the entire state of Minnesota.

A total of 1,526 farms from throughout south central, southwest, southeast, and west central Minnesota were included in the 2024 FBM Summary. The average farm size was 707 crop acres. The top 20 percent net income farms averaged 1,004 acres, while the bottom 20 percent net income farms averaged 1,215 acres.

59 percent of the farm operations were cash crop farms and 13 percent were single entity livestock operations, with the balance of farms being various combinations of crops, livestock, and other enterprises.

452 farm operators (30%) of the farm operators have been farming 10 years or less, while 616 farm operators (41%) have been farming 30 years or longer, with the balance farming between 10 and 30 years.

712 farms (47%) were under \$500,000 in gross farm sales in 2024; 347 farms (23%) were between \$500,000 and \$1 million in gross sales; 278 (18%) were between \$1 million and \$2 million in gross sales; and 189 farms (12%) were above \$2 million in gross sales.

The average family living expense in 2024 was \$73,569, which decreased slightly compared to recent years. The average non-farm income in 2024 was \$50,042, which represented about 46 percent of total annual non-farm expenses (\$110,739) by families for family living and other uses in 2024.

In 2024, the average farm business spent \$1,224,361 for farm business operating expenses, capital purchases, and non-farm expenses. The total dollars spent by the 1,526 FBM farm families was nearly \$1.9 billion. Most of this money was spent in local communities across the region, helping support the area's overall economy.

Financial analysis from the 2024 FBM Summary

The average net farm income for southern and west central Minnesota for 2024 was \$37,849, while the

median net farm income for the region was only \$12,869. This compares to median net farm income levels of \$40,039 in 2023, \$177,614 in 2022, \$176,426 in 2021, \$102,848 in 2020, and \$36,547 in 2019. As usual, there was large variation in median farm income in 2024. The top 20 percent profitability farms had an average median net farm income of +\$231,650, which was down from +\$288,243 in 2023 and +\$728,237 in 2022. The low 20 percent profitability farms had an average median net farm income of negative (\$153,563), which compares (\$96,605) in 2023 and +\$13,238 in 2022.

The variation in median net farm income in 2024 also showed some differences based on the gross receipts of the farms. Farms with \$2 million or more in gross receipts had a median net farm income of +\$133,012, compared to +\$21,117 for farms with a gross of \$1 to \$2 million, +\$25,687 for farms with a gross of \$500,000 to \$1 million, +\$14,383 for farms with a gross of \$250,000 to \$500,000, and +\$8,976 for farms with a gross of \$100,000 to \$250,000. Interestingly, when you look at the profit margin, the smaller volume income groups actually had a higher margin. The \$100,000 to \$250,000 group was at 23.9% profit margin, the \$250,000 to \$500,000 group at 11.8%, the \$500,000 to \$1 million group at 11.5%, the \$1 million to \$2 million group at 9.8%, and the \$2 million and over group at 9.9% profit margin.

The average farm business showed working capital of +\$376,429 in 2024, which is down 20 percent from 2023 levels and 38 percent below the 2022 average working capital; however, the 2024 level is still nearly double the average working capital in 2019. The current ratio (current assets divided by current expenses) for 2024 was 198%, which compares to 231% in 2023, 283% in 2022, 247% in 2021, 198% in 2020, and 156% in 2019. The working capital to gross revenue ratio for 2024 was 32.6%, which is still at a respectable level compared to the much more challenging levels in 2018 and 2019.

Another measure of the “financial health” of a farm operation is the “term debt coverage ratio,” which measures the ability of farm operations to generate adequate net farm income to cover the principal and interest payments on existing real estate and term loans. If that ratio falls below 100%, it results in the farm business being required to use working capital or non-farm income sources to cover the difference. The average term debt coverage ratio for 2024 dropped considerably to a level of only 85%, which was the lowest since 2018 and certainly raises some concerns. This compares to average ratios of 125% in 2023, 372% in 2022, 389% in 2021, 274% in 2020, and 148% in 2019.

The overall solvency of the 1,526 farm businesses in the FBM program have remained fairly stable in recent years. The average debt/asset ratio in 2024 was at 43%, which has been nearly steady for the past five years. The debt/asset ratio for the lowest 20 percent profit farms was at 51%. It was at 34% for

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Balance sheets remain solid

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the 20 percent highest profit farms. The average farm listed just over \$3.1 million in total farm assets, just under \$1.3 million in farm liabilities, for an average farm net worth of approximately \$1.8 million.

Bottom line

Overall, net returns from crop operations in 2024 were down considerably from 2023, as well as the very strong farm profit levels in 2022 and 2021. As usual, there was a wide variation in farm profit levels from the top one-third of net farm income operations as compared to other farms. The overall average financial health of many farm

businesses deteriorated somewhat in 2024; however, in most instances the farm balance sheets remain quite solid. The reduced net farm income levels in 2024 point to some "caution flags" on the horizon for farm profitability. These include continued high input expenses and land costs, sluggish grain prices, and uncertain government policy. Complete farm business management results are available through the University of Minnesota Center for Farm Management FINBIN Program at finbin.umn.edu.

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SIX-YEAR FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMPARISON (2019-2024)

(Data from the 2024 Southern Minnesota Farm Business Management Summary)

Farm Income Data	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Gross Farm Sales	\$771,105	\$830,344	\$967,436	\$1,077,094	\$1,101,924	\$1,030,889
Total Farm Cash Expense	\$675,013	\$700,336	\$790,104	\$884,679	\$903,143	\$881,177
Average Net Farm Income	\$ 78,167	\$175,216	\$280,900	\$311,240	\$ 76,181	\$37,849
Median Net Farm Income	\$ 36,547	\$102,848	\$176,426	\$177,614	\$ 40,039	\$12,869
Top 20% Med. Net Farm Inc.	\$242,696	\$401,000	\$620,578	\$728,237	\$288,243	\$231,650
Low 20% Med. Net Farm Inc.	(\$ 43,183)	\$ 369	\$ 12,706	\$ 13,238	(\$ 96,605)	(\$153,563)

Financial Ratios (Ave.)

Operating Profit Margin	10.1%	20.6%	27.5%	26.2%	16.1%	10.9%
Current Ratio	156%	198%	247%	283%	231%	197%
Working Cap./Gross Inc. Ratio	23.8%	32.6%	41.3%	49.4%	44.5%	38%
Farm Debt/Asset Ratio	46 %	44%	44%	43%	43%	43%
Term Debt Coverage Ratio	148%	274%	389%	372%	125%	0.85%

Crop Data ---

Corn (Cash Rent Land)

Yield/Acre	183	206	203	213	203	181
Ave. Price/Bushel	\$3.75	\$4.04	\$5.36	\$6.29	\$4.86	\$4.47
Gross Revenue/Acre	\$790	\$897	\$1,108	\$1,347	\$1,052	\$910
Direct & Overhead Costs/A.	\$746	\$735	\$792	\$968	\$1,013	\$957
Cost/Bushel Produced	\$4.08	\$3.58	\$3.90	\$4.55	\$ 4.67	\$5.30
Net Return/Acre	+\$ 44	+\$162	+\$316	+\$379	+\$ 39	(\$49)

Crop Data ---

Soybeans (Cash Rent Land)

Yield/Acre	51	60	61	60	57	51
Ave. Price/Bushel	\$8.82	\$10.21	\$12.50	\$14.17	\$12.79	\$10.11
Gross Revenue/Acre (*)	\$539	\$664	\$767	\$852	\$752	\$593
Direct & Overhead Costs/A.	\$498	\$497	\$536	\$614	\$652	\$548
Cost/Bushel Produced	\$9.71	\$8.32	\$8.83	\$10.28	\$11.03	\$12.21
Net Return/Acre	+\$ 41	+\$167	+\$231	+\$238	+\$100	(\$36)

Livestock Data ---

Net Return Over Expenses

Dairy – Per Cow	+\$403	+\$964	+\$208	+\$686	+\$ 37	+\$688
Beef Cow – Per Cow	(\$223)	(\$29)	(\$166)	(\$236)	+\$ 98	+\$262
Beef Finishing – Per Head	(\$16)	(\$12)	+\$55	+\$40	+\$237	+\$221
Hog Finishing – Per Cwt.	+\$2.53	+\$8.69	+\$6.79	(\$.51)	(\$.91)	(\$1.18)

NOTES: Net Returns for crops and livestock are before labor & management charges.

Crop net returns include crop insurance and government farm program payments.

(*) Note --- The Gross Revenue per Acre for 2019 and 2020 includes fairly high levels of one-time government farm program payments.

*** Table was developed by Kent Thiesse, Farm Management Analyst ***

Efforts continue to combat New World Screwworm

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up on product and China's whey imports outpaced April 2024 by 13.9%. There will likely be fewer ships arriving at Chinese ports this month," she warned. "But US exporters are now rushing to book sales and ship them during the 90-day pause."

Tuesday's Global Dairy Trade Pulse saw 4.6 million pounds of product sold, up from 4.4 million on May 13, and the largest Pulse volume since Dec. 31, 2024.

It was the GDT's 80th Pulse event. The first was held Aug. 9, 2022. The prices on both skim milk and whole milk powder were down from the May 13 Pulse.

Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins provided an update this week on the USDA's ongoing partnership with Mexico to combat New World Screwworm. Rollins held a call with her counterpart in Mexico, Secretary Berdegue, to discuss the ongoing threat and actions being taken by both countries to contain the threat south of the U.S. border.

"USDA is working daily with Mexico to make sure the resources, tactics, and tools are in place to effectively eradicate NWS," a USDA press release

stated. "Additionally, Secretary Rollins announced that USDA is investing \$21 million to renovate an existing fruit fly production facility in Metapa, Mexico to further the long-term goal of eradicating this insect. When operational, this facility will produce 60-100 million additional sterile NWS flies weekly to push the population further south in Mexico. Given the geographic spread of NWS, this additional production capacity will be critical to our response," says the USDA.

"Our partnership with Mexico is crucial in making this effort a success," Rollins said. "We are continuing to work closely with Mexico to push NWS away from the US and out of Mexico. The investment I am announcing today is one of many efforts my team is making around the clock to protect our animals, our farm economy, and the security of our nation's food supply." Current restrictions on live animal imports from Mexico remain in place, and as previously announced, USDA evaluates the suspension every 30 days.

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Calendar of Events

June 7 — St. Cloud Spin Fest & Fiber Fair — St. Cloud, Minn. — The emphasis of this event is education and promotion of farm-produced fiber. Producers of wool, alpaca, llama, mohair goat and angora rabbit from four states will be among the vendors. Classes will include Intro to Spinning Wheels, The Ancient Craft of Nalbinding, Spinning Yarn on an Electric Spinner, and a Youth Fiber Experience that is open to 4-H families. For more information, visit facebook.com/stcloudspinfest.

June 11 — Practical Farmers of Iowa Field Day — Guttenberg, Iowa — PFI provides opportunities for farmer-to-farmer learning throughout six states. This field day will focus on automated season extension and diverse production. For more information, email info@practicalfarmers.org or call (515) 232-5661.

Additional June dates and locations within The Land's subscriber area:

June 15, Northfield, Minn.

June 20, Sleepy Eye, Minn.

June 21, Dunnell, Minn.

June 25, Altura, Minn.

June 26, Linn Grove, Iowa

June 11-12 — Four State Dairy Nutrition and Management Conference — La Crosse, Wis. — This conference features the latest insights to improve productivity and profit. Sessions will include panel discussions with featured speakers. There will also be a trade show, and new this year is the award for herds in the Four State area (Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) with the highest pounds of solids produced per cow. Contact Jim Salfer at salfe001@umn.edu or (612) 360-4506.

June 12 — Cover Crop Interseeding Field Day — Northfield, Minn. — Area farmers, agronomists, and agricultural advisors are invited to attend this event, which will feature live demonstrations of interseeding cover crops and sidedressing nitrogen using the Rice Soil and Water Conservation District's no-till drill interseeder. Attendees can also view the interseeding, strip-till, and no-till equipment on display. For more information, visit riceswcd.org/event/interseeding-cover-crops-side-dressing-nitrogen-demo/.

June 17 — Dairy Beef Dialogue — Online — Presented by I-29 Moo University, this webinar will feature Melanie Pimentel-Concepcion discussing the economics of beef on dairy cross cattle in the feedlot. Contact Fred Hall (Iowa) at (712) 737-4230 or Jim Salfer (Minnesota) at (320) 203-6093.

June 18 — Forage Webinar — Online — Part of a series hosted by the I-29 Moo University and the Northern Plains Forage Association, this webinar will provide an overview of alfalfa growing and harvest conditions and also forage test results. There will also be shared insights on where the hay market is headed and farm safety when working with round balers. Contact Fred Hall (Iowa) at (712) 737-4230 or Jim Salfer (Minnesota) at (320) 203-6093.

June 18 — Spring Field Day — Nashua, Iowa — This annual event is held at the Iowa State University Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm. This year, Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig will begin the program with a presentation focusing on accelerating conservation through partnerships and cost-share. Additionally, there will be discussions on nitrogen management and optimal weed control. Contact Terry Basol at (641) 426-6801 or Josh Michel at (563) 581-7828.

June 19, 21-22 — Railroad Days Celebration — St. James, Minn. — Held at the St. James Model Railroad Club, attendees of this event can view progress on the HO scale layout and also register to win a Lionel Train set or pocket watch. Children will be able to operate the interactive layout. For more information, call (507) 995-2955.

July 1 — Upper Midwest Honeyberry Academy — Stillwater, Minn. — Hosted by the University of Minnesota and Wisconsin Extension, attendees will learn from experts and growers about honeyberry, or haskap, production. The day will include presentations, an orchard tour and harvest demo, variety tasting, and more. For additional information, visit <https://eventreg.wisc.edu/en/5f4YRxR7/g/extension/upper-mid-west-honeyberry-academy-5a2TQR-17RAz/overview>.

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Owner: Larry Muenchow

Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025. 10:00 A.M.

Location: 11067 150th St. Tracy, MN 56175

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- 2006 Buhler Genesis 2145 MFWD- 3000 hours, 195hp, powershift, 3 hyd, integrated autosteer, 480/80R42 duals.
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- 1957 John Deere 620- gas, narrow front, recent work.
- John Deere B- not running
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Shop Tools and Miscellaneous

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- Century 230/140 amp AC/DC Stick Welder w/ cart.
- Hobart Handler 175 MIG welder w/ MIG gas tank
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- (2) 110 gal rotomold tanks
- Homemade dual tire changer- winch, rollers, fork mounted

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- Precision Planting 20/20 Gen 2 Monitor- Rowflow switchbox, "the Doublers" hyd splitter, ipad mount, manuals.
- New Holland 616 Mower- 7' 6-disc, very good condition.
- Limbsaw- hyd. drive chainsaw attachment for loader
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- Fast 9410 Sprayer- 60', Brand new pump & hyd motor, 1000 gal, 3-section, Raven SCS 450 controller.
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- Custom Backhoe- Portable, hitch-mounted backhoe. 8hp gas motor, counterweighted, outriggers, 14" bucket, digs appx 6'.
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- Farm Fans Inc CF/AB 270 Grain Dryer- 1 ph, Lowry wet holding bin
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Of vintage and one's value

Natalie Pierson's grandma called her a seed planter. She is also a world traveler, a visionary, an artist, an entrepreneur. It's through her business, Vagabond Village, that she has been able to nurture not only her own ideas into fruition, but also give others a starting point to pursue their own.

Vagabond Village is a vintage resale gallery and lounge located in the Old Town section of Mankato, Minn. The front entrance provides a small indication of what customers can expect inside. Green turf serves as the stair runner; there are baskets of flowers, a painted trash can. To the left, colorful lights wrap around a wood column just below a sign that says *LOVE*. "Love is everything," Pierson said in reference to the sign, just before smiling for a photo.

The inside of the shop holds much, much more. For every direction's gaze there are countless items to settle on. Luggage, roller skates, hats, jewelry, books. Tchotchkes and trinkets. It's here at the Village where a bobblehead of NHL player Duncan Keith harmoniously shares a shelf with a bust of the composer Chopin.

The shop's vintage clothing is categorized by time period or theme. There is also a VIP section — "Very Important Pieces."

Self-expression is important to Pierson, and her store's wide variety allows customers to find what suits them. Her hope is for others to discover what it is they like in fashion, décor, even themselves.

Since she was nine years old, Pierson has loved vintage items. She loves the smell and the history and stories they bring. To vagabond is to wander, and Pierson's travels throughout the country



and the world have often been the means to how many of the items found their way to Mankato.

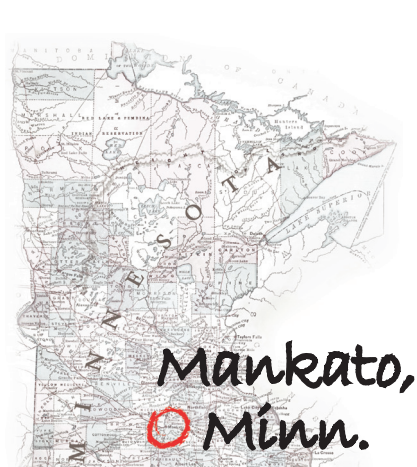
A kiosk near the entrance houses pamphlets detailing the many passion projects Pierson has brought to her Village.

Pierson explained she often works in quarters, with a new idea to turn into reality every few months of the year. She has hosted sew circles, typewriter bars, and open mic events. A recent project has been assisting individuals with their estate sales, and a future idea includes providing veterans with free haircuts. Pierson's Elderly Love Project is several years strong, providing Christmas gifts to individuals residing in nursing homes.

Pierson also has helped other entrepreneurs by providing space for them to finetune their craft or hold classes. As her grandma called her a seed planter, Pierson stated she's not always meant to be there for the harvest. Providing a hub to inspire others to follow their own path serves the mission. "We are all capable of anything," she stated.

Vagabond Village is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. On Saturday, June 7, the Village will be part of the Mankato Art Crawl, showcasing local artists and selling artwork and art supplies.

Because the store isn't air conditioned, there aren't regular hours in July and August. Rather Pierson uses those months to hold more outdoor sales and pop-up events. For more information and updates, follow Vagabond Village on Facebook and Instagram. ♦





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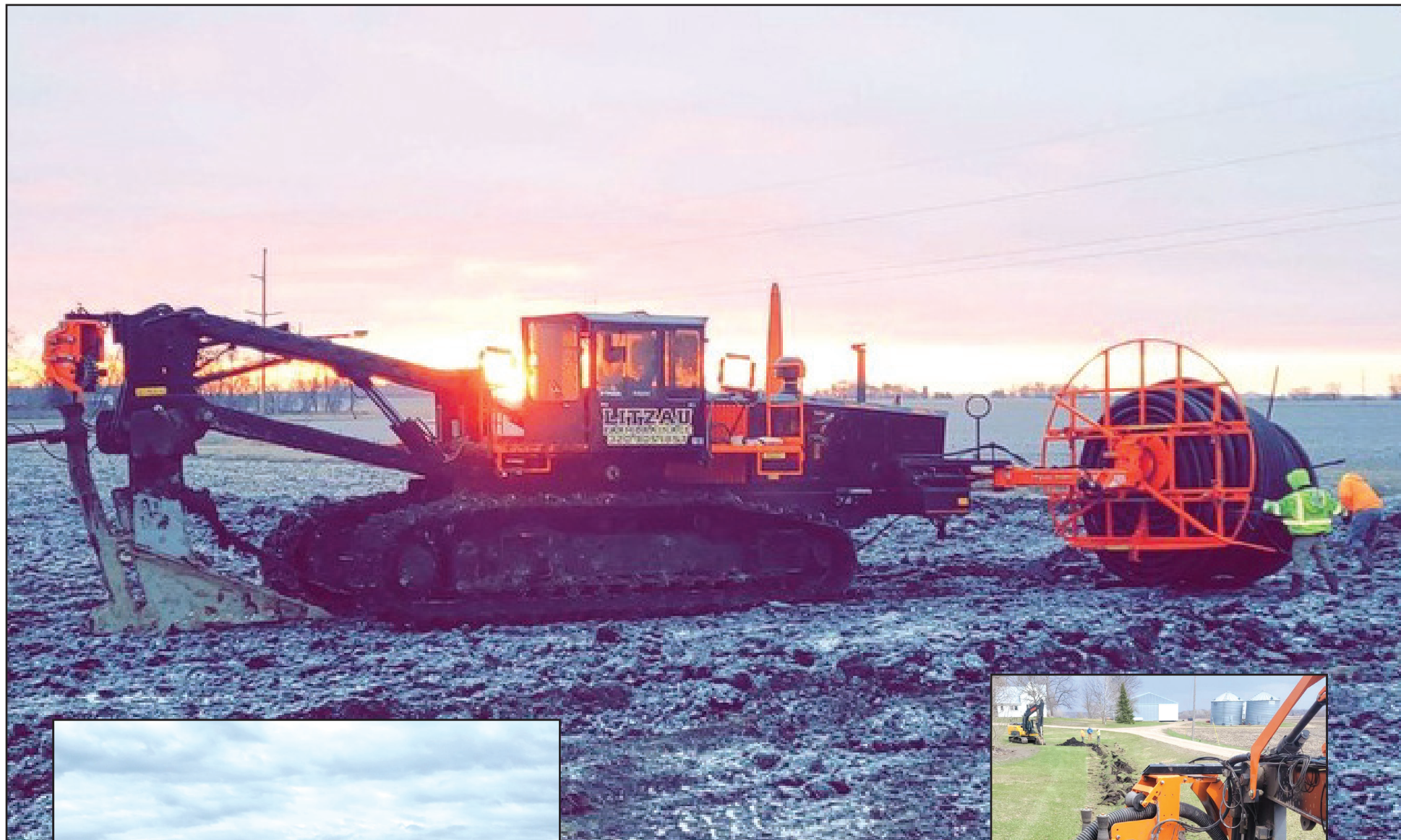
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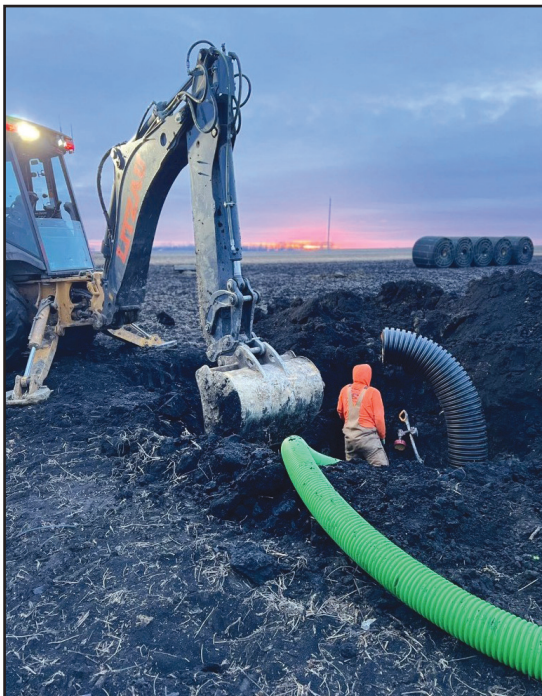


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