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Deer Farm expansion gives our farmers another opportunity to grow

As many of you now know, West Virginia's Legislature and Governor Earl Ray Tomblin have approved a new law that went into effect on February 26, transferring the regulation of our state's captive cervid farms to the Department of Agriculture. Implementation has begun and will continue to take place over the next few months.

Many times I have said that deer farms offer our state a wonderful economic development opportunity on a number of fronts.

No longer will citizens that go into our state's restaurant and dining facilities have to order venison that comes from outside West Virginia and in some cases from outside of our country. It can and now will be grown and produced on farms right here.

Deer farms will also allow the owners of those facilities to have genetically superior animals to those currently in the wild and it will afford these farmers the chance to generate revenue in West Virginia that is also currently being spent on cervids outside of our borders.

Now there has been much debate on this topic over the last several years but we have the ability and personnel in our department to care for and regulate these animals.

Much has also been made about not the threat of, but the reality of Chronic Wasting Disease. The real facts are that it is in our wild deer population in a portion of the Eastern Panhandle and that it is spreading. This is a problem in many areas across our country.

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Pine Grove FFA students have high hopes for Annual Ham, Bacon & Egg Sale

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Ham. Bacon. Eggs. Three very important words for the FFA members at Valley High School in Wetzel County. With nearly 60 percent of the school's 198 students enrolled in at least one agriculture education class, the annual Wetzel County Ham, Bacon and Egg Show, set for March 6, is a big deal.

Senior J.D. Morris hopes to beat his 2014 showing.

"Last year I was pretty successful. I had the Reserve Grand Champion Bacon at the state show. Between the county and state level, I raised about $3,400," says Morris.

He reinvested part of that money back into market animals for this year's event and the rest went towards his college fund. He plans to attend WVU this fall and major in Agriculture Education. He wants to become an ag-ed teacher. However, that's not what he originally set out to do.

"I didn't plan on being in FFA when I got to high school," explains Morris. "However, the agriculture teacher talked me into it and it was probably one of the best decisions I've made!"

The agriculture education teacher at Valley H.S. is Annie Hall. She's a FFA alumni from Tyler Consolidated where she participated in the ham, bacon and egg program. She knows the appeal of ag-ed for students like Morris.

"I think students, when they take ag classes, have a place to belong. There's something they can do whether it's the meat lab or the greenhouse or going on trips. It doesn't matter what they're interested in. They can find something they like to do, hopefully something they're good at, and can be successful," she explains.

Morris has gone from a reluctant recruit to a leader within the Pine Grove FFA chapter. He shows the younger students the ropes of the ham, bacon and egg program and shares his tips for success.

Hall says it's that kind of dedication that makes for a great FFA chapter.

"It allows them to learn responsibility by raising animals, going through the whole process to get to the end product, and earn money to invest back into their Supervised Agriculture Experiences (SAE) or save money for college," says Hall.

Morris already has his state FFA degree. He hopes the proceeds from this year's show will push him even closer to his ultimate goal, his American degree.

Morris has six bacon and five hams in cure to pick his best for the county and state shows.

"I like the bacon because they're sort of a present," Morris explains. "You really don't know what you're going to get until you start trimming them down."

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Former Dairy Farm turning profit with Crops, Cows & Compost

You'll find crops, cows, and compost at Lyle C. Tabb & Sons, Inc. The Jefferson County farm near Kearneysville focused on dairy for a half century. However, in the late 90's, the family-run farm made a shift, one that's turned into a profitable enterprise.

Jane Tabb married into the family in 1975, a year after she met its now-owner Cam Tabb while working as a summer intern at the Tabb Dairy. The city girl turned farmers' wife spent nearly three decades getting up before dawn to begin the work day. Cows were her life.

"People always talk about having a big plan. That's all well and good but we were working really hard with the dairy 7-days a week. We had little time with our family and we were barely making minimum wage. We just decided to make a change," says Jane.

That change came in the form of Angus beef, planting larger fields of crops and compost. The last idea sprung to mind after an environmental problem impacted the farm directly. Part of their property backed onto a landfill.

"We had two to four acres that didn't have any grass on it. We realized the landfill was leaking onto our property," explains Jane. "It took a while to get the environmental problem fixed and in the midst of those three to four years, we realized if we weren't part of the solution, we might be part of the problem."

One thing they had in abundance at the dairy was cow manure. The family urged neighbors to dump leaves and grass in a designated pile on their property. They added that to the cow waste and used it in place of commercially purchased fertilizer on their 1,000 acres of fields as well as 600-plus they rent out. The compost worked so well for them soon they got requests from neighbors and other farmers in the area wanting to buy some. The business was underway.

As the family phased out their dairy in 2003, they added a smaller herd of Angus and replaced some of the cow manure with chicken droppings from the local poultry industry. To make the business more profitable, they started a service just about every stable in the area needed.

"We take roll-off boxes and park them next to a stable. The owners fill those up with soiled bedding. We bring that back to our farm and compost it!"

There's a charge every time they drop off a box.

"That ensures we get paid," says Jane. "We need to know we have customers that have the cash flow and are willing and able to pay."

The business isn't just limited to compost. During the pre-recession building boom in the Eastern Panhandle, the Tabbs began collecting scrap lumber from construction sites. The clean wood, never painted or treated, was ground into stable bedding. Now the family uses mostly pallets from local businesses that would otherwise toss the wood product into the trash. They run the mix through a grinder twice to make sure nails, staples and metal scraps are caught in the machine's magnet system.

Above and upper right: Other sources of income on the Tabb farm are Angus beef, crops and mulch made from trees and stumps the Tabbs take and grind down from land that is under development.

Right: The Tabbs use the compost they produce on their own fields and sell it to neighboring farms.

"The horsemen love it! There's nothing sticky about it and it's not as dusty as saw dust," explains Jane.

The Tabbs also take trees and stumps cleared from land that's under development. They grind the stumps into mulch. The dirt that comes along with the stumps is separated and put in a pile that is sold as top soil. Finally, the leftover wood is given to a local businessman who chops it up and sells it as firewood. In exchange, the Tabbs get enough firewood to heat the four houses on their property.

"There's really a circle here. It's recycling! It's sustainable practices," stresses Jane. "I get upset that farmers are sometimes criticized as being main polluters of the Chesapeake Bay. It's hard to explain to the public all that we do to protect the soil and water."

The Tabbs are recycling their old dairy facilities as well. The horse bedding is stored in the old milking barn and stalls. The compost pile sits in the middle of what used to be a cow pasture.

The Tabb farm now has three sources of income: Angus beef, crops (corn, soy beans, wheat, hay) and their waste products (compost, stable bedding, top soil, mulch). The recycled products are the biggest money maker.

"We actually have a higher profitability rate now than we did with the dairy farm," says Jane.

The Tabbs aren't big on advertising. The only sign for the composting business sits just at the end of the drive leading to the farm. You'll miss it if you blink. Jane says that's the way they like it. They want to be able to set the rate for their products and how much they sell each year. Check out Lyle C. Tabb and Sons, Inc. on Facebook.

Edible Greens Throughout the Growing Season

Many types of edible greens are capable of growing in West Virginia gardens. Try some different and easily grown greens this year to add variety to your garden and your dinner table.

SPINACH

A familiar green is spinach which originated in modern day Iran and was typically harvested in the winter. This is considered a cool weather crop; grown during shorter days and cooler temperatures. Many of us have grown spinach in the spring, only to find as the temperatures increase, the plants quickly go to seed (bolt). Spinach seeds germinate in cooler soil between 40 and 75°F and can be started in mid-August, which is plenty of time before the first hard frost. Spinach typically requires 30-40 days to reach maturity. This means that leaves can be harvested in the autumn while the plants are sturdy enough to overwinter with row cover protection. If spinach successfully overwinters, the spring crop will be very sweet and plentiful before warmer temperatures of late spring/early summer arrive. Good overwintering varieties are 'Tyee','Giant Winter' and 'Winter Bloomsdale'. Spinach requires plenty of organic material which helps hold moisture. When planting in spring, make succession plantings every week or two to ensure a continuous supply of these nutritious leaves.

SORREL

Sorrel is a tangy green which is easy to grow. Garden sorrel (Rumex acetosa) is a perennial, valued for its early spring greens. The plant can grow to three feet tall developing a strong root system. French sorrel (R. scutatus) is a smaller plant, growing up to 12 inches. Sow seeds beginning in March and harvest the young leaves within 60 days to provide a zingy flavor in salads.

ARUGULA

Arugula, commonly known as rocket, is another flavorful green that is easy to grow. Seeds germinate quickly even in cooler soil. Arugula is tolerant of a wide variety of soil conditions but prefers a fertile, well-drained soil with a pH of 6.5. The plant will begin producing flowers within 40 days of germination. The leaves have a peppery taste, becoming more pungent as temperatures increase. Plant seeds every two weeks during the growing season for a continuous supply of greens into the colder months of October and November. In fact, seeds will commonly overwinter and produce seedlings where the plant previously grew. Arugula is more commonly used in salads, but can be cooked like spinach. Harlequin bugs and flea beetles are the primary pests and can be controlled with row covers in areas where arugula was not grown the previous year.

SWISS CHARD

Swiss chard is a leafy green with colorful stems related to beet and spinach. Chard tolerates the summer heat much better than spinach and can be successfully grown throughout the summer. The seeds can either be directly sown into the garden soil two weeks before the last frost date or started indoors three to four weeks before the last frost date. Since chard seed "packs" contain multiple seeds, thin plants to 12 inch spacing to promote air circulation which may help control a fungal disease called Cercospora leaf spot. Always rotate planting areas and destroy diseased tissue. Although chard requires adequate water, overwatering will promote slug infestation. Egg shells surrounding the plants have been shown to repel slugs. Swiss chard is more commonly cooked but can be used in salads when young leaves are harvested.

TATSOI

Tatsoi is a leafy member of the mustard family native to Asia. Tatsoi is a low growing rosette of spoon-shaped leaves, traditionally grown during the cooler temperatures of autumn. Autumn planting also is favorable for avoiding the presence of flea beetles. Along with other leafy greens, the plant requires rich well drained soil and adequate moisture. The plant is fast growing and the leaves can be harvested within three weeks after seeds are sown. Leaves are mildly tart, adding flavor to salads but can also be used as a garnish in soup or added to stir fries.

MESCULUN GREENS

Mesculun salad greens denotes a mixture of different greens which are grown and harvested at the same time. Various colors and shades of lettuce such as 'Ruby' and 'Red Oakleaf', Red and Green Romaine are among many examples of lettuce varieties. Other greens may include mustards, kale, chervil, arugula, mizuna (a type of mustard) and endive. The mixtures are colorful and contain a range of textures and tastes, depending on what plants are used, from tart to tangy, sour and peppery. The plants grow in the row together and are harvested by cutting when the leaves are small. The plants will continue to grow producing what is known in the trade as "cut and come again". Sow seeds of mesculun greens in early spring. The plants can be cut for harvest within 30 days.

KALE

Kale has become a very popular green owing to the nutrient content and uses as both a salad and cooked green. Many varieties are available that grow well in West Virginia. Kale is related to broccoli, brussel sprouts, cauliflower cabbage and kohlrabi - all cultivars of Brassica oleracea. Some popular varieties include 'Red and White Russian', Dwarf and True Siberian, 'Vates Blue Curled' and 'Lacinato' kale. 'Red Russian' has flat leaves and red veins, 'Dwarf Siberian' is a small plant, growing to a maximum of 16 inches, perfect for small spaces. 'Vates Blue Curled' is very common and has tightly curled leaves with a blue green tint. 'Lacinato' also known as Dinosaur or Tuscan is sweet and has heavily crinkled blue green strap-like leaves. All kales are tolerant of frost, having improved flavors and sweetness after the first frost. Plant seeds indoors 4 weeks before the last frost date in the spring. Getting an early start with kale is important as the plant does not tolerate the high temperatures of summer. Sow seeds in late summer for a fall crop by planting in mid to late August. Flea beetles are less of a problem on fall planted kale. Young kale plants can be protected by row covers in areas where kale or any member of the cabbage family were not grown the previous year. Aphids can be controlled with insecticidal soaps or naturally controlled by lady beetles.

If you have any questions about your spring and summer gardens, please contact the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Plant Industries Division at (304) 558-2212.

Spring is (almost) here!

Celebrate with warm, comforting dishes

Jean Smith, Director, WVDA Marketing & Development Division Director

March is a month of many food celebrations! It is National Nutrition Month, National Noodle Month, National Frozen Food Month and also almost every day celebrates a food! National Nutrition Month is a great tie in with the local foods movement and the Farm to School programs throughout not only West Virginia but the United States. March 3 is Maple Syrup Day and West Virginia is certainly making great strides in becoming recognized as a producer of Maple Syrup. March 4 is National Potato Chip Day – which of course celebrates West Virginia's Mister Bee Potato Chips proudly made in Parkersburg!

Happy March 20—the first day of spring and Happy Cooking!

Recipes

Baked Tator Tots

- 2 medium Russet potatoes
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ½-¾ cup 0% Greek yogurt, warm
- 1½ tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
- ½ teaspoon fine sea salt, plus extra to taste
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1½ cups unseasoned panko breadcrumbs
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning

Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Scrub potatoes with a brush under running water; dry them off. Pierce each potato with a fork to prevent exploding. Bake the potatoes about 1 hour, or until they are cooked through. When cool enough to handle but still hot, cut the potatoes in half and scoop the pulp out of the skins.

Run the potatoes through a ricer or food mill into a medium bowl. With a wooden spoon or spatula, stir in yogurt and 1 tablespoon of the cheese. Add ¼ teaspoon salt and ½ teaspoon pepper and stir just until blended.

Place breadcrumbs in a shallow bowl or pie tin. Stir in remaining ½ tablespoon cheese, ¼ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon pepper, and Italian seasoning.

Using a small scoop, form potato mixture into rounds that resemble a large marble or gumball. Roll in breadcrumbs, shaping the potato into a tot as you roll. Place each tot on baking sheet 1 inch apart. Bake 20 minutes, flipping over halfway through baking. Check after 20 minutes and continue to bake until browned and crisp. Serve hot.

Recipes

Kale Pie

Adapted from The Gardeners Community Cookbook

- 1 10" tart crust, pre-baked (can use a large pie dish)
- 4 cups coarsely chopped kale leaves, the tough rib removed (about 8 ounces)
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil or other vegetable oil
- 2 small onions, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 two large eggs
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- ½ cup half and half (or plain soy creamer works well too)
- ½ teaspoon salt

Prepare & bake the crust and set aside.

Preheat the oven to 375°.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add the kale, stir to submerge the leaves, and cook over high heat until wilted and somewhat tender but still bright green, about three minutes. Set aside to drip dry. (If you have some that you froze, this step is done already and you simply have to thaw the kale.)

Heat the oil in a medium sauté pan. Add onions and garlic and sauté over medium heat, stirring frequently until beginning to turn golden, about six minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.

Break the eggs into a large bowl and lightly beat. Add the feta, half and half, kale, onion mixture, and salt. Stir to mix and pour into the prebaked crust. Bake until the center of the pie is firm and lightly golden across the top, 40 to 45 minutes. Remove and allow to cool ten to fifteen minutes (we never can wait that long!). Serve while still warm or let cool longer and serve at room temperature.

Recipes

Pulled Pork Quesadillas

- 2 Tbsp vegetable oil, plus more for brushing
- 1 small green bell pepper, cut into strips
- 1 small red bell pepper, cut into strips
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 reserved braised pork shanks, meat pulled from the bones and thinly sliced
- 3 Tbsp pure maple syrup
- 1 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- Eight 8-inch flour tortillas

In large, deep skillet, heat vegetable oil. Add the bell peppers and cook over moderately high heat, stirring, until softened, about 10 minutes. Add onion and garlic, cover and cook over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 5 minutes. Add the pork, maple and vinegar, and cook for 3 minutes more.

Spoon the pork and bell pepper mixture into tortillas and fold in half. Brush the tortillas with oil. Heat 2 large skillets. Working in batches, cook the tortillas over moderate heat, turning once, until crisp, about 7 minutes. Cut in eighths and serve.

Recipes

Spinach-Stuffed Pork Roast

A perfect recipe for St. Patrick's Day

- 4-5 pound boneless pork roast, rolled and tied
- ¼ cup chopped fresh mushrooms
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- ¼ cup chopped red pepper
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 5 ounces frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- 1 cup soft bread crumbs
- ½ teaspoon garlic pepper
- Decor (we used lemons sliced to hold cherries; look for big, leafy edible leaves like kale)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Untie roast and set aside. For stuffing, in skillet cook mushrooms, onion and red pepper in hot oil until onion is tender. Stir in remaining ingredients.

Spread stuffing over one loin to within one inch of edges. Top with remaining loin. Tie securely with string.

Place roast in shallow roasting pan. Roast for 1-1½ hours, until meat thermometer registers 155° to 160°F. Remove from oven; let stand 10 minutes before slicing to serve.

Recipes

Peanut Butter Pound Cake

Make a buttery pound cake even more moist and special by adding peanut butter. You can serve it with whipped cream or ice cream: vanilla, chocolate or peanut butter!

- 1¼ cups butter
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 6 eggs
- ½ cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup finely-chopped roasted peanuts

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cream butter and sugar together; then beat until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Blend in peanut butter, then the flour. Pour the batter into two lightly greased 9x5" loaf pans and place into oven. After about 15 minutes of baking, sprinkle the chopped peanuts onto the batter to create a crunchy topping. Bake for a total of 50-60 minutes, or until the centers test done with a toothpick or cake tester. Makes 36 servings.

Wardensville Bull Test Identifying Superior Genetics for 48 Years

The Bull Test Sale takes place each year on the fourth Thursday in March. To learn more about the program, go to bulltest.ext.wvu.edu/

When it comes to bull, Jerry Yates is an expert. He's the station manager at the West Virginia Bull Evaluation Program at Wardensville. Now in its 48th year, the Bull Test, as it's known, is one of the most comprehensive programs of its kind in the United States.

One hundred and fifty-two bulls are part of the 2015 centralized performing test that takes place at the West Virginia University Reymann Memorial Farm in Hardy County, part of the Davis College of Agriculture and Forestry Research Center.

The bulls arrive at the farm in early November, each just 6-8 months old. The 20 participating breeders this year come from across West Virginia and hope their Angus, Hereford and Charolais cattle are the best of the best and will sell for thousands of dollars at the end of the program.

"We want to measure and identify superior animals. That's our goal. That's the goal of any good breeding program, to identify and propagate superior genetics," explains Yates. "By us testing them all in the same environment, then we start to get a true measure of their genetic potential."

That's why all the cattle are gathered at one centralized point and for nearly five months, their progress is meticulously recorded.

"We put these animals in a similar environment and we measure how much feed they eat, how much weight they gain, how big they get, and how fast they grow. We do an ultrasound. We check their body composition for fat and muscling. Then all those factors go together into a set of standards," says Yates.

"It's not a contest. It's a genetic evaluation program," explains Kevin Shaffer, the Program Coordinator at the farm. "They are critical for genetic improvement because it allows breeders that are going to market bulls to bring the cattle together and by doing so, we can take the environmental influence out of the differences you see in their performance."

Over the past 5 years, the farm has established 6 different traits that are most important.

"We have set minimums when it comes to the culling level, rate of weight gain, weight at one year of age, rib-eye area relative to body size, a minimum of 2.75 percent inter-muscular fat, and feed efficiency," according to Shaffer.

Only two-thirds or about 100 of the bulls will actually pass the examination and end up at the sale on March 26th.

"We are a little different than many traditional bull evaluations programs. We use a selection index to determine what bulls qualify for the sale. That selection index is like an algebraic equation where we pick certain traits and assign them a co-efficient," says Shaffer.

Yates says the proof is in the meat.

"It's astounding the importance of the Bull Test on the quality and production level on our local cow herds of people who use our station!"

The average bull at this year's sale is expected to go for anywhere from $3,500 to $4,000. However, Shaffer stresses there will be a few bulls that have such superior genetics, they can fetch up to $7,500.

Most of the bulls, 80 percent, will stay right here in West Virginia. Ten percent will be sold to breeders in Virginia. Five percent will go to farms in southern Pennsylvania, and the final 5 percent will go to other surrounding states and a few as far as Iowa, Kansas and Montana. "People who buy these bulls are progressive cattlemen and women that are looking to maintain and improve the genetic merit of their herd," says Yates.

Food safety trainings provide valuable information for WV producers

GHP/GAP. It may look like a scramble of letters but the words behind them are critical to growers and producers here in West Virginia. The Good Handling Practice (GHP) and Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) classes sponsored by the WVDA are aimed at making sure safety comes first in the fields, production lines and kitchens of West Virginia producers. The ultimate goal is to protect consumers from food-borne illnesses.

You'll learn how to reduce the risk of microbial contamination of fruits and vegetables during the production, harvest, packing, and storage of a product. All of those are critical to running an agribusiness and assuring customers that best practices were used. While not mandatory, the GHP/GAP class is the first step in becoming GHP/GAP certified. What is the benefit of the GHP/GAP class? It's one of the best ways producers can learn what they're doing right and what they need to change when it comes to food safety. It also lets customers know a lot of care has been put into the products they're purchasing.

Interested in taking a GHP/GAP class? There are two upcoming opportunities for the one-day training.

- **WVDA Inwood Field Office on April 17.**
- **Lakeview Resort on May 7.**
- **The charge for the class is $25 per person.**
- **To sign up, call the WVDA Marketing and Development Division at 304-558-2210 or email ctolley@wvda.us.**

GHP/GAP also provides valuable marketing opportunities. Producers who choose to take the GHP/GAP training and complete the Food Safety Plan are eligible for an audit. Those who pass have a better shot at marketing their foods to distributors, larger grocery stores, and even Farm to School programs. Some insurance companies are now providing or considering discounts to growers who have attained their audit. It's the competitive edge some producers need to spring board to growing markets.

The station manager is in his 15th year overseeing the Bull Test at Wardensville.

"These people in the cattle business, they are absolutely the best people in the country. They can do what they do because they have more than economics to consider. There are times when these people know they're going to turn bulls in with their herd cows and there's no way they can possibly make a profit and they do it anyway. When you work with people that are that dedicated to what they do, it's fun, it's interesting, it's challenging! It doesn't get any better," stresses Yates.

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CWD isn't going to go away no matter who the regulators are and can, or will it eventually infiltrate into captive farms? The answer is yes at some juncture.

However, as is with all diseases that animals on farms experience, those cervids will be cared for just like all livestock. Our procedures are aimed and in place to quarantine any deer suspected of having CWD before it spreads, similar to other diseases that animals may be subject to, i.e. avian influenza, brucellosis, etc.

I have already met with new DNR Commissioner Robert Fala about putting the steps into place for a responsible, smooth transition and we will continue to work together to do what's best for West Virginia.

SMALL FARM CONFERENCE

The annual Small Farm Conference was held recently in Charleston and the event itself really shows the genuine interest and opportunity we have to grow Agriculture in West Virginia—and in so many ways. Several hundred stakeholders were there to discuss, learn and share how we can make our industry thrive and prosper. My thanks to the many from West Virginia University, the WVDA and others that helped to make it happen. If you couldn't attend, try to make it next year—it will be well worth your time to attend.

THANKS FOR COMING

As the 2015 regular session of the Legislature winds down I would like to thank the many people that have stopped by my office since January to share your ideas and thoughts on Agriculture and the initiatives we are pursuing to demonstrate the importance of our industry and how we can continue to bring attention to this real economic engine.

We're going to continue to promote Agriculture every chance we get and I again encourage you to contact my office at 304-558-3550 with your input.

Walt

The Wild Ramp
a local food market

Huntington's locally-sourced Market currently has 170 local vendors signed on to sell and hopes to offer job training and a prepared food business in its future

The Wild Ramp isn't your average market. You won't find milk hauled in by the tractor trailer load from Wisconsin or beef from the Lone Star state. Everything inside the shop in West Huntington is local. Seventy-five percent of it comes through the door from 50 miles or less.

The indoor farmers market was years in the making. Local food producers would meet up here and there and talk about opening a locally sourced market with the freshest produce, dairy, meat and breads. However, it wasn't until 2012 when that group made the big decision to move forward with the help of a then-Marshall University student.

"Finally it was like – let's just do something and the Wild Ramp is the result," explains Lauren Kemp, now a local food program director with Unlimited Future, a small business incubator and resource center.

It started small. Several local farmers and producers got on-board by volunteering their time. In exchange, they were able to sell their products at the Wild Ramp. It just made good business sense.

"We knew that one thing we wanted to do was to shift this paradigm of food producers getting 17 cents on the dollar and reverse that," says Shelly Keeney, the Wild Ramp's Market Manager. "Our producers get 90 cents on the dollar. We keep 10 cents for overhead and keeping the lights on."

The Wild Ramp moved into its current location at 555 14th St. last year. It offers plenty of indoor floor space. Behind the store is a covered patio where vendors sell their products during the summer and fall.

"After we moved into this space we saw a 17 percent increase in sales," explains Kemp. "We doubled our retail space. This has all been through the support of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture and the city of Huntington."

The Wild Ramp doesn't rival big grocery stores but they're making an impact.

"Since we opened in 2012, we've returned $660,000 of revenue to our vendors. We feel like that's impressive," says Kemp.

Some of the products come from Kentucky and Ohio but most are sourced right here in West Virginia. Currently 170 vendors are signed on to sell their produce at the Wild Ramp. However, Kemp and Keeney are always looking for new farm fresh products.

"I just had a call today from a man who's grinding his own corn out in Wayne County. He heard about us and is really interested in coming here," says Kemp.

You'll find typical products like leaf lettuce grown in high tunnels during the winter and sweet potatoes by the pound. Then there are some more unusual offerings. Have you ever tried yak? How about buffalo? A Jarradale pumpkin?

The employees at the Wild Ramp enjoy sharing their secrets of the garden and farm with customers, helping them choose healthy options that make for mouth-watering meals.

"The customers are coming from some of the southern counties that don't have good food access. They're coming here to get those high quality foods," according to Kemp.

With one part time and two full time employees, the Wild Ramp relies on volunteers to help feed customers knowledge. One hundred volunteers average about 500 volunteer hours per month at the market. The Wild Ramp is returning the favor.

"It is our responsibility to the community to provide information and education on local food and our farmers. We work with extension agents to bring in training for our farmers, helping them to provide more fresh produce for the market," says Keeney.

When it's time for something new, like a refrigerated display case, everyone pitches in. A refrigerator went down last year. Volunteers created a Kickstarter campaign to buy a new one. Within 30 days, they'd raised more than $12,000! That help also extends between the producers.

"Many of our producers are now supporting each other by purchasing each other's produce. We have bakers who buy the eggs from the farmers here to make their breads. We have a producer who's making chocolate and she's using salt from the local salt producer out of Malden," says Keeney.

"There's this very big emphasis that we want this place to support farmers and support the community and feel like the community owns it. It's not any one person's project or success. It's the success of the whole community," stresses Kemp.

In less than three years, the Wild Ramp has created a healthy clientele but there are plans to expand. The volunteers hope to offer a job training program and a prepared meals business in the future. For now, the market is open 9-7 Monday through Friday and 9-4 on Saturday. You can also visit the Wild Ramp on their website at www.wildramp.org.

WV FFA DEBUTS NEW WEBSITE

The West Virginia FFA have a brand new website! You can check it out at http://www.wvffa.net. You'll find photos, award winners, school contacts, scholarship information, the history of the program, and much more when you take the time to browse through the site. West Virginia's FFA programs are doing great things to promote agriculture and ensure we have a next generation of farmers and producers. The website highlights those accomplishments and gives students, parents, and alumni the chance to learn about what our FFA chapters are doing statewide.

Hampshire Ag Ed program's Berkshire Pork featured at Charleston restaurant

The Hampshire High School agriculture education program and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture took over Bluegrass Kitchen February 25. The students were there to help feature the Berkshire swine they raised that was on the Bluegrass menu. Berkshires are a rare breed that is prized for its fat content, tenderness and flavor. Pictured are Emily Sisk, Andrew Thomas, ag teacher Isaac Lewis, WVDA's Mike Teets, Rita Helmick, wife of Commissioner Walt Helmick, WVDA's Jerry Ours, Catherine Largent and Tatiana Crawford.

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This will be the second year in the ham, bacon and egg program for junior Abbie Stout. She doesn't come from a farming background but she too was enticed into the program by her ag-ed teacher.

"I love raising animals and being able to show how good we can do it! It's about showing the community that it's more than just raising animals," she stresses.

The students buy their market animals in July and August. For the next four months the students raise them at home. Come late October, early November, the hogs head to the slaughter house. Once they return, it's up to the students to cut, cure and prepare their animals for show.

"They're responsible for trimming their hams and help trim their bacon to the right size. Then, come show time, they display them and show them at the sale. It's student centered," says Hall. "I'm pretty much the facilitator. They know the process and what needs to be done."

In 2014, the Pine Grove chapter sold $57,250 at their county show. Another $6,400 was donated to the FFA scholarship program. Her FFA students won Grand Champion Ham, Reserve Champion Ham and Reserve Champion Bacon at the state show. That's impressive for one chapter.

Hall says the community backs the students 100 percent. For example, the Wileyville Volunteer Fire Department purchased one of the hams from last year's show. They turned around and sold tickets for a ham dinner. The proceeds were donated to the Pine Grove FFA.

Most of the Pine Grove FFA members say they plan to continue farming in some way. Morris hopes to teach ag-ed. Stout wants to become an agent with the FBI and do some farming on the side.

"I want to pass this knowledge down to my kids and show them how it's done!"

The state Ham, Bacon and Egg Show is set for March 10 in Charleston.

Order Tree Seedlings for Spring Planting

Clements State Tree Nursery is taking orders for the 2015 spring planting season. Customers can choose from a variety of different species, including perennial favorites like tulip poplar, sycamore, chestnut oak, Scotch pine and Norway spruce.

All trees are bare-root seedlings and are 1-2 years old. Seedlings are sold in bundles of 25. Prices depend on the number of seedlings ordered and there is a 30 percent discount offered on orders of 5,000 or more. Seedlings are grown from seed sources within West Virginia and surrounding states.

Order online at www.wvcommerce.org/ClementsNursery or call 304-675-1820.

Congress introduces Farm to School Act of 2015

The Farm to School Act of 2015 has been officially introduced in Congress.

The Farm to School Act of 2015 builds on the success of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 by proposing an increase in funding from $5 million to $15 million for the USDA Farm to School Grant Program. The bill would also ensure that the grant program fully includes preschools, summer food service sites, after school programs, and tribal schools and producers while improving program participation from beginning, veteran and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

Why is this bill important?

- Farm to school is a proven method for improving the health of our nation's children. Today, more than 23 million students are making healthier food choices at school and at home thanks to farm to school activities like school gardens, cooking classes and incorporating local foods in school meals.
- Demand for the successful USDA Farm to School Grant Program far exceeds supply. In its first three years, the program received more than 1,000 applications but only had enough funding to award 221 grants. In other words, just one in five projects was funded.
- Schools are an important market for farmers. In 2011-12, U.S. schools spent $385 million on local food. Farmers participating in farm to school initiatives nationwide have seen an average 5 percent increase in income.

Garden Calendar

March/April 2015

Source: WVU Extension Service 2015 Garden Calendar

March 6..... Order specialty seed potatoes.
March 7..... Seed kohlrabi (indoors).
March 9..... Plant broadleaf evergreens.
March 10..... Plant onion sets.
March 12..... Build a high tunnel.
March 13..... Seed leaf lettuce and spinach (indoors).
March 14..... Seed tomatoes (indoors).
March 16..... Seed peppers (indoors).
March 17..... Seed Swiss chard (indoors).
March 18..... Seed peas (outdoors) Plant nonflowering trees and shrubs.
March 19..... Seed radishes, spinach and leeks.
March 20..... Plant roses.
March 21..... Set head lettuce.
March 23..... Fertilize spring flowering bulbs.
March 24..... Seed eggplant (indoors).
March 25..... Plant asparagus (outdoors).
March 26..... Set strawberry plants.
March 28..... Seed radishes (outdoors). Plant rhubarb.
March 30..... Plant potatoes. Fertilize asparagus and rhubarb beds.
March 31..... Begin dogwood anthracnose control. Use row covers for freeze protection
April 1 ..... Seed Swiss chard and carrots (outdoors).
April 2 ..... Seed onions, beets and radishes (outdoors).
April 3 ..... Plant cabbage and kohlrabi.
April 4 ..... Plant potatoes and raspberries Seed beets and kale (outdoors).
April 6 ..... Seed or plant broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower (outdoors).
April 7 ..... Seed komatsuna Plant blackberries Seed parsnips (outdoors).
April 8 ..... Plant or seed Swiss chard Plant fruit trees.
April 9 ..... Plant peas and seed radishes (outdoors).
April 11..... Seed leaf lettuce (outdoors). Apply crabgrass control
April 13 ..... Bed sweet potatoes for transplanting
April 14 ..... Seed or plant collards. Seed late tomatoes (indoors)
April 15 ..... Fertilize lawn.
April 16 ..... Start compost pile plant perennials.
April 17 ..... Loosen mulch on strawberries.
April 18 ..... Remove row cover from strawberries. Refresh mulch in landscape beds
April 20 ..... Plant peas (outdoors). Transplant leeks Seed new lawn.
April 22 ..... Seed carrots. Seed Swiss chard.
April 23 ..... Seed Asian Greens Plant (transplant) or seed sweet corn
April 24 ..... Plant summer-flowering bulbs
April 25 ..... Apply pre-emergent landscape weed control.
April 27 ..... Begin spraying fruit trees after petals fall.
April 29 ..... Seed parsley.

March

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- Mail: 1900 Kanawha Blvd., E. Charleston, WV 25305

AD DEADLINES

April 2015. . .

Phone-In ads for the **April** issue must be received by **12 noon** on **Tuesday, March 10.**
Written ads for the **April** issue must be received by **1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11.**

May 2015. . .

Phone-In ads for the **May** issue must be received by **12 noon** on **Monday, April 13.**
Written ads for the **May** issue must be received by **1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14.**

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Apiary Sales

Italian bees w/marked queen, pre-orders of 3 # package, $100/ea. plus tax, while quantities last. Bill Bullion, 4772 Goosepen Rd., Roanoke, 26447; 452-8508; Amykovach@gmail.com.

Bee equipment, inc. several hives & frames, 3-position extractor, new jacket w/hood, smoker, elec. knife & more. Danny Huffman, 909 Ruthdale Rd., South Charleston, 25309; 744-6795.

Russian nucs, 5-frame, we can ship or you can pick up in Shepherdstown, $150. Charles Walter, 3466 Scrabble Rd., Shepherdstown, WV 25443; 616-9487; info@walterswholesomegoods.com.

Apiary Wants

Established honey bee hives or nucs, must be healthy. Melissa Reed, 482 Stormy Weather Lane, Philippi, 26416; 457-3459; reedmelissa67@gmail.com.

WEST VIRGINIA BEEF EXPO
April 9-11
Jackson's Mill – Weston WV
Trade show, cattle shows, 7 breeds of cattle for sale, photo/cooking/judging contests
For information or catalog, 269-3877, 269-4660 or 472-4020;
www.wvbeef.org or
rockingp@shentel.net.

CATAMOUNT SHOWDOWN
JACKPOT STEER & HEIFER SHOW
April 25, 11 a.m. (Show)
7:30-10 a.m. (Check-in)
$750 Grand Champion; $500 Reserve Champion, both steer & heifer
Entry fee: $30; Entry fees & forms must be postmarked by Apr. 10
Potomac State College
Indoor Riding Arena
Chestnut St., Keyser, WV
Tyler Bradfield, 643-4438490-9650
tdbradfield@mix.wvu.edu.

Cattle Sales

Reg. Highland 2-yr. bull, red, sired by Ridge Top MacDougal, $1,400. R. Arbuckle, HC 37, Box 147, Lewisburg, 25901; 645-6597; rharbuckle@suddenlink.net.

Reg. Black Angus bulls, top EPDs, blood, calving ease & growth, $2,500/up. Frank Bolyard, 2326 S. Mountaineer Hwy., Thornton, 26440; 672-2041.

Reg. Sim & Sim Angus bulls, AI sires Mo Better & Mr. Hoc Broker, $2,500/up. Jim Bosley, P.O. Box 5, Old Fields, 530-6636.

Reg. Black Angus heifers, cows & bulls, all purchased at the WV Southern bull & heifers test over the last 2 yrs., will start calving 2/15, cows & heifers selling as one lot. William Brodwater, 132 Praise Lane, Jane Lew, 26378; 266-6207; wbrodwater@eqt.com.

Reg. American Blonde bulls w/papers, $1,500/up. Edwin Bunner, 1147 East Grafton Rd., Fairmont, 26554; 366-9893.

Reg. Black Angus 2-yr. bull, AI to Hover dam sired, $2,400. Jim Carr, 291 Utopia Dr., Fairmont, 26554; 366-2016.

Reg. Polled Hereford bulls, 71-I blood, excel. EPDs, good disp., easy calving, reg./accred. herd, $1,800/up. Joe Cottle, 1194 Armstrong Rd., Summersville, 26651; 872-2066.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. bulls & heifers, $2,000/ea. Robert Covey, Box 953, Sophia, 25921; 683-5233.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. bulls, New Frontier blood, good disp., low birth wt., EPDs, $2,400. Clifford Crane, 143 Spiker Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525.

Reg. Hereford bulls, all ages, $1,800/up. Bobby Daniel, P.O. Box 214, Fairdale, 25839; 575-7585.

Reg. Black Hereford 26-mo. bull, dbl. polled, approx. wt. 1,600 lbs., $3,000; Black Hereford/Angus cross 1-yr. heifers, $1,500. Steve Dilley, 8351 Browns Crk. Rd., Dunmore, 24934; 799-7434.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. bulls, breeding soundness exam, on farm perf. tested, curent AHIR data avail., Mcc Daybreak, SAV Final Answer, Sygen Mandate, SAV Thunderbird & SAV Bismarck blood, $2,300/up. Christopher Dunaway, 2774 S. Mountaineer Hwy., Thornton, 26440; 677-0353.

John O'Dell Spring Angus Sale
w/Commercial Cow/Calf Pairs
April 18, 12 noon
Amma, WV (I-79 Exit 25, 4 mi. past Exxon Station)
For catalogs or more information
John Spiker, Auctioneer (WV184-15),
677-0255 or 884-7915.

Open House – Annual Bull & Heifer Sale
April 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
April 5, 12-5 p.m.
*Bids close April 11, 1 p.m.
Willis Farm, Blakers Mill Rd, Alderson, WV
Jeff Willis, 445-2698 or 646-8853;
Karla Willis, 661-0798;
Thomas Willis, 646-8806.

Reg. Black Angus: 4, bulls, 10- 14-mo., In Line, Neutron & Bushwacker blood, easy handling, papers up to date, $2,200/up; 2, 8-mo. heifers, Daybreak blood, very good EPDs, $1,600 ea., del. avail. Fred Edgell, 1471 Bingamon Rd., Worthington, 26591; 592-2717.

Pure Limousin 11 -12-mo. black & polled, 4, $1,600/ea./firm. Gary Erwin, 9140 Evans Rd., Leon, 25123; 895-3401.

Pure Polled Sim bulls out of CNS Dream On son, 4/14 & 5/14, red, 2,000/ea.; 6/14, black, $1,500, good disp. Don Gray, 3752 Triplett Ridge Rd., Clay, 25043; 587-4132.

Reg. Polled Hereford bulls, cert./accred. herd, Sons of Trust, Revolution, Masterpiece, Can-Am & Wrangler blood, $2,000/up, fall yrlgs. have perf. & ultrasound data avail. upon request. Derek Haught, P.O. Box 85, Smithville, 26178; 477-3818; derek@fivestarherefords.com.

Guernsey & Jersey steers, approx. 450-500 lbs./ea., $500/ea. Herbert Hawkins, 180 Owens Dr., Tunnelton, 26444; 698-9294.

Reg. Polled Hereford 12 -14-mo. bulls, Revolution 4R & Prospector blood, excel. EPDs, some halter broke, $1,800/up. Robert Knotts, 3423 Country Club Rd., Grafton, 26354; 265-0005; dnsk0603@gmail.com.

Reg. Black Angus 10-mo. bull, good blood, excel. disp., $2,500. Clifford Kuhn, HC 34, Box 387, Lewisburg, 24901; 497-3540.

Reg. Polled Hereford 12-mo. to 2-yrs. bulls,$1,700/up. Butch Law, 192 Ruger Dr., Harrisville, 26362; 643-4438.

Angus 17-mo. bulls, Freedom & Emb., good disp., $2,000/ea. Clay Lewis, 131 Prison Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 379-8771.

Reg. Polled Charolais 12 -13-mo. bulls, halter broke, excel. disp., $2,000/up. Jim Miller, 453 New England Ridge Rd., Washington, 26181; 863-5510.

Reg. Angus 16-mo. bull, AI sired by Connealy Consensus 7229, complete BSE, ultra sound data & current EPDs, excel. disp., weaning ratio 109, yearling ratio 102, $W is $47, $B is $109, $3,000. Greg Moore, 828 Maple Lake Rd., Bridgeport, 26330; 629-1589; gmooreangus@gmail.com.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. bulls, TTT Foresight blood, calving ease, good/milk,disp., tested free or no carrier ancestry for AM/CA/NH/DD/M1/D2, $2,000/up. Melvin Moyers, 11779 US Hwy. 33 W., Normantown, 25267; 354-7622.

Reg. Angus bulls, excel. EPDs & perf., semen tested, $1,800-$2,200. Dwayne O'Dell, 858 Little Left Hand Rd., Amma, 25005; 565-9301.

Reg. Black Angus heifers, 200, 700-900 lbs., $2,500/up. Bill Rohr, 572 Buckboard Lane, Buckhannon, 26201; 613-9522.

Reg. Angus bulls, 20, $2,500/up. James Rohr, 2404 Clarksburg Rd., Buckhannon, 26201; 613-9858.

Reg. Angus bulls, $2,000/ea. James Rowe, 5196 Malcolm Rd., Barboursville, 25504; 690-0126.

Reg. Polled Hereford yrlg. bulls, ready for spring breeding, $2,000/up. Ken Scott, 2586 Grandview Rd., Beaver, 25813; 763-4929; chance37@suddenlink.net.

Reg. Gelbvieh & 10-mo. Balancer, both w/papers, $2,400/ea. Roger Simmons, 309 Coaxley Ridge Rd., Harrisville, 26362; 628-3618.

Calves: weaned early Dec., feed: hay & limited grain, vacc. & boostered following BQA standards, no implants/antibiotics, flesh 4-5 all M-1, avail last of Mar., $3.35/lb., approx. 450 lb.; heifers, $3/lb., approx. 410 lb. Charlie Smailes, 191 Loops Rd., Rainelle, 25962; 438-8629.

WEST VIRGINIA FEEDER CATTLE SALES

2015 SPRING SCHEDULE

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TYPE OF SALE	LOCATION	DAY	DATE	TIME	NUMBER OF HEAD	PHONE
FG	JACKSON COUNTY	SAT	MAR. 14	11:00 A.M.	400	373-1269
FG,T	WESTON	SAT	MAR. 14	3:00 P.M.	300	269-5096
G,FG,	GREENBRIER VALLEY	FRI	MAR. 27	2:00 P.M.	500	647-5833
G,FG, T	SOUTH BRANCH	SAT	APR. 4	10:00 A.M.	1000	538-6050
FG	JACKSON COUNTY	SAT	APR. 4	11:00 A.M.	250	373-1269
FG,T	WESTON	SAT	APR. 11	3:00 P.M.	300	269-5096
G,FG,	GREENBRIER VALLEY	FRI	APR. 10	2:00 P.M.	500	647-5833
G	MARLINTON	FRI	APR. 10	7:30 P.M.	500	799-6593
G,FG,T	SOUTH BRANCH	SAT	APR. 11	10:00 A.M.	1,500	538-6050
FG	JACKSON COUNTY	SAT	APR. 11	11:00 A.M.	500	373-1269
FG,T	WESTON	SAT	APR. 11	3:00 P.M.	300	269-5096
G,T	BUCKHANNON	TUE	APR. 14	9:00 A.M.	500	472-5300
G,FG,T	TERRA ALTA	FRI	APR. 17	2:00 P.M.	350	789-2788
G,FG,T	SOUTH BRANCH	SAT	APR. 18	10:00 A.M.	1,500	538-6050
FG	JACKSON COUNTY	SAT	APR. 18	11:00 A.M.	300	373-1269
FG,T	WESTON	SAT	APR. 18	3:00 P.M.	300	269-5096
G,FG,T	SOUTH BRANCH	SAT	APR. 25	10:00 A.M.	1,200	538-6050
FG,T	WESTON	SAT	APR. 25	3:00 P.M.	200	269-5096

B - BOARD FG - FARMER GROUPS T - TELE-O-AUCTION BB - BOARD AND BARN G - GRADED CATTLE

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Apiary Events

Barbour Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
4th Thursday, 7 p.m.
Garden Market
Philippi, W.Va.
Contact David Proudfoot 823-1460;
dp-foot@hotmail.com.

Central W.Va. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
1st Monday
Braxton Co. High School, Vo-Ag Rm.
Contact Susan Bullion, 452-8508;
billandsuebullion@frontiernet.net.

Clay Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
2nd Monday, 6 p.m.
Clay County Senior Center
Contact John Pruitt, 587-2451
jpruitt@frontiernet.net.

Corridor G Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
1st Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Chapmanville Middle School
Chapmanville, WV
Contact Tony Meadows, 524-7690
Fastrakhounds@outlook.com.

Corridor G Beekeepers Assoc.
Beekeeping School
Saturday, Mar. 14, 8-4 p.m.
Madison United Method Church
Madison, WV
Contact Kathy Watson, 855-8504
jamesreecemeadows@gmail.com.
Fastrakhounds@outlook.com.

Gilmer Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Gilmer Co. Public Library
Glenville, W.Va.
Contact Bobbi Cottrill, 462-7416;
bcottrill119@hotmail.com.

Highlands Apicultural Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
4th Monday, 6:30 p.m.
WVU Ext. Office Meeting Rm.
Elkins, W.Va.
Contact Ben McKean, 227-4414;
hiapas@yahoo.com.

Kanawha Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
St. Albans, W.Va.
Contact Steve May, 727-7659;
kanawhavalley.beekeepers@yahoo.com.

Marion Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
4th Thursday, 7 p.m.
Pleasant Valley Municipal Bldg.
2340 Kingmont Rd.
Fairmont, W.Va.
Contact Tom Kees, 363-4782;
Nancy Postlethwait, 366-9938
lpostlethwait@yahoo.com.

Mercer Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
First Monday, 7 p.m.
Princeton, W.Va.
Contact Bill Cockerman, 425-6389.
blackoak85@gmail.com.

Mountaineer Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
Third Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Ritchie Co. Public Library
Harrisville, W.Va.
Contact Shanda King, 643-2443.
wvakings@yahoo.com.

Nicholas Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Summersville Public Library
Summersville, W.Va.
Contact Joe Strickland, 649-4717.

North Central W.Va. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
Monday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m.
Harrison Co. 4-H Center
Clarksburg, W.Va.
Contact Michael Staddon, 782-9610.

Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
3rd Thursday
Bank of Romney Comm. Center
Romney, W.Va.
Contact Elvin Rose, 434-2520;
emrose0206@yahoo.com **or**
potomachighlandsbeekeepers.weebly.com

Preston Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Preston Co. Ext. Office
Contact Don Cathell, 454-9695.

Southeastern Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
2nd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Osteopathic School-Alumni Center
Lewisburg, W.Va.
Contact Mary Holesapple, 772-3272;
mary.holesapple@frontier.com.

Tri-State Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Good Zoo Bldg. - Oglebay Park
Wheeling, W.Va.
Contact Steve Roth, 242-9867;
sroth29201@comcast.net.

Upshur Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
W.Va. Farm Bureau Bldg.
Buckhannon, W.Va.
Contact Delmuth Kelley, 472-0184.

West Central Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
4th Saturday, 1 p.m.
Roane Co. Committee on Aging Bldg.
Spencer, W.Va.
Contact Dale Cunningham, 354-6916;
janingham46@yahoo.com.

Pure Scottish Highland heifer, red, sire reg., Paint Bank blood, dam pure, $700. Linda Snyder, HC 40, Box 36, Lewisburg, 24901; 645-6466.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. bulls, calving ease, AHIR records, Analyst blood, $900/up. Steven Stanley, 1410 Lynn Camp Rd., Pennsboro, 26415; 659-3076.

Angus bulls: 15-mo. Final Answer blood & a Nicholas Extra herd bull, both low birth wt. & good disp., $2,500/up. Rod Summers, 98 Meadland Rd., Flemington, 26347; 677-6255; summersbunch@aol.com.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. bulls, defect free, sired by Ten X, Intrust & Triple T, $2,500/up. Byron Tuckwiller, 837 Cattle Dr., Lewisburg, 24901; 661-3410; tttangus@frontier.com.

Gelbvieh Balancer bulls, black/polled, Hoover Dam/Kruggerand blood; pure bulls Granite 200P2/Total Impact blood, DNA tested & BVD PI neg., $2,500/up. Ross Young, 846 Eureka Rd., Duck, 25063; 364-5999; youngs@hilltophavenfarm.com.

Equipment Sales

No trucks, cars, vans, campers or other autos; backhoes (except 3-pt. hitch), dozers or other construction equipment; lawn equipment; no parts.

Manure spreader, ground driven, $1,200. Jerry Alford, 31 Providence Lane, Sod, 25564; 756-4140.

MF, 2 WD, 80 hp tractor w/ROPs & canopy, 2,900 hrs w/ or w/o MF 236 loader, good tires, very dependable, $15,000. Clyde Bailey, 479 Cedar Cliff Lane, Charleston, 25312; 776-2145.

Front loader package that fits Kubota BX1830, LA211FL-2 tractor, used one winter, excel. cond., $2,500. Betty Bender, 511 Valley Bend Rd., Belington, 26250; 823-2876.

Sq. balers: NH 273, used last season, $2,500; JD 328, excel. cond., $12,000. Marlin Blake, Rt. 1, Box 175B, Glenwood, 25520; 762-2246.

JD39, 7' cut, sickle bar mower w/new Pittman & accessories, $250. Menno Brenneman, 2015 Sliding Hill Crk. Rd., Letart, 25253; 971-0076.

Int. 122 disc, 3-pt. hitch, worm gear adj. front & rear, $750; Deere-Born Ford, 15' plows, both good cond.,$350; bush hog finish mower, 3-pt. hitch, excel. cond., $1,000. James Burks, HC 81, Box 48, Ballard, 24918; 753-9225.

3-Bottom plows: 1 high clearance, $700; $600, both good cond.; MF disc, 6', excel. cond., $800, all 3-pt. Nelson Burr, 5085 US Hwy. 33 E., Glenville, 26351; 462-5120.

JD 230 diesel farm tractor w/front end loader, external hyd., new engine, good tires, $6,500. Rusty Carson, 180 Buckhannon Run Rd., Buckhannon, 26201; 460-2420.

Kubota L310 tractor, 4 WD, hydrostatic trans., good cond., 1,083 hrs. $9,650. Jim Castorph, 176 Laura Beth Lane, Charleston, 25312; 343-4147.

Ford: NH 3930 w/loader, 4 WD, $17,000; 5030, 2 WD, $11,500; MF: mower, $1,000; 124 sq. baler, $2,500; rake, $1,000. Melvin Conley, 1218 Flat Fork, Looneyville, 25259; 927-2367.

NH 451 rear sickle bar mower, 7', extra blade, good cond., barn kept, $1,850. Keith Cooper, 5698 Morgantown Pike, Belington, 26250; 823-1242.

Heated cab for a David Brown tractor, $1,100. Steve Dilley, 8351 Browns Crk. Rd., Dunmore, 24934; 799-7434.

Kubota L34 tractor, 4 WD, hydrostatic trans., 3-cyl., diesel, ps w/Kubota LA463 front load, 150 hrs., excel. cond., garage kept, $18,000. Guy Dillon, P.O. Box 547, Fort Gay, 25514; 417-5257.

Agri Fab 175 lb. capacity lime drop spreader & seed broadcast spreader, can be tow behind garden tractor or ATV, $100/ea.; BEFCO M2 Mole PTO post hole digger, excel. cond., $500; Troy Bilt tiller, 8 hp w/elec. start, $600. Ray Dixon, 70 Bozo Lane, Farmington, 26571; 825-6341.

Gandy 8' seeder or drop seeder, $375. Mike Eversole, Rt. 4, Box 110A, Keyser, 26726; 788-0786.

Int. 1150 grinder/mixer w/hyd. load, sheet metal is all good, excel. cond., $3,000. Jerrold Foster, 8375 Gay Rd., Gay, 25244; 951-9331.

Ford 32 hay baler, barn kept, new tires/belt, good cond., $800. John Fox, 339 Elberton Rd., Fayetteville, 25840; 663-2328.

Ford 9N tractor, excel. cond., new front tires, runs great, barn kept, $1,800; Gravely LI, walk behind tractor, new 8 hp Kohler engine, dual wheels, 30" turtle shell mower, $500/firm; more. Dave Gorrell, 365 Old Ashby Ridge Rd., Parkersburg, 26104; 485-9170.

NH 848, round baler, field ready, stored inside, $3,750. Charlie Hall, 422 Mulberry Ridge, Spencer, 25276; 927-2257.

Bottom plow sets: 1, 3-pt. hitch,$300; 1, fits Int. w/sling prong attachment, $300. Tim Harsh, Rt. 1, Box 21, Kernes, 26276; 614-0090.

Maschio Gaspardo Fresa L 105, 3-pt. category 1 hitch, $1,500. P. Hopper, 1092 Terry Lane, Clarksburg, 26301; 783-5397.

JD 4320, 4 WD, diesel tractor w/loader, 48 hp, 122 hrs., $26,000. James Jones, 125 Jerry Run Rd., Bridgeport, 26330; 669-7520.

Ford: 8N tractor w/side mower, new tires front & back, kept inside, $2,700; 6' disk, 3-pt. hitch, $300; JD 3-pt. hitch, 6', $400. James Kennedy, 1317 Sugar Grove Rd., Morgantown, 26501; 983-2213.

Terra Force tiller, YJG048, 3-pt. hitch, used 4 times, garage kept., fits Kubota 1860-2660, $1,250. Paul Kernes, 9068 SR Rt. 23 N., Center Point, 26339; 782-1104.

Kuhn '89, 4, disk mower, 5' cut, $1,995; MF '84, 29, finger rake, 4 wheels, rakes 7½', $200; MF '73, 12, sq. hay baler, width 8½', $1,200; disk, $200; dbl. plows, $400; tedder, $500; more. Douglas Kincaid, 99 Whispering Lane, Fayetteville, 25840; d.kincaid@suddenlink.net.

H&S heavy duty round bale feeder, $500. Clay Lewis, 131 Prison Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 379-8771.

Int. 424 tractor w/loader, 4-cyl., gas eng., PS, 2 WD, 8-speed trans., h/l range, differ. lock, 3-pt. hitch, live PTO w/6' mower, $6,800; bottom plows, $600; NH sq. hay baler, $2,700; side-delivery rake, $850; tedder, $650, more. Ron Malus, Rt. 2, Box 69, Alderson, 24910; 392-5231.

Case '66, 430, diesel tractor, ps, remote hyd.,36 hp, good tires, $3,500. Robert Martin, HC 71, Box 155C, Smoot, 24977; 392-5204.

Gravely: tractors, 16G (rider), 18 hp, Kohler twin, 8-speed all gear trans., $2,250; 8127, 4 WD, 12 hp, Kohler, 8-speed trans., hyd. lift, 50" deck, $1,250, both restored. Frank Mash, 12 Cottonwood Dr., Elkview, 25071; 965-3462.

Spreaders: 3-pt. hitch, 1,200 lb. cap., never used, $1,000/obo; 5 ton tandem axle, $3,000; NH 254 combo rake/tedder, $2,500; Bush Hog 8', rotary cutter, $2,500. R. McMillen, 753 Cozort Rd., Meadown Bridge, 25976; 484-7632.

Landini Vision '04, 105, 105 hp, MFWD, 4,851 hrs., cab/heat/air, good rubber, Quicke Q940 self-leveling loader, $29,500; Hesston 980DT, 90 hp, 540 PTO, 3-pt., 4 WD, ROPs, canopy, $16,500. Bradley Meadows, 387 Meadow Vally, Gassaway, 26624; 364-8284.

JD 59, snow blower, excel. cond., fits on front of a tractor, $1,950. Jim Norman, 184 Lamberts Hollow Rd., Bridgeport, 26330; 672-2027.

NH 55 rake, newer tires & paint, $950; Morra RM 280/8 3-pt. rotary rake, $1,200; Kuhn GF5001, TH 4-spool tedder, $2,500. Mike Nuckles, 117 Trace Run Rd., Gassaway, 26624; 364-8136.

All equine require a negative one year Coggins test. All out-of-state equine require a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

Catamount Series 2014-2015 Show #3
Mar. 28, 9 a.m.
Sponsored by: Potomac State College Collegiate Horseman's Assoc.
PSC Indoor Arena
Keyser, WV
Jared Miller, 668-5326.
Jared.Miller@mail.wvu.edu.

Miniature Horse Clinic
Mar. 28, 1 p.m.
Sponsored by: WV Miniature Horse Championship & WV Miniature Horse Club
316 Gerald L. Bates Dr., Clarksburg, WV
Melissa Skidmore, 783-4827.
palouseranch@aol.com.

Open Trails
April 1-30, (pay per day)
Sponsored by: Junior McLaughlin Quarter Horse
Marlinton, WV
Junior McLaughlin, 799-4910.
Myersapril18@yahoo.com.

Christy Loflin Barrel Racing Clinic
April 10-12, 6 p.m.
Sponsored by: AB Quarter Horses LLC & Barbour Co. Parks & Rec.
Barbour Co. Fairgrounds
Bellington, WV
April Myers, 614-9762.
Myersapril18@yahoo.com.

Catamount Series 2014-2015 Show #4
April 11, 9 a.m.
Sponsored by: Potomac State College Collegiate Horseman's Assoc.
PSC Indoor Arena
Keyser, WV
Jared Miller, 668-5326.
Jared.Miller@mail.wvu.edu.

Barrels, Poles, Calf Roping, Team Roping Events (Timed Events)
April 11, 12 noon.
Sponsored by: Henry Arena
Henry Arena, Martinsburg, WV
Greg Maddoz, 301-252-4928.

Vet Day
April 11, 2 p.m.
Sponsored by: West Fork Riding Club
Show Grounds, Chole, WV
Mary Hutson, 542-3122.

WV Draft Horse & Mule Show
April 18, 9 a.m.
Sponsored by: WV Draft Horse & Mule Assoc.
WVU Reedsville Farm
Reedsville, WV
Delmer Hershman, 892-3976
Darrell & Karen Shaffer 864-0526
H-Darrell@frontiernet.net.

10th Annual Spring Equine Health & Hoof Clinic
April 18, 9 a.m.
Sponsored by: Allegheny Equine Veterinary Service, PLLC
Dakan Arena, Camp Pioneer, Beverly, WV
Tracy Walker, DVM 636-8363.
info@alleghenyequine.com.

St. Judes Trail Ride
April 18, 10 a.m.
Sponsored by: Shiloh Trail Riders
Ellenboro, WV Rail Trail
Melissa Ayers, 643-5557.
Melissa.ayers@ihcgroup.com.

WV Contest & Clinic
April 24-25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sponsored by: WV Farrier's Assoc.
Gilmer Co. Rec. Center
Glenville, WV
A.P. Nelson.
nelsonfarrier@hotmail.com.

Field Day
April 25, 9:30 a.m.
Sponsored by: WV Draft Horse & Mule Assoc.
Island Ave., Buckhannon, WV
Clyde Reed, 472-5273.

Equine Vaccination Clinic
April 25, 10 a.m.
Sponsored by: AB Quarter Horses LLC
Barbour Co. Fairgrounds, Bellington, WV
April Myers, 614-9762.
Justine Bolyard Saville, 940-3010.
Myersapril18@yahoo.com.

WCHA Show Series (PAC Approved)
April 25, 10 a.m.
Sponsored by: Wyoming Co. Horsemen's Assoc.
Broken Wheel Stables
Clark Blankenship, 923-7177
Clark_blankenship@hotmail.com.

NBHA Barrel Show
April 25, 12 noon
Sponsored by: NBHA WV05
Henry Arena, Martinsburg, WV
Laurie Lee, 258-4991.
ljlee2121@yahoo.com.

Open Horse Show
April 25, 1 p.m.
Sponsored by: Elk River Boots & Saddle Club
Blue Creek Showgrounds, Elkview, WV
Tack Shaffer, 988-1173.
Mark Halstead, 549-2762.
marklst@live.com
Jane Webb, 965-5019.

Open Horse Show
April 25, 5 p.m.
Sponsored by: Central WV Riding Club
Holy Gray Park, Sutton, WV
Allen or Kim Miller, 364-5576.
cwrc@yahoo.com.

Hesston 1180 drum mower conditioner w/ broken shaft on 1 side, $1,000/neg. John Oliverio, 218 Grand Ave. Bridgeport, 26330; 669-3800.

Kioti DK cab tractor w/KL1595 loader, heat/ac/stereo, dual hitch control, variable hyd. response control, tilt steering whell, 12 speed forward & reverse, 4 WD, turbo diesel, 55 hp & 45 hp at PTO, 300 hrs., $21,000. Leland O'Neal, P.O. Box 595, Fayetteville, 25840; 640-1937.

MF 3, sq. hay baler w/Wisconsin motor, $1,200; fast hay movers round hay bale mover for 4 wheeler or UTV, $1,200. John Pitsenbarger, 5051 Wilderness Hwy., Nallen, 26680; 651-4622; pitfarms@yahoo.com.

Luck Now snowblower w/manual clutch, 60", single auger, mounts on back of tractor, 3-pt. hitch, PTO driven, used 2 times, excel. cond., $1,500. Carl Reynolds, 310 Varner Rd., Walker, 26180; 679-3955.

Int. '58, 240 utility tractor, good tires/body, runs good, 2nd owner, $2,700. Gene Reynolds, 310 Varner Rd., Walker, WV 26180; 679-3955.

JD: 336 sq. baler, $3,600; 1207, Mo Co, $1,200; Vicon, 3-pt. fert. spreader, holds 900 lbs., $800; 20' elec. hay elevator, $600, all shed kept & good cond. John Rogers, Rt. 1, Box 120J, Keyser, 26726; 788-1842.

JD 2550, 245 loader, 4x4, $16,000. James Rohr, 2404 Clarksburg Rd., Buckhannon, 26201; 613-9858.

Case 8420 round baler, good cond., approx. 500 lb. bale, $3,000. Don Rohrbough, 851 Town Run Rd., Weston, 26452; 269-3940.

Superior 394 mower, new cutter bars, $1,550; tractor powered bush hog log splitter; $800. Ralph Romage, Box 267, Danese, 25831; 890-2411.

3-pt. hitch scoop w/manure fork & dump bucket, $300; Pasture Dream seeder, sows seed & fertilizer at the same time, 4 seed holes, approx. 6' wide, $800. James Rowe, 5196 Malcolm Dr., Barboursville, 25504; 690-0126.

NH 351 corn grinder, good cond., $1,500; NI 323 corn picker, excel. cond., kept inside, field ready, $1,900. Earl Sovine, 1600 Sovine Rd., Hurricane, 25526; 562-0007.

NH 254 rake/tedder, 3-pt. hitch, PTO driven, 10' tedding whip, 13' raking whip, excel. cond., $1,900. Jim Wilson, 1255 Jolly Rd., Fraziers Bottom, 25082; 743-3398.

Mahindra '13, 3016 front bucket, 5' finish mower, loaded tires, $16,000. Emory Yeater, 8887 Middle Island Rd., Alma, 26320; 758-2017.

Equipment Wants

Pull behind combine such as Allis Chalmers all crop or any make, barn kept and good cond. Gerald Erskine, 697 Montview Rd., Caldwell, 24925; 645-0200.

Gravity wagon, good cond., in the Charleston area. Ronnie Hodge, 432 Scary Crk., Hamlin, 25523; 824-5551.

Ford 309, planter seed plates. Hans Straight, 1815 Bone Crk. Rd., Berea, 26327; 349-5660.

Rototiller that fits 3-pt. hitch, 4' or 5', good cond. Acil Williams, HC 71, Box 61A, Asbury, 24916; 645-6871.

Farm Sales

Advertisements for land MUST be about farmland that is at least five (5) acres in size & located in West Virginia. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hayfield, garden, etc.) but no specifics, i.e., new kitchen, family room, etc. Ads for the sale or rental of farmland are acceptable from individuals, but MUST include the above. Advertisements for hunting land, commercial or city properties CANNOT be accepted.

Hampshire Co.: 80 A. w/house,40x60 quanset hut, well, septic, pasture, woods, young orchard, private, end of rd., no restrictions, 3 mi. to Romney, $265,000. Bill Berry, Rt. 1, Box 177K, Keyser, 26726; 788-7921.

Marshall Co.: 20 A. w/houses, free gas, hayfields, fenced pastures w/springs, garages, 2 barns/cisterns, woods, private, $479,000. Linda Campbell, 2329 Hupp Ridge, Cameron, 26033; 686-3106.

Nicholas Co.: 10.28 A. w/house, lg. barn, 26x50 block workshop, 10 min. to Summersville, $176,000. Mike Grose, 327 Crooked Run Rd., Summersville, 26651; 872-0230.

Jackson Co.: 85 A. w/house, outbldgs., ponds, springs, well water, very private, 25 min. to Charleston, $275,000. Dennis Hagey, 3369 Summerville Fork Rd., Palestine, 26160; 275-0042.

Calhoun Co.: 105.25 A. w/cabin, located on Straight Crk. Rd., spring & well water, crk. access w/low water car crossing & footbridge, woods, elec., phone, free gas, no mineral rights, $170,400. Kim Holbert, 32 Forrest Ave., Mineral Wells, 26150; 489-1274..

Fayette Co.: 58.75 A. w/house, barn, outbldg., cistern & spring, 20 A. hay pasture, $175,000. Deborah Martin, 3252 Elliot Cutoff Rd., Victor, 25938; 663-3519.

Summers Co.: 134 A. w/house, 30 A. hay fields, springs, barn, less than 2 mi. from Hinton, $208,000. Joe Milo, 448 Reed Martin Dr., Hinton, 25951; 540-570-8665.

Lincoln Co.: 450 A. w/house, main rd. runs within 10' of house, all utilities, fully stocked pond, stream, lots of flat land, 12 mi. off Big Ugly Crk., $500,000/firm. Thomas Music, 197 Big Ugly Crk., Harts Creek, 25524; 834-1128.

Jackson Co.: 8.24 A. w/house, mostly level, woods, outbldgs., pond, fenced, garden spot, dbl. garage, private, drilled gas well, $169,000/obo. Ruby Shamblin, 1593 Bar Run Rd., Ravenswood, 26164; 273-2992.

Nicholas Co.: 13 A. w/house, 24x48 shop, 36x36 barn, sm. pond, city water, propane, Co. paved rd., $149,500. Richard Sizemore, 112 Greenfield Lane, Summersville, 26651; 742-5854.

Farm Wants

Acreage in Barbour, Harrison, Lewis, Upshur or Taylor Co., w/ or w/o house, prefer 50+ A. Kevin Shaffer, 5024 Riverwood Circle, Fairmont, 26554; 669-1598.

Goat Sales

Fainting, billys & does, 4, $250/ea. Ron Cole, 1011 Lynn Oak Dr., Cross Lanes, 25313; 741-1407.

Full Boer yrlg. bucks, $300/ea. Michael Karnes, Rt. 1, Box 168A, Poca, 25159; 755-3643.

9TH ANNUAL GENETIC PARTNERS CLUB PIG SALE
April 11; Sale 6 p.m.; Dinner 4 p.m.
WVU Reedsville Farm
Reedsville, WV
Dave Hardesty, 698-9206.

ADGA reg. Oberhasli dairy goats, great milk blood, $250/up. Michelle Liga, 4140 Dogtown Rd., Kingwood, 26537; 698-9231; oberhasligirl@atlanticbb.net.

Pygmy 4-5-yr. billy, black w/some white, 19" tall, will tie, vacc./wormed. Barbara Mike, 144 Sawmill Hollow Rd., Farmington, 26571; 825-1347.

Pygmy 8-wk. female, ready to go & 4-wk. male, ready to go in 4-wks., $75/ea. Kimberly Miller, 62 Haynes Dr., Salem, 26426; 782-4669.

Alpine & Alpine/Saanen mix, 1-wk. dairy kids, females, $40; males, $35, disbudded, vacc., wethered. Greg Sava, 1896 Bays Rd., Birch River, 26610; 649-2975; gregverna@gmail.com.

Reg. Nigerian dwarf kids, doelings & bucklings, lots of color, blue eyes, ready 4/15, excel. milk blood, $350/up. Mary Wolfe, 1430 Tribble Rd., Leon, 25123; 458-1992.

Hog Sales

Piglets 1/15, $125/ea. or $100 ea./4. Michael Clendenin, 8861 Wills Crk. Rd., Elkview, 25071; 548-4912.

Roasting hogs, assorted sizes & breeds, $150/up. Jeremy Loucks, 10036 Parsons Rd., Montrose, 26283; 516-1872.

Gloucestershire Old Spots breeding stock piglets, boars & gilts, solid genetics, various colors, $400-$450/ea.; Ossabaw Island Hog breeding stock piglets, variety of genetics include 3rd generation off of the Island, pairs/trios avail., $200-$250/ea., no chemicals, GMO free. Quincy McMichael, General Delivery, Renick, 24966; 992-2922.

TRI-COUNTY CHAMPION DRIVE SALE
Apr. 4, 1 p.m. (View animals 10 a.m.)
Barbour Co. Fairgrounds
Club Goats: Melissa Garrett, 641-3158;
Earl Starcher, 641-3765 or
Lee & Donna Holsey, 472-1388
Club Lambs: Mike & Cherly Boner, 884-7597
Show Pigs: Aaron & Tasha Harris, 677-9170
or 613-4780.

Horse Sales

Mule 8-yr. molly, black, trots, trail ridden & shown, used Western or English hunt seat, 14-mo. prof. training, loads, clips, shoes, good disp., vacc., Coggins, tack incl., $3,800/obo. Kim Aaron, 3 Maple Tree Lane, Cross Lanes, 25313; 419-1717; wvmuleowner@yahoo.com.

American Qtr. 10-yr. mare, palomino, broke to ride, $900. Donna Ball, 5627 Hall Brook Rd., West Union, 26456; 349-2002.

Rocky Mtn. 2-yr. geldings, 2, chocolate w/ blond mane & tail, 1 sorrell, 14-15 h when mature$1,500/ea. Rusy Carson, 180 Buckhannon Run Rd., Buckhannon, 26201; 460-2420.

Paint 4-yr. jack donkey, 12 h, $400. Frank Cary, P.O. Box 89, Kingwood, 26537; 329-1586.

Haflinger 9-yr., mare, no papers, beautiful, excel. disp., good trail pony, $1,200. Kathy Eye, 35 Rocky Run Lane, Sugar Grove, 26815; 358-2104.

Tenn. Wlkr. mare, bay w/no markings, 15.3 h, now being trail ridden, has excel. papers, $1,500; other top bred mares, $1,000/up; stud service, $150. Bill Harper, 513 Kentuck Rd., Kenna, 25248; 372-4179.

Reg. Mtn. Pleas. mare/2 geldings, natural gait, good conf./disp., $1,000/up. Sharon Haught, 225 Peacock Lane, Davisville, 26142; 679-2097; goldenrodfarm@hotmail.com.

Reg. Kentucky Mtn. saddle, 5/14 colt, chocolate, good disp., $2,000. Robert Haynes, 429 Pepsi Plant Rd., Princeton, 24739; 487-6772.

Tenn. Wlkr. 7-yr. gelding, gray roan, 16 h, shown & trail ridden, good disp., papers, Coggins, vacc./wormed, Midnight Sun/Merry Go Boy topside, Pusher/Ebony Masterpiece bottom side, $3,750. Bernice Taylor, 558 Barnes Run Rd., Sandyville, 25275; 273-0704.

Horse Wants

Jenny, young, to be uses as livestock guardian for sheep. Frank Cary, P.O. Box 89, Kingwoodm 26537; 329-1586.

Job Sales

Horse boarding, $350/mo. Kimberly D'Arco, 194 Homestead Lane, Charleston, 25312; 984-0950.

Plant Sales

No medicinal plants, nursery stock, common agricultural seeds unless tested for germination.

Tomato seed, WV 63, $2/50 seeds, plus SASE. Denny Canterberry, RR 2, Box 288, Ronceverte, 24970.

Seeds, old fashioned yellow Hanover, &10/tsp. Walter Carr, 676 Harvey Wentz Rd., Buckhannon, 26201; 613-1550.

Bean seeds: old-time Logan Giant & Pink Annie half runner, both $10/100 seed picked up; $12.50/100 seed, shipped ppd. Terry Daniel, P.O. Box 27, Fairdale, 25839; 934-5471.

Pole bean seed: old-time fat man, Logan Giant & rattlesnake, turkey craw, Oct. tender hull & bush, greasy & white pole, brown half runner, more, $12/100 seed, all ppd. Betty Flanagan, 467 Ritchie Farm Rd., Summersville, 26651; 880-0135; allen.flanagan@gmail.com.

Tobacco seed: W.Va. Mtn. grown burly, organic, germination tested, incl. growing instruction, $4/tsp. $6/2 tsps. $8/3 tsps.; all **plus** first class SASE. Bill Hailer, 2031 Hiner Mill Rd., Sugar Grove, 26815.

Seeds, fat horse pole bean, $10/125 seeds. Joyce Looney, 646 Price Ridge, Gandyville, 25243.

Heirloom Fat man seed, $8/100 seeds, free shipping. Bruce Pennington, 1488 Loudendale Lane, Charleston, 25314; 342-1751.

Bloody Butcher seed corn, organic grown in WV, $24/qt., ppd. Kenneth Phillips, 1 Meg Dr., Apt. 1A, Sissonville, 25320; 561-8920.

Seed: pole bean, flood bean, black & purple lims, lg. bird egg, Kentucky fall, speckled Christmas limas, turkey crawl & more, $11/100 seeds, all ppd. Scott Whitacre, P.O. Box 56, Bloomery, 26817; 496-8665.

Plant Wants

Duckworth late variety of red potatoes. Jim Pfaff, 1710 36th St. Parkersburg, 26104; 740-962-2683.

Seeds: winder keeper or bulls blood beets. Carol Rhodes, 117 Gusler Lane, Bluefield, 24701; 320-2641.

Poultry Sales

No ornamental, wild or game birds; eggs.

Giant Toulouse gander. S. Elkins, 304 Cobun Crk. Rd., Morgantown, 26508; 292-1907.

Barnyard mix chicks, 1-day old, white & brown egg layers, White Leghorn/New Hampshire Red/Delaware/Wyandotte pures & crosses, $5/ea or $25/6; fully feathered $5/ea or $25/6; fully feathered, $6/ea. or $30/6.. Elizabeth Larue, HC 37, Box 37D, Frankford, 24938; 497-3773.

Roosters: various proven heritage stock, naturally raised, truly free-range w/no chemicals, $10. Quincy McMichael, General Delivery, Renick, 24966; 992-2922.

Assorted 1½-yr. brown/green egg layers, free range, $12/ea.. Melissa Reed, 482 Stormy Weather Lane, Philippi, 26416; 457-3459; reedmelissa67@gmail.com.

Geese all varieties, $15/ea.; ducks, inc. purebreds, $10/ea. George Vance, 52 Nottingham Dr., Petersburg, 26847; 257-2099.

Poultry Wants

Banty rooster & 2 hens, very sm. ones. James Knotts, 1515 Wendle Rd., Flemington, 26347.

Sheep Sales

Pure Suff. 2 -5-yr. herd, 17, ewes & 1, ram, excel. cond., $2,900/all or $180/ea. David Carroll, 3701 Rt. 75, Huntington, 25562; 544-1889.

Show lambs for 4H, FFA & jackpots, $200/up. Sara Duncan, P.O. Box 29, Shenandoah Junction, 25442; 671-9007.

Ram 2-yr cross, RRNN, Son of Shroyers famous Picasso, would make great addition to club program, $1,000 neg. Danielle Hudson, 100 High St., Pt. Pleasant, 25550; 593-3310.

Hamp./Suff. 15-mo. ram, halter broke, sires club lambs, he throws lots of twins, $500; 1/15 ewe & ram club lambs, will make good 4-H or FFA projects, $300/ea. Justin McClain, 2853 Dry Fork, Salem, 26426; 782-3983.

Reg. Coopsworth for meat or fleece, taking reservations for natural colored/white lambs, few adults, avail. late spring, $250 -$350. Martha McGrath, 178 Lough Rd., Franklin, 26807; 358-2239; info@DeerRunSheepFarm.com.

Hog Island, ram of breeding age, heritage breeding stock, naturally raised on pasture w/no chemicals, GMO-free, $350. Quincy McMichael,General Delivery, Renick, 24966; 992-2922.

Miscellaneous Sales

No riding habits or other clothes; appliances or furniture; antiques or crafts; hand power tools or equipment; food processing or preservation items or equipment; general wood working tools; firewood. Only dogs recognized by the AKC as herding or working can be accepted.

Trailer, Adam, B62-Overnight, horse/livestock, 10', bumper pull w/brakes, treated wood floor w/rubber mats, antitheft hitch lock, spare tire, wind-breaker, pexiglass over sides, $3,800. Kim Aaron, 3 Maple Tree Lane, Cross Lanes, 25313; 419-1717; wvmuleowner@yahoo.com.

Hay, 4x4 round bales, barn kept, never wet, limed/fert., $35/bale. Jerry Alford, 31 Providence Lane, Sod, 25564; 756-4140.

Hay, '14, 4x5 round bales, mixed grass, stored inside, $40/bale. Ben Allen, 8417 Judston Rd., Hinton, 25951; 466-1901.

New Zealand 8-wk. rabbits, pedigreed, show blood, males & females, quality breeding stock for meat or show, $25/ea. Bill Ball, 625 Ballengee Rd., Talcott, 24981; 466-1849.

Hay, '14, 1st cut, sq. bales, mixed grass, barn ket, never wet, $3.25/bale. Roscoe Beall, 1648 Cortland Rd., Canaan Valley, 26260; 866-4188.

Border Collie/Hanging Tree stock dog pups, parents on premises & can be reg., $150/ea. Keith Beverage, 4968 Potomac Highland Trail, Green Bank, 24944; 456-4410.

Hay, 100, sq. bales, $2.50/bale. Earl Bohon, 746 Crooked Run Rd., Parsons, 26287; 478-3093.

Trailer, '98, 20', heavy duty, gooseneck, $3,500. Bobby Boston, 1598 Cisco Rd., Cairo, 26337; 628-3584.

Hay, 1st cut, 4x5, round bales, barn kept, near Tunnelton, will load, $30/bale. Blain Bowmar, 480 Larew Rd., Newburg, 26410; 288-6365.

Hay, 1st cut, sq. bales, never wet, stored in barn, easy access, $3.25/bale. Sandon Boyce, 411 Left Three Lick Rd., Orlando, 26412; 452-9498.

Hay, 2014, 4X4, mixed forages, clean. Never Wet, Barn Kept. Easy Access, Will Load - $35 a bale. 304 573.7143 Boots Brown, 590 Old Scarbro Road, Oak Hill, WV 25901

Acreage: Jackson Co., 8 A., paved rd., utilities, $38,000. Rockie Brown, 350 Sarvis Fork Rd., Sandyville, 25275; 532-0806.

Kimble 1 horse open sleigh w/shafts, excel. cond., $1,000. Rusty Carson, 180 Buckhannon Run Rd., Buckhannon, 26201; 460-2420.

Alpacas, ARI reg., all ages & colors avail., males & females, $500/up. Jonell Carver, 3178 Miletus Rd., Salem, 26426; 782-2922; turtleridgefarmllc@gmail.com.

Hay, stored inside, 4x5 bales, $30/bale; high moistures wrapped1st & 2nd cut, $35 & $40/bale. Clayton Christopher, 118 Bovine Dr., Albright, 26519; 376-5887.

Hay, '14, 1st cut, 4x5 round bales, barn kept, limed/fert., timothy mix, $35/bale. Tom Darby, 1156 Prison Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 698-8560.

Hay, '14, 4x4 round bales, mixed grass, never wet, shed kept, will load, $28/bale/-10; $26.50/bale/+10; '14 rye & oat straw, 1200, sq. bales, $5.47/bale/-20; $5/bale/up to 50: $4.50/bale/+50. Jim Davis, 270 Orchard Hill Lane, Masontown, 26542; 864-1003; DavisBrothers73@yahoo.com.

Pups, ¾ Anantolian, Maremma, Pyranese, both working parents on premises, raised w/ sheep, cattle & goats, will be ready 2/15, $250. Crystal Dean, 158 Gum Cove Rd., Buckeye, 24924; 653-4090.

Saddle, Cashell Trail Blazer, 17" seat, sq. skirt, dark brown, built on AXIS tree w/3 position D-rig, wt. 27 lbs., dbl. padded seat, good cond., $800/obo. Lisa Dwire, 389 Hilltop Ridge, Harrisville, 26362; 481-7176; lisahalldwire@yahoo.com.

Hay, 1st & 2nd cutting, 4x4 round bales, stored in the dry, $35/bale. Eugene Finster, 894 Indian Fork Rd., Orlando, 26412; 452-8242.

Hay, 5x5 round bales, kept inside, mixed grass, $50/bale. David Freed, 4536 Benadum Dr., Bridgeport, 26330; 592-0897.

Long panels: 4', $25/ea.; 8', $35/ea.; walk thru, $45/ea.; round bale feeders on skids, $125/ea.; Premiere round bale feeders, $75/ea.; Premiere portable grain feeds, $30/ea.; 8' walk thru feeders, $50/ea. more. Dean Hanson, HC 66, Box 478, Renick, 24966; 646-8721.

ABCA/AKC reg. 2/15 pups, 4, males & 2, females, 1 seal/white male, 2, tri-colors and the rest are trad, black/white, working parents w/ excel. disp., vacc./wormed, flea/tick preventive, $400. Ashley Harrison, HC 67, Box 593B, Rt. 219, Renick, 24966; 681-205-3275.

Hay, 4x5 round bales, mixed grass, never wet, $20/bale/up. Tim Harsh, Rt. 1, Box 21, Kernes, 26276; 614-0090.

Maple syrup, pure WV, $16/qt., $10/pt., $6/½ pts. Ed Hartman, HC 72, Box 175C, New Creek, 26743; 788-1831.

Fish for stocking: Bass, 2"-4", $1.20; bluegill & hybrid bluegill, 3"-5", 65¢; catfish, 6'-8", $1; goldfish, 4"-6", $1; minnows, $12/lb.; grass carp, 10"-13", $12; koi, 7"-9", $8, del. avail. Fred Hays, P.O. Box 241, Elkview, 25070; 415-7617.

Hay, sq. bales, $3.50/bale; 2ns cut, $4/bale; 4x4 round bales, $25/bale, never wet, stored inside, both 1st cut. Randy Hovatter, 14099 Veterans Memorial Hwy., Reedsville, 26547; 290-1035.

Hay, barn kept, $35/bale; mulch, in the field, $10/ea., both 750 lb. round bales. Dana Johnson, 500 Stonewood Rd., Flatwoods, 26621; 765-2004.

Stock trailer, $750. Douglas Kincaid, 99 Whispering Lane, Fayetteville, 25840; 574-0004; d.kincaid@suddenlink.net.

Rabbits: Silver Fox/Lionhead mix, black/white/spotted, $20/ea. Clifford Kuhn, HC 34, Box 387, Lewisburg, 24901; 497-3540.

Acreage: Gilmer Co., 27 A., woods, rd. frontage, located on Sycamore Run Rd., 3 mi. from Glenville, $35,000. Barry Lay, 943 Mineral Rd., Glenville, 26351; 539-3031.

Hay, 4x5 round bales, fert., barn kept, never wet, $45/bale. Jared Linville, 7143 Upper Mud River Rd., West Hamlin, 25571; 209-2382.

Rabbits: Giant & American Chinchilla breeding stock, strong lines, does/bucks, naturally raised on pasture w/no chemicals, $50/ea; Roadmaster, '06, util. trailer, 6'x10', enclosed, clean, excel. cond., $1,600/obo. Quincy McMichael, General Delivery, Renick, 24966; 992-2922.

Trailer, Colt, 12', 5' high, low profile, pumper pull, suitable for minature horses or sheep, excel. cond., stored inside, $2,800/firm. R. Mellon, 8030 Liverpool Rd., Sandyville, 25275; 273-4920.

Acreage: Roane Co., 64 A., mostly rolling, 25 A. meadows, woods, crk., ½ mi. rd. frontage, Co. rds., private, has elec. & phone, $160,000/will sell on land contract w/10 or 20% down payment. Jackie Moore, 3066 Charleston Rd., Ripley, 25271; 927-4594.

Hay, 4x5 round bales, net wrapped, mixed grass, $28/bale, easy access. Charles Neale, 229 Neale Rd., Parkersburg, 26105; 295-4223.

Trailer, '03, Exiss, 3-horse, slant load, updated dressing rm. w/ A/C, alum., excel cond., pictures avail. upon request, $13,000. Barbara Nitz, 781 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Morgantown, 26504; 296-1291; after 6 p.m.

Hay, sq. bales, mixed grass, good quality, never wet, easy access, $4/bale. Larry Parsons, 276 Maple Dr., Evans, 25241; 372-4575.

Hay, 4x5 bales, 1st cut, made in June, can load, easy access, $35/bale. Steve Parsons, 465 Parsons Rd., Aurora, 26705; 735-3352.

Tack, Western saddle & bridle, 15" seat, $100; insulated saddle bags, $20; horn bag, $10, more. Georgette Plaugher, 2377 Seven Islands Rd., Rowlesburg, 26425; 478-3390; gplaugher@yahoo.com.

Greenhouses, 2, 30x170 w/heater/fan, more equip. Russell Prichard, 213 Wilkinson St., Huntington, 25705; 733-3488.

Wool roving & batting: Bluefaced Leicester, Dorset, Merino X, $2.50/1oz.; $9/4oz.; $32/lb., naturals & various hand dyed colors, Debbie Rapp, HC 66, Box 267AA, Renick, 24966; 497-2680; thehollerfarm@frontiernet.net.

Norwegian Elkhounds, 1/15 pups, farm raised, parents on premises, no papers, $100/obo. Joe Rector, 1319 Sun Valley Rd., Washington, 26181; 863-6660.

Rabbits: 1-yr. Lionhead, male, $20; New Zealand/California mix, 3-mo., males/females, $15/ea. Melissa Reed, 482 Stormy Weather Lane, Philippi, 26416; 457-3459; reedmelissa67@gmail.com.

Hay, 4x5, never wet, barn kept, $25/bale. Dominick Ricottilli, 132 Hidden Hollow Rd., Belington, 26250; 823-1157.

Haywagon, 16', 8 ton, $1,500, shed kept, good cond., John Rogers, Rt. 1, Box 120J, Keyser, 26726; 788-1842.

Hay, 1st cut, round bales, stored in barn, never wet, mixed meadow, great for horses, limed/fert. according to WV Agriculture soil test, easy access, will load, $20/bale. Leslie Rogers, 1020 Staduim Dr., St. Marys, 26170; 684-7133; leslie16@suddenlink.net.

Acreage for lease, 92 A., Wood Co., fence needs repaired & built, plenty of pasture, Kevin Lang, 2209 Hampton St., Parkersburg, WV 26101; 480-6332.

36th Annual Consignment Farm Machinery Auction
Mar. 28, 9 a.m.
Board of Ed. Surplus Sale
Mar. 27, 6 p.m.
Jackson Co. Jr. Fairgrounds
Cottageville, WV
Tara Tatalovich, 273-3501 or
Jason Miihlbach, 273-0687.

WV Agri-Women Annual Meeting
Apr. 11, 9:30 a.m.
Ag & Forestry Hall of Fame Bldg.
Jackson Mill, WV
(During the WV Beef Expo)
Election of Officers
Heather Clower, 478-4142;
hclower04@gmail.com.

Western Conservation District
Annual Agriculture Workshop
Mar. 24, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
WV State Farm Museum
to register call or email
Sherry Pearson, 675-3054.
wcd@wvca.us.

Haywagon, needs new floor, $500. Ralph Romage, Box 267, Danese, 25831; 890-2411.

Trailer, '12 Carry-on, stock/slant combo, powder coat grey, better quality paint job, 2-horse w/tack rm., 2, saddle racks, bumper pull, uses once, $4,500. Monna Rush, P.O. Box 1162, Beckley, 25802; 661-2714; monnarush@yahoo.com.

Trailer, '97 Featherlite, alum., gooseneck, stock, new tires, $8,000. Roy Rutherford, 4825 Seminole Rd., Forest Hill, 24935; 466-5923.

Aust. Shep. pups, $150ea. Rebecca Saylor, 316 WPA Rd., Walker, 26180; 679-3670.

Hay, 1st cut, 4x4 round bales, misc grass, $20/bale. Wayne Shook, 4343 Irish Ridge Rd., Cameron, 26033; 845-6902.

Hay, '14, 4x5, 1st & 2nd cut, stored in barn, never wet, limed/fert., $45/bale. Donald Sigman, 705 Jefferson Run Rd., Alma, 26320; 758-2955.

Hay, 4x5 round bales, barn kept, $30/bale, Greenbrier Co. George Sims, HC 71, Box 40, Asbury, 24916; 647-8203; cowboss@suddenlink.net.

Hay, clover & mixed grasses, barn kept., never wet, high quality, 5x5 bales, $30/bale or $100/4 bales; sq. bles, $2.50/bale. Burhl Sisler, 919 Sisler Rd., Terra Alta, 26764; 789-2658.

Cattle truck w/racks inc., $4,200; hay, round bales, barn kept, $20/ea. Gene Smith, HC 73, Box 9 Bowden, 26254; 636-3371.

Saddle, Simco, 16", show, covered in studs w/ bridle, breast strap & show pad, black w/silver diamonds w/conchos, $750. Bernice Taylor, 558 Barnes Run Rd., Sandyville, 25275; 273-0704.

Locust post, 7', sawn, $4/ea. Donald Trout, 3185 Mckinney Cave Rd., Reedsville, 26547; 216-9711.

Trailer, '97, Delta, 20', gooseneck, stock, new paint, solid floor, inside divider gate, side acess, $3,500. Robert Young, 182 Limestone Hill Lane, Moundsville, 26041; 845-8057.

Hand spinning fleece, white & natural colors, Shetland, Border Leicester, Horned Dorset/Shetland, $10/lb./+/-. Linda Zinn, 2162 Skelton Run, Wallace, 26448; 782-3704.

Miscellaneous Wants

Great Pyrenees, young, for sheep & goats. T. Hedrick, 304 Cobun Crk. Rd., Morgantown, 26508; 614-4323.

Pasture/farm for rent,Greenbrier co., 45 A. good water, adequate fence, needs ambitious farmer to use & imporve farm, interested prospects must have experierence, references & resources. B. Richards, P.O. Box 147, Maxwelton, 24901; renegadespring@fronternet.net.

Pasture for lease in, Barbour, Harrison, Lewis, Upshur or Taylor Co. terms neg. Kevin Shaffer, 5024 Riverwood Circle, Fairmont, 26554; 669-1598.

Someone to make deer kielbasa. Russell Taylor, 273 Duck Crk. Rd., Duck, 25063; 364-5505.

CROP Insurance

Crop Insurance Deadline Nears In West Virginia

Farmers with Insurable Spring-Planted Crops Need to Make Insurance Decisions Soon

The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) reminds West Virginia farmers that the final date to purchase crop insurance for most insurable spring-planted crops is March 15. Current policyholders who wish to make changes to their existing policies also have until this March 15 sales closing date to do so.

Crop insurance provides protection against losses due to natural perils, such as drought, hail, wind and excessive moisture. Crops with a March 15 sales closing date include corn, spring oats, soybeans, and tobacco. Insurance is also available for revenue loss caused by a change in the harvest price from the projected price for corn and soybeans.

Producers are strongly urged to contact a crop insurance agent as soon as possible for premium quotes and more details. Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the RMA Agent Locator. Producers can use the RMA Cost Estimator to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online.

Important Crop Insurance Deadline Nears for Eastern States

New Whole-Farm Revenue Protection Available for Diversified Farm, Specialty Crop Growers

USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) announced that the new Whole-Farm Revenue Protection insurance policy is available for the 2015 crop year. Farmers in all West Virginia counties can purchase this new crop insurance option until March 15.

RMA created the policy so farmers could insure a variety of crops at once instead of one commodity at a time. The policy allows farmers to insure between 50 to 85 percent of their whole-farm revenue, which makes crop insurance more affordable for farmers. This gives them the option of embracing more crop diversity and helps support the production of a wider variety of foods.

The Whole-Farm Revenue Protection insurance includes a wide range of available coverage levels, coverage for replanting, provisions that increase coverage for expanding operations, a higher maximum amount of coverage, and the inclusion of market readiness costs in the coverage. This policy is tailored for any farm with up to $8.5 million in insured revenue, including farms with specialty or organic commodities (both crops and livestock), or those marketing to local, regional, specialty or direct markets.

The new policy will also provide a whole-farm premium subsidy to farms with two or more commodities as long as minimum diversification requirements are met, which means purchasing crop insurance will be more affordable for producers.

Whole-Farm Revenue Protection can be purchased in conjunction with individual crop policies as long as those policies are at a buy-up coverage level. More information, including availability of the product, can be found on the RMA Whole-Farm website.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and online at the RMA Agent Locator. Producers can use the RMA Cost Estimator to get a premium amount estimate of their insurance needs online.

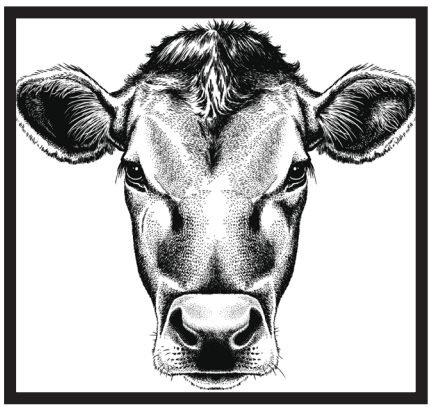
Are You a New or Beginning Farmer?

The USDA has recently launched a site www.usda.gov/newfarmers which serves as a one-stop-shop for new and beginning farmers or ranchers seeking information on the diverse amount of technical assistance, risk management, conservation opportunities, and more available from the USDA.

Are you a woman farmer or rancher? Check out the new Ag Women Lead initiative by emailing agwomenlead@usda.gov for more information about this support service for this growing and unique sector of American.

USDA requires that cattle be officially identified before crossing state lines

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) rule states that effective March 11, cattle moved across state lines are required to be officially identified and accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (ICVI). Cattle affected by this rule include: sexually-intact beef cattle over 18 months of age, all dairy cattle, and all cattle being moved for shows, rodeos or other exhibitions.



Current exemptions to the rule include beef cattle under 18 months of age and cattle moving directly to a recognized slaughter establishment.

Official identification is an official ear tag. This can be either a metal NUES "brite" tag or a tag that bears a 15 digit identification number beginning with 840. The ear tag must also have the official ear tag shield imprinted on it. In order to purchase official ID tags, cattle owners must have a premise identification number.

For more information, contact Jonathan Taylor at 304-254-4022. For information on a Premise ID Number (PIN) contact Shelly Lantz at 304-558-2214.

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