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Growing Food & Raising Hope in McDowell County

Kent's Reflections



FFA sales wrap up as Spring planting begins

As April begins, so does the planting season. Meanwhile another group is just wrapping up months of hard work. Our FFA members recently conducted their grand finales, selling their hams, bacons and eggs across the state. These young farmers have put their hearts and souls into raising their livestock over the last six months. They have worked through the food processing chain to present a finished, West Virginia, value-added agricultural product. These young men and women have learned about agriculture first hand, which makes me proud to be your Commissioner.

Besides the educational value from all this work, it looks like our sales did extremely well across the state. Here in the Capitol City, the West Virginia State sale exceeded last year's figure by over \$6,000.

The WVDA proudly supports the state sale and works every year to make it a success, but we could not do it without our partners. First, we need to show gratitude to the Department of Education for spear heading this event every year. They do a wonderful job supporting and growing our FFA chapters around the state. We must also thank our new governor, Jim Justice, for opening the Governor's Mansion to potential bidders and our FFA officers. Hopefully, this will be repeated next year and we can attract even more buyers from around the state. Lastly, a huge shout out to Ron Morrison and Greg Murphy of Ronald Morrison Auction Services. These two gentlemen donate their time to auction off the items at the state sale and several local sales.

In total, our FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Sales brought in \$500,000 this year. All money raised goes back to the students to help fund next year's project or ends up in their college fund.

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Sky Edwards and Jason Tartt own one of the most successful agriculture businesses in southern West Virginia, McDowell County Farms. "We grow everything from A to Z, from arugula to zucchini," says Edwards with a smile. Their pride shows through when they start talking about what they've accomplished on limited money and land in the past three years.

"We started off with 15 acres of bottom land in McDowell County. Now we lease a 311-acre farm and we're constantly upgrading it," says Tartt.

By the time both men reached their late teens, they wanted to do anything but farm, so they joined the military. Edwards served in the Marines in Vietnam. Jason joined the Army and served in Bosnia. Both eventually got out of the military and started careers and families, Edwards in the Northwest and Tartt in Colorado and then Washington, D.C. But the land kept calling them and both found themselves in McDowell County in 2013.



Sky Edwards and Jason Tartt, both military veterans and current operators of McDowell County Farms, are growing and selling fresh food in an area hard hit by the coal industry decline and lacking in supermarket options. They have started a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program as well as a mentoring program where participants, ages 16-25, are taught how to grow, harvest and sell their produce.

In fact, you might say digging in the dirt is part of their DNA.

Edwards grew up in North Carolina on a Cherokee Indian reservation. "I was expected to work in the garden from a very early age. That's how we ate. Most reservations didn't have grocery stores. I didn't see my first loaf of store-bought bread until I was 14 years old."

Tartt grew up in rural McDowell County near his grandmother and grandfather. "My grandpa had a hog pen and chickens running around the yard. Grandma would pull poke salad out of the ground. I grew up having to garden, and we worked very hard."

Tartt attended a West Virginia Veteran and Warriors to Agriculture event and met Director James McCormick. That meeting helped set him on his current journey. He met Edwards not long after and Edwards began mentoring Tartt on the ways of the land. "For a long time, I was relying on Sky to tell me what to do. I was working hard but I had a lot to learn," explains Tartt.

Edwards gave his friend an old gardening encyclopedia. "My son and I would be out on the side of the road next to our field standing by my vehicle with that encyclopedia wide open," says Tartt. "People would drive by and say, 'What in the world are you doing?'"

The pair decided to go into business together. They purchased some abandoned plots of land and worked them from the ground up. They didn't go into debt, instead buying only what they could afford at the time.

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To learn more about WV Veterans and Warriors to Agriculture, contact **James McCormick** at jmccormick@wvda.us or 304-558-3200.

For Your Good Health

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Numerous factors contribute to our health. Some, like genetics, are beyond our control. Fortunately much of what determines our well-being is influenced by our actions. Researchers report 30-50 percent of our health depends on our behaviors. Nearly every behavior can be placed in one of five categories: (1) what our body consumes; (2) how we move our body; (3) how we rest our body; (4) how we stress our body; (5) and the interaction of our body with our environment and each other. Making positive choices in these areas can make a difference on how we feel and how healthy we remain. In this new segment of *The Market Bulletin*, we will share tips and information in these areas for your good health. This month we provide a broad overview of each of these behavioral categories.

Consumption – What our body consumes includes the obvious consideration of what we eat and drink, but also smoking, alcohol intake, adherence to taking prescribed medications, getting adequate but not excessive sun and breathing clean air. Food will be a primary focus of future articles, including looking at the nutritional value of food, how certain foods may have effects on certain symptoms, illness and disease and how farming and handling of food impacts our health.

Movement – Our bodies were not made to be stationary yet many Americans lead sedentary lives. Regular exercise is important to maintain good health. It's also important to get up from the desk or couch at regular intervals during the day or evening for movement of joints, to stretch and for circulation. For those not used to exercising, consult your health care provider before starting a new exercise program.

Rest – Adequate sleep is necessary for its restorative properties to our minds and bodies. Adequate means quantity, but also quality of sleep. Many people are sleep deprived because they are missing normal sleep stages throughout what could be an adequate eight hour sleeping period. For example, sleep apnea can cause a disruption in normal sleep stages, and should be treated to allow our body adequate rest.

Stress – Too much stress can make us feel bad and lead to long-term negative health consequences. Having healthy coping mechanisms and methods to control the level of stress our bodies experience are essential if we want to maximize our well-being.

Interaction – Humans are social beings meant to interact. Surrounding ourselves with supportive, caring people and having regular contact can reduce stress, increase energy and positively impact health. Additionally, interacting with nature, such as walking through the woods or just being outside on a warm, sunny day, should be interspersed through our busy schedules for its rejuvenating effects.

Over the next month, reflect on these areas a few times a day. This intentional reflection will lead to habitual reflection. Are you making the best choices in these areas? Even small changes can have a noticeable positive impact on how you feel.

Kent's Reflections, *continued*

Speaking of funding, as this column goes to press, the Legislature and our governor are still working through the budget process. For the sake of our great state, I hope they find common ground and have a resolution that will move our state forward and leave the status quo behind. Even though the department does not have a direct role in the budget process, we are committed to doing whatever we can to help our state's budget woes.

The department and our entire staff is committed to looking for inefficiencies and cost savings. Our goal is to use your dollars, the tax payer's dollars, more efficiently while continuing our mission to simulate and grow our agriculture industries and the economy. We have consolidated services, weeded out excessive red tape and even cut our vehicle fleet by 15 percent. We are off to a good start, but we still have much to do when it comes to saving tax payers money.

To finish my reflections this month, let's touch on International Maple Month and

Wardensville Bull Test Marks 50 Years

Performance. Efficiency. Value. Those three words remain the hallmark of the annual Wardensville Bull Test, held March 23. The event celebrated 50 years in existence along with the 100th anniversary of the donation of the Reymann Memorial Farm to West Virginia University.

The animals arrived at the Reymann Farm in early November. Dr. Kevin Shaffer, a WVU Livestock Specialist, explained the bulls are compared to one another and evaluated for traits like size, marbling and frame. "Those bulls that are superior, we put them up for sale. One-hundred and sixty-seven bulls started in the program this year, only 89 met our strict standards.

"This program was initiated in 1967, which was the start of the beef cattle performance era. A number of bull test programs



started around that time but we're one of the few that still remain," stressed Shaffer. "For a performance evaluation test to make it 50 years, that's pretty significant."

Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt addressed the crowd at the auction from a new point of view. "It's certainly a different perspective being up here in the auctioneer box. I've been out in the crowd before bidding on bulls but never up here. I've learned in the past two months of being in office the importance of the work WVU and Extension do for the state of West Virginia. We have a great reputation throughout the country when it comes to this bull test."

The day's top bull, from Branson Farms, was auctioned for \$8,000. The total for all 89 bulls added up to \$242,200.

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They say the Vets to Ag program gave them the focus they needed.

"Sky and I have the same vision," stresses Tartt. "We love what we're doing. We're family oriented. We love giving back to the community. That's something we agreed had to be part of our foundation."

That first season, the duo harvested 32 tons of food from corn and kale to beets and broccoli and everything in between. With supermarkets few and far between in southern West Virginia, McDowell County Farms set up farmers markets in different locations around the county and sold as much as they could grow. They even brought their food to the McDowell County Commission on Aging. Within seconds, seniors snapped up two dozen watermelons and the rest of the produce sold out soon after.

In year two, McDowell Farms raised 66 tons of food and this past season that number topped 98 tons. With the help of James McCormick, the director with Vets to Ag, Edwards and Tartt plan to expand their brand.

"We realized if we're going to grow our business and build our legacy, we have to do our own part in creating economic growth in a place that desperately needs it," stresses Tartt. "We've got to take that next step."

They've added a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, where consumers buy an annual stake in local, seasonal food directly from McDowell Farms. The CSA currently has 70 members. Edwards and Tartt are applying for state and federal grants. They're also focusing on getting their crops to food banks and local grocery stores in southern West Virginia and southwestern Virginia.

"We need to start looking at economic diversity. We don't just want to bring jobs to where we live, we want to bring a change of mind," says Edwards. "We want people to start looking at farming as a career."

In an area that's seen the coal industry hit rock bottom, Edwards believes farming can fill some of those job gaps. "I don't care who you are or how much money you make or where you live, you need a meal at least once a day. Everybody who sits down and blesses a meal needs somebody like us!"

McDowell Farms started "Iron Sharpens Iron." The program focuses on young men and women, ages 16-25. Edwards and Tartt work with the participants teaching them how to grow food, harvest the crop and then sell it to the community at farmers' markets. Not only do the youngsters end up with spending money in their pockets, they learn skills they can use later in life.

"Here in McDowell County, we're dealing with drugs, poor health and poverty. We've decided to address those problems head on," stresses Edwards. "We get kids reconnected with their community. We give them job skills. We teach them the pride that comes from hard work."

As their business continues to expand, Edwards says digging in the dirt never gets old. "I'm always amazed watching the first dirt roll over in the spring. I'm amazed after I plant it. I feel like I'm expecting new babies. It's exciting every time to see those rows and the green starts. I'm amazed at the abundance of food that can be produced on a small piece of ground and how many people it can potentially feed. I never want to lose that amazement!"



Mountain State Maple Day. The department kicked off Maple Month, by tapping a West Virginia maple tree with three of our home-grown producers. Thank you to Rich Flannigan, Paul Ronk and Mike Rechlin. They helped me tap my first tree and schooled me on the ins and outs of the trade.

Did you know we have more maple trees than Vermont? West Virginia has huge potential for this growing industry. On Maple Day, March 18th, WVDA employees and I visited 10 maple houses around the state. These producers were so gracious to invite the public into their operations to learn about the industry and taste some delicious pure maple syrup products.

As always, the WVDA will continue do everything we can to help our industries and our producers. There will be brighter days ahead for West Virginia. I can promise you that. Semper Fi,

Kent

Maple Mania



Cool Hollow Maple Farm, Pendleton County.



Landes Ruritan Club Pancake Breakfast.



Brooke County Farmers' Market Pancake Breakfast.



Heasley Homestead, Bruceton Mills.



Mark's Maple Products, Pendleton County.



Indian Water Maple Company, Mineral County.



Blue Rock Farm, Randolph County.

West Virginia maple producers called it a sweet success! The 2017 Mountain State Maple Day, held March 18 and sponsored by the West Virginia Maple Syrup Producers Association and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA), drew more than a thousand people visiting 11 different maple houses across West Virginia. From Daniels' Maple in southern West Virginia to Family Roots Farm in the Northern Panhandle, Indian Maple Water Company in the Eastern Panhandle to Sweetcreek Sugarworks along the Ohio River, fans of maple got to see how sap flows from tap to table.

Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt visited Indian Water Maple Company in Mineral County. "What a great operation. The owners, Ed and Karen Hartman, are building a business model for others to follow. They're taking what comes out of a tree and turning it into a value-added product that people can't wait to purchase."

Britney Hervey-Ferris, one of the co-owners of Family Roots Farm in Brooke County, gave tours of their operation. Visitors got some hands-on practice drilling holes into a log and then learning how to put in a tap. The crowd moved inside to the new sugar shack to see how sap boils down to syrup. And everyone left with a free cone of maple syrup cotton candy.

"People were surprised to find out we don't carry around 80 lb. galvanized buckets full of sap anymore," said Hervey-Ferris. "We use tubing which is much more sanitary and efficient."

Along with the maple houses, several communities held events showcasing maple products. Customers at the Brooke County Farmer's Market feasted on pancakes with pure West Virginia maple syrup from Family Roots Farm just down the road. Hannah DeGarmo brought her entire family, including her three young children. "We just wanted to sit down for a family breakfast and it was delicious!"

Other venues to visit included the annual West Virginia Maple Syrup Festival in Pickens, sweet and savory maple treats at the Daily Perk Coffee House and Café in Follensbee and music and maple products for sale at the South Side Depot in Petersburg.

At Daniels Syrup in Greenbrier County, visitors showed up early. "I just saw a man walk out of here with \$160 worth of maple products and the Daniels just opened their doors," said Cindy Martel, WVDA Marketing Specialist.

"You don't have to go to Vermont to buy pure maple products," stressed Commissioner Leonhardt. "West Virginia producers are making maple syrup that stacks up to the best."



Daniels Syrup, Greenbrier County.



WV Maple Syrup Festival, Pickens.



Cedar Run Maple Farm, Tyler County.



Sweetcreek Sugarworks, Tyler County.



Bower's Maple Farm, Petersburg.



Southside Depot, Petersburg.



Family Roots Farm, Brooke County.



Tubing at Sweetcreek Sugarworks in Tyler County.

74th West Virginia FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Show

The 74th West Virginia FFA Ham, Bacon and Egg Show and Sale featured 111 entries from FFA members across the state. By the end of the sale on March 13, bidders forked over \$37,540 for some of the best pork and eggs in West Virginia.

The evening began with a reception at the Governor's Mansion for FFA officers, elected officials, bidders and longtime supporters of the event to thank them for their commitment. Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt urged buyers to get their checkbooks ready.

"Please be very generous. The young men and women who have participated in the program throughout the year have a done a tremendous job," said Leonhardt. "Most people don't realize this is an organization that's growing throughout West Virginia. This is a major part of what can help revitalize the state of West Virginia."

The show and sale took place in building 7 at the state Capitol complex. Bidders had the opportunity to take a close look at all the entries and talk to the FFA members before the auction got underway.

The 24 lb. Grand Champion Ham, raised by Hunter Aston of Cameron FFA, sold for \$3,120 to the Kroger Company. The Grand Champion Bacon, weighed in at 8 lbs., was raised by Delaney Lucey of Cameron FFA and sold to Commissioner Leonhardt for \$2,200.

The Grand Champion Eggs sold to Kroger for \$1,000. They belonged to Alex Greathouse from Tyler Consolidated, a double winner. "I didn't think I was going to get grand champion down here. I was just happy winning grand champion eggs at our county sale. Accomplishing something like this at the state sale is a great honor."

The Reserve Champion Ham was raised by Tristan Dotson of Cameron and sold to Gunnoe Farms Sausage for \$1,150. The Reserve Champion Bacon belonged to Tiersa Helvey of Greenbrier East and sold to Gunnoe for \$2,000. Delaney Lucey of Cameron earned \$1,200 for her Reserve Champion Eggs purchased by the Marshall County Buyers Group.

Ron Morrison and Greg Murphy of Ronald Morrison Auction Services donated their time to auction off the items.

"In the 74 years of the event, this was one of our top ten sales," stressed state FFA Advisor Jason Hughes. "The product was of great quality. Every piece of meat sold was prime cut. That is highly unusual."

The first state Ham, Bacon and Egg Show took place in 1941 at the Daniel Boone Hotel in Charleston. The Grand Champion Ham went for \$23.63. The Grand Champion Bacon was purchased for \$2.75 and the Grand Champion Eggs went for \$2.25. The grand total that first year was \$204.82. Over the past 74 years, the state sale raised \$1,398,762 for FFA members to continue their education and compete or raise another animal.

Grand Champions



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WHAT'S COOKIN'

Buckwheat Pancakes

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| Vegetable oil for coating the pan | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 3/4 cup buckwheat flour | 1 tsp. baking soda |
| 3/4 cup all-purpose flour (can substitute with buckwheat flour) | 3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted |
| 3 tablespoons sugar | 1 egg |
| | 2 cups buttermilk |

Preheat skillet. Whisk together dry ingredients in a large bowl. Beat egg with a fork and stir it into the buttermilk. Add melted butter and the buttermilk/egg mixture to the dry ingredients. Whisk to get the right consistency for your batter. Stir only until everything is combined – do not overmix. A few lumps are fine.

Put a small amount (1/2 tsp.) of vegetable oil on the pan or griddle and spread it around with a paper towel to coat. Ladle the batter onto the hot surface, about 4-5 inches wide (1/4 cup). Reduce heat to medium-low. Allow the pancake to cook for 2-3 minutes on this first side. Watch for bubbles on the surface of the pancake. When air bubbles start to rise to the surface at the center of the pancake, flip the pancake. Cook for another 1-2 minutes or until nicely browned. Serve with warm WV maple syrup.

WV Buttermilk Pancakes

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 eggs

Preheat skillet. In a medium size bowl, combine all the dry ingredients and mix well. In a separate bowl, combine buttermilk and eggs and whisk till blended. Stir in the melted butter until fully mixed. Add wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and whisk until well blended but slightly lumpy. Let batter rest for 10 minutes before ladling by 1/4 - 1/2 cups onto a hot griddle. Allow the pancake to cook for 2 minutes on this first side. Watch for bubbles on the surface of the pancake. When air bubbles start to rise to the surface at the center of the pancake, flip the pancake. Cook for another 1-2 minutes or until nicely browned. These are light and fluffy. Serve with warm WV maple syrup.

Hoecakes

- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoons sugar
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 cup maple syrup, warmed

Preheat skillet. In a medium bowl, mix the dry ingredients. In a small bowl, combine the buttermilk, egg and oil.

Stir the buttermilk mixture into the cornmeal mixture, just until well blended. The batter will be slightly lumpy.

Lightly oil a griddle or large skillet. Drop of water will dance across the surface when hot. Ladle 1/4 cup of batter onto skillet. Allow the pancake to cook for 2-3 minutes on this first side. Watch for bubbles on the surface of the pancake. When air bubbles start to rise to the surface at the center of the pancake, flip the pancake. Cook for another 1-2 minutes or until nicely browned.

Add more buttermilk to the batter if the first cake does not spread well and adjust the heat if necessary. Serve with warm WV maple syrup.

Commissioner Leonhardt visits Buffalo High to recognize FFA Week

Commissioner Leonhardt, Deputy Commissioner Joe Hatton and West Virginia School Board President Thomas Campbell spent the afternoon at Buffalo High School, touring the school's agricultural facilities and learning about its young and successful FFA program Feb. 22.

"The kids are all excited about it. They're enjoying what they're doing," said Commissioner Leonhardt. "We're building leaders; we're not just building future farmers."

Among the students who spoke to visitors was Kelly Irvine. Her FFA science projects have taken first and second place in the nation over the past two years.

"We are showing off our program and exposing how Buffalo FFA is helping their students' careers in agriculture," said Irvine. "It's a great honor to have our new Commissioner of Agriculture here. It really shows that he has an interest in the youth getting involved in the agriculture industry."

"I would encourage every school system to make sure they build a very viable agriculture education program. I'd like to see that in every school," said Commissioner Leonhardt, who has frequently said that STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) educational programs also incorporate agriculture. "I would like to change the dialog to STEAM," he said.

The school's FFA chapter is very active – and like other West Virginia chapters – quite successful in national FFA competitions. It also has a high tunnel with a small aquaponic system so that students can have hands-on experience with modern production techniques particularly suited to West Virginia.



Nominations Open for 2017 WVDA "Women in Agriculture"

Want to nominate a deserving woman for the 2017 "WVDA Women in Agriculture" recognition? Nominations are currently being accepted and those chosen will be honored at the 2017 State Fair of WV.

Visit <http://bit.ly/2nQQPGJ> to complete an application. **Deadline is June 1, 2017!** For more information, please contact Cindy Shreve at 304-538-2397.

WV Cattlemen's Association Seeking Executive Secretary

The West Virginia Cattlemen's Association is seeking an energetic and motivated individual to serve as Executive Secretary of the Association. Requirements include a B.S. degree in animal Science or related field and an excellent knowledge of agriculture and the cattle industry.

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Written ads for the June issue must be received by **1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16.**

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Apiary Sales

Honey Bees, pre-order/pre-pay 3 lb. package, Italian, \$110; Russian, \$115. Stephanie Bender, 222 Davis Ave., Elkins, 26241; 637-2335.

Italian Bees, pre-order 3 lb. package w/ marked queen, \$110/price includes 6% WV sales tax. Bill Bullion, 4772 Goosepen Rd., Roanoke, 26447; 452-8508.

Italian Bees, nuc box w/5-frames of bees & mated queens, \$180, pre-order/pay now for mid-late April del., pick-up only, approx. 40 nucs for sale. David Miller, 8720 Elk River Rd., Prociou, 25164; 587-4977.

Hive bodies, 10-frame deep, \$20; 10-frame med. supers, \$16, assembled but unpainted, pick-up or local del. David Miller, 8720 Elk River Rd., Prociou, 25164; 587-4977.

Bee boxes, 16, screened bottom board, 9 5/8 hive body & 6 5/8 med. super, inner cover, cover w/no flashing, \$75. James Wayne, 1425 Loudendale Lane, Charleston, 25314; 342-1273.

Cattle Sales

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. bulls, AI sires SAV Ten O'clock, RB Tour of Duty, calving ease, BSE, \$1,800/up. Frank Bolyard, 2326 S. Mountaineer Hwy., Thornton, 26440; 672-2041.

Reg. Hereford 12-mo. bulls, \$2,000. Ron Brand, 794 Sugar Grove Rd., Morgantown, 26501; 983-8004.

Black Angus 3-yr. bull, good disp., easy handling, \$1,500. C. Brown, 287 White Oak Fork Rd., Birch River, 26610; 649-2152.

75% American Blonde bred heifers, due to calve mid May, \$1,500/up. Edwin Bunner, 1147

West Virginia Feeder Cattle Sales Spring 2017 Schedule

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G,FG	Cattlemens	Friday	April 7	2 pm	500	647-5833
FG	Parkersburg	Friday	April 7	6 pm	200	482-1838
G	Marlinton	Friday	April 7	7:30 pm	500	799-6593
G,FG,T	South Branch	Saturday	April 8	10 am	1,000	538-6050
FG,T	Weston	Saturday	April 8	10 am	300	269-5096
FG	Jackson County	Saturday	April 8	11 am	500	373-1269
G,FG,T	South Branch	Saturday	April 15	10 am	1,500	538-6050
FG,T	Weston	Saturday	April 15	10 am	300	269-5096
FG	Jackson County	Saturday	April 15	11 am	300	373-1269
FG,G,T,BB	Buckhannon	Tuesday	April 18	9 am	500	472-5300
G,FG	Terra Alta	Friday	April 21	2 pm	350	789-2788
G,FG,T	South Branch	Saturday	April 22	10 am	1,500	538-6050
FG,T	Weston	Saturday	April 22	10 am	300	269-5096
FG	Parkersburg	Friday	April 28	6 pm	200	482-1838
G,FG, T	South Branch	Saturday	April 29	10 am	1200	538-6050
FG	Jackson County	Saturday	April 29	11 am	400	373-1269

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MOUNTAINEER RED ANGUS CLASSIC

2017 WV Beef Expo
April 8
Jackson Mill, WV

East Grafton Rd., Fairmont, 26554; 366-9893.
Angus 2/16 bulls, 2, \$1,500/ea. Virgil Caldwell, 1462 Lafarm Rd., Lerona, 25971; 384-7426; after 6 p.m.

Reg. Polled Hereford 3/16 heifer, top blood, good disp., haltered, \$1700. Roger Casto, 837 Radcliff Rd., Mineral Wells, 26150; 489-1696.

Black Angus 14-mo. bulls, Final Answer blood, semen tested, good disp., \$2,000. Cliff Crane, 143 Spiker Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 379-4482.

Pure Angus/Lim-Flex 3-yr. bull, good disp./ breeder, \$2,000. Roy Delaney, 29 Roosevelt St. Reedy, 25270; 927-5646.

Reg. Black Hereford 13-mo. bulls, polled, top wing. wt., good disp., ready to breed, calving ease, \$1,600/up. Stephen Dilley, 8351

27TH ANNUAL WEST VIRGINIA BEEF EXPO

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Browns Crk. Rd., Dunmore, 24934; 799-7434.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. bulls, BSE, calving ease, current AHIR data, AI Sired by Hoover Dam, \$1,850/up. Christopher Dunaway, 2774 S. Mountaineer Hwy., Thornton, 26440; 677-0353.

Reg. Black Angus 13-mo. -18 mo. bulls,

Frontman/Upshot/Objective/Daybreak/Hoover Dam, blood, easy handling/calving, low birth wt., high wnlg./yrlg. wts., excel. EPDs, papers complete, \$2,000/up. Fred Edgell, 1471 Bingham Rd., Worthington, 26591; 592-2717.

Reg. Hereford 10/15 bull, good disp., \$1,800. Mike Eubanks, 1627 Flatwoods Rd., Ravenswood, 26164; 273-3390.

Reg. Black Angus: bulls, Excellent Objective blood, good disp., calving ease, low birth wt., high wnlg./yrlg. wt., excel. EPDs, \$2,000/up; heifers, \$1,500, both easy handling, del. avail. Dave Fierbaugh, 881 Cadbury Lane, Charleston, 25312; 984-1566.

Reg. Limousin, Lim-Flex & Angus yrlg. bulls, both red & black, polled, perf. & EPD info avail., good disp., semen tested, \$2,000/up. Kim Getz, 122 Dolly Hill Rd., Scherr, 26726; 749-8043.

Reg. Angus bulls: 18-mo. & 4-yr. herd bull, both calving ease & good. disp., del. avail., \$1,800-\$2,500. Robert Gray, 197 Daugherty Rd., Philippi, 26416; 672-3804.

DISPERSAL

April 15, 12 noon
 Amma, WV
 John O'Dell, 373-8686
 John Spiker, Auctioneer #184-17;
 677-0255

WILLIS FARMS ANNUAL BULL & HEIFER SALE

Open House
 April 1, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 April 2, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 Bids close at 1 p.m. April 8
 Bakers Mill Rd., N. Alderson, WV
 Karla, 661-0798,
 Jeff, 646-8853

Full 100% Angus Lowline 16-mo. bull, good disp., will mature 1,200-1,400 lbs., \$1,900. Rod Mills, 252 Old Civil War Trail, Renick, 24966; 890-4486.

Reg. miniature 1-yr. bull, polled, 31", should mature to 39-40", TSM "Ace" Firecracker, has been haltered & leads, excel. disp., would make great 4H project or herd bull, \$1,500. Stephanie Mollohan, P.O. Box 83, Clear Creek, 25044; 877-2442.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. bulls, SAV Pioneer or Hoover Dam blood, calving ease, good milk/disp., tested free or no carrier ancestry of AM, CA, NH, DD, M1, D2, OH, OS, \$2,000/up. Melville Moyers, 11779 US Hwy. 33 W, Norman-town, 25267; 354-7622.

Reg. Angus bulls, perf. tested, excel. EPDs for calving ease & growth, semen tested, \$2,000-\$2,500. Dwayne O'Dell, 829 Little Lefthand Rd., Amma, 25005; 565-9301.

Reg. Angus yrlg. bulls, sired by All In, Resilience, Regis & Consensus 7229, \$1,500-\$2,000, pics. & predigree avail. Wayne Persinger, 2108 Dawson Rd., Meadow Bridge, 25976; 644-3506.

Reg. Polled Hereford bull, \$1,800. Norma Pursley, 4741 Evans Rd., Leon, 25123; 895-3514.

Bred heifers, 7, will start calving at the end of March through April, \$1,500. Raymond Reedy, 292 Gritt Rd., Buffalo, 25033; 937-2113.

Reg. Limousin & LimFlex 8-18 mo. bulls, all black sires, Auto Dollar General, LH, Uhaul, Mags Anchor & Air Force One, \$1,500/up. Charles Ridgeway, 387 Limousin Lane, Ronceverte, 24970; 520-2013.

Reg. Shorthorn yrlg. bull, red roan, polled, \$1,100. Larry Roberts, 368 Sugar Run Rd., Littleton, 26581; 775-2787.

Pure Angus & Lim/Flex 3-yr. bull, good disp./breeder, \$2,000. Matthew Roberts, 925 Liverpool Rd., Leroy, 25252; 927-6949.

Black Angus cross 2/16 bull, AI sire Registered Angus D806, \$1,200. Steve Rogers, 375 Rockford Mtn. Lane, Lost Creek, 26385; 269-7250.

Angus bulls, perf. tested, \$1,800/up. Bill Rohr, 572 Buckboard Lane, Buckhannon, 26201; 613-9522.

Reg. Angus yrlg.: bulls, 15, \$1,800/up; heifers, 50, \$1,200/up. James Rohr, 2404 Clarksburg Rd., Buckhannon, 26201; 613-9858.

Reg. Polled Hereford yrlg. bulls & heifers, Boomer P606, Durango 44U, Revolution 4R sires, ready for spring breeding, \$1,500/up. Ken Scott, 2586 Grandview Rd., Beaver, 25913; 763-4929; chance37@suddenlink.net.

Angus cross cow, red w/white face; 75% Dexter-Angus/Hereford cross cow, solid black, both polled, vet checked, vacc., bred to full Dexter bulls, \$800/ea. Barney Sigman, 24430 Ashton Upland Rd., Milton, 25541; 743-8005; info@simplyllamas.com.

Reg. Black Gelbvieh 9-mo & 16-mo. bulls, black, polled, good disp., EPDs; Balancer bull, \$1,400/up. Roger Simmons, 309 Coakley Ridge Rd., 26362; 628-3618.

Black Angus bulls: 1-yr., 3, ready to breed, calving ease, \$1,000/ea.; 4-yr. good disp., will make good bull for heifers, \$1,400. Harrison Sisler, 9154 Salt Lick Rd., Terra Alta, 26764; 698-7868.

Pure Angus 14-mo. bulls, Outcross genetics that are heifer safe, perf. tested & semen

checked, weighs approx. 1,250 lbs., ready to work, located in Moorefield, \$1,800. Vinson Snuffer, 588 S. Evansville Pike, Thornton, 26440; 573-7857.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. & 2-yr. bulls, calving ease, AI sires, complete perf. records, genomic enhanced EPDs, BSE, \$2,000/up. Greg Stal-naker, 49 Kingdom Dr. Weston, 26452; 269-5042; stalnakerfarm@gmail.com.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. bulls, most AI sired by Black Granite, calving ease, breeding exam completed, EPDs enhanced w/50K DNA testing; 2-yr reg. bull, neg. BW EPD, \$2,000/up. Steven Stanley, 1410 Lynn Camp Rd., Penns-boro, 26415; 659-3076.

Reg. Holstein 9/16 bull, red & white, out of Awesome-Red, mother, scored a perfect 85 on her first classification & is milking over 100 lbs., \$800/or trade on young heifers. Douglas Sturgeon, 5381 Fees Branch Rd., Ashton, 25503; 674-3888.

Reg. Angus 1-yr. bulls, good disp. & low birth wt., \$2,000/up. Rod Summers, 98 Mead-land Rd., Flemington, 26347; 842-7958; sum-mersbunch@aol.com.

Black Angus 7-yr. bull, throws great small calves, good disp., will make great bull, \$1,500. Shirley Titus, 1069 Big Run Rd., Burton, 26562; 889-2650.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. & 2-yr. bulls, defect free, sired by Ten X, Trust, Anticipation & Triple T, \$2,500/up. Byron Tuckwiller, 837 Cattle Dr., Lewisburg, 24901; 661-3410; ttangus@fron-tier.com.

Bred 12/15 heifer, sired by Frisky Whisky & dam out of Beer Money, vet confirmed due date late 6/17, bred to Lim/Flex PSRF Burford 453, she is deep, well muscled, good disp., handled daily, \$2,500/obo. Chris Welch, 3035 Scott De-pot Rd., Scott Depot, 25560; 549-2630.

Reg. Polled Hereford bulls, ready for spring breeding, \$1,500/up. Jim Westfall 1109 Triple T Rd., Spencer, 25276; 377-1247.

Cattle Wants

Angus steers, 15, weaned, 500-600 lbs. James Robinson, 2374 Sycamore Rd., Clarks-burg, 26301; 624-4790.

Equipment Sales

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

NH, 848, round baler, hyd., excel. cond., field ready, \$3,000. James Adkins, 1222 Marie Rd., Wayside, 24985; 466-4198.

NH, 451, sickle bar mower, 7', \$1,000. Ver-non Adkins, 5501 Rt. 52, Huntington, 25535; 529-6736.

Jim Roebuck, sheller that runs off a flat belt; JD, hammer mill, runs on PTO, \$400/ea.. Ray-mond Bays, 23050 Midland Trail, Victor, 25938; 640-3730.

NH, 565, sq. baler, barn kept, field ready, \$6,500. Marlin Blake, Rt. 1, Box 175B, Glen-wood, 25520; 762-2246.

JD, 6605 tractor, 4 WD open station, 95 hp PTO, JD, 740, loader, bucket, bale spear, pallet forks, 1,600 hrs., excel. cond., \$29,500. Frank Bolyard, 2326 S. Mountaineer Hwy., Thornton, 26440; 672-2041.

Harry Ferguson, '51-'52, TO30, tractor w/ MF dbl. bottom plows & 5', bush hog, kept inside, good cond., \$2,500. Bruce Boyce, 2123 Airport Rd., Fenwick, 26202; 846-4056.

JD, 350, 7', sickle bar mower, good cond., \$950. Roger Bryant, 997 McChorty Fork Rd., Branchland, 25506; 896-1234; rbryant@leasa.org.

JD, 3950, chopper, \$500; NI, 323 corn pick-er, 2, \$1,000/ea. Merle Chaplin, 857 Shoestring Lane, Moundsville, 26041; 845-3167.

Skid steer: forks, \$500; hay spear, \$400; boom pole, \$300; NH, 451, mower, \$1,800; MF, 6', bush hog, \$900. Melvin Conley, 1218 Flat-fork, Looneyville, 25259; 927-2367.

Kubots, '11, L3700, compact tractor, 4x4, 37 hp, 550 hrs. w/hydro static drive, attach.included, roll bar, front end loader, rear carrier, 9', backhoe, 6', Landpride finish mower, forks & blade, \$20,000. Nancy Crossett, 502 Raccoon Rock Rd., French Creek, 26218; 924-5843.

11TH ANNUAL GENETIC PARTNERS CLUB PIG SALE

April 8, 6 p.m.
 Preston Co. Buckwheat Festival Fairgrounds
 115 Brown Ave.
 Kingwood, WV
 Dave Hardesty, 698-9206.

MASON CO. VOCATIONAL FFA 9TH ANNUAL FARM

Consignment Auction
 April 29, 10 a.m.
 Mason Co. Career Center
 Point Pleasant, WV
 Sam Nibert, 675-3039
 snibert@k12.wv.us

JD: 650, side delivery hay rake, 3-pt., 540 PTO, fair cond., \$800; 265, self leveling loader, includes bucket, bale spear, grille guard, frame mounts, no joy stick, operates by remotes, \$4,250. Dale Dixon, 3742 Fort Spring Pike, Ronceverte, 24970; 956-0060.

NI, horse drawn, manure spreader, good cond., \$750. W. Fitzsimmons, 125 Elwood Rd., Fraziers Bottom, 25082; 937-2196.

Farmall, '52, H, 12 volt system, 1, hyd. out-let, ran good when parked 4-yrs. ago, sheet metal good, needs paint, stored inside, \$1,500. Kim Getz, 122 Dolly Hill Rd., Scherr, 26726; 749-8043.

Stolz round bale carrier, heavy duty, holds 10 bales on 1 layer, excel. cond., \$2,700. Jeff Griffith, P.O. Box 74, Jane Lew, 26378; 884-8004; griffithfarms@aol.com.

Kuhn, 4-spool, hyd lift, tedder, excel. cond., \$6,500/obo; tube line, 3-pt. hitch wrapper, only wrapped 100 bales, \$5,000, all located in Kernes. Rusty Harsh, P. O. Box 1547, Elkins, 26241; 636-6421.

Int'l, TD7, dozer, 6-way blade, good cond., \$7,500/firm. Joh Hays, 200 Dagg Rd., Parkers-burg, 26101; 482-3362.

Howse, 5', tiller box, fair cond., \$1,000; dbl. bottom plow, 14", good cond., \$250. Mike Keaton, 474 Big Sandy Rd., Left Hand, 25251; 565-3331.

MF, 1030, low hrs., garage kept, excel. cond., \$8,700. Norman Ketchum, 8 Mocking-bird Dr., Milton, 25541; 743-9986.

Ford, '74, 3000, 3-cyl., diesel, 8-speed, 2 WD, ps w/2346QT bush hog, loader, 4', bucket w/tangs, BS100 hay spear, \$7,500; NH, 410, sickle mower, 7', \$650; more equip. Richard Kinnard, 7516 Huntington Rd., Gallipolis Ferry, 25515; 675-3034.

NH, 1033, bale stack wagon, good cond., used only twice, \$7,000. Thom Kirk, 112 Wood-bend Cove, Winfield, 25213; 586-4116.

Ford, 861, tractor, gas engine, 4-cyl., new paint/rear tires/brakes, excel. cond., has a set of chains, live power, 40+ hp, \$5,000/obo/neg. Randy Langton, 19855 Ashton Upland Rd., Mil-ton, 25541; 638-5969.

Farmall, '47, cub tractor, drive train togeth-er, rest needs assembled, all new parts, set of cultivators, draw bar, \$1,500. Robert Lilly, P.O. Box 99 Flat Top, 25841; 237-0958.

Ford, 4-bottom plow, \$400; NI, 20', lime spreader, \$700; hay spreader, \$75; post hole dig-ger, \$150. James Livingood, 3053 Little Sandy Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26526; 379-1026.

Kubota, '09, MX5100, 400 hrs., excel. cond., \$12,800. Lewis Martin, 83 Glen Haven Dr., Bridgeport, 26330; 203-1962.

Corn planter, 2-row, good cond., \$500. Mike Mobley, P.O. Box 128, Hendricks, 26271; 614-9822.

AC transport disk, 8', \$700. Donald Nichols, 8636 Bonds Crk. Rd., Pennsboro, 26415; 869-3287.

NH, 472, hay bine, stub nose guard, good cond., \$2,400; Hesston, 530, baler, \$5,000, both field ready, Robert Palmer, 122 5 Oaks Farm Rd., Pence Springs, 24962; 445-2701.

Gravelly, '84, tractor, surry plow, rotor til-ler, dual wheels, 30" rotary mower, less than 25 hrs., garage kept, excel. cond., \$4,000/firm/cash. Anthony Papa, 2733 Lakeview Dr., St. Al-bans, 25177; 727-2190.

Case, 8430, round baler, same as a Hess-ton, 540, makes 4x4 rolls, field ready, clean, al-ways kept in the barn, hyd. tie, only rolled about 1,500 rolls, \$5,200. Mike Pierson, 2709 Blue Knob Rd., Maysel, 25133; 587-2318.

NH: 276, hay liner, sq. baler, \$2,500; 256, hay rake, \$800; tedder, \$800; Oliver, '47, 60, tractor, \$1,400; hay elevator, 30', \$1,000; hay basket, \$1,500. John Proellocks, 321 Proel-lochs Lane, Wellsburg, 26070; 829-4387.

JD, 261, finish mower, 60", 3-pt. PTO, side discharge, good cond., new tires & belts, kept inside, \$800. Max Robinson, 1700 Browns Town Rd., Renick, 24966; 497-3577.

NH, 853, 5x5, round baler, net wrapped, live pick-up, runs great, good cond., \$3,900. Blaine Ryan, 454 Snedeker Dr., Moundsville, 26041; 845-9053.

April 28-29, Camp Virgil Tate, Charleston, WV

WEST VIRGINIA URBAN AG CONFERENCE

Friday Only (Cost: \$45) Join us on Friday, April 28 for the first day of the conference. Your one-day registration includes a full day of hands-on workshops, lunch and a local foods dinner.

Saturday Only (Cost: \$45) Join us on Saturday, April 29 for the second day of the conference. Your one-day registration includes a full day of hands-on workshops and lunch. **Full Conference (Cost \$80).**

For more information: info@urbanagwv.com. or http://urbanagwv.com.



NH, '14, 45 hp, tractor w/loader, 4x4, 200 hrs., \$20,000; **JD**, '14, 55 hp, tractor w/loader, 4x4, 120 hrs., \$30,000; **NH**, 256, rake, \$1,800. Charles Smith, 94 Dogwood Trail, Napier, 26631; 765-9644.

Sunflower rake, 5-spool, good cond., \$250. David Smith, 1066 Union School Rd., Leon, 25123; 458-2443.

MF: 245, tractor, external hyd., \$6,800; 253 w/Massy, 232 loader, 2 WD, \$9,000. B. Sparks, 684 Silo Rd., Summersville, 26651; 619-9697.

Ford, 501, mower, 3-pt. hitch, garage kept, good cond., \$300. Sam Stone, 861 Walker Ridge Rd., Leon, 25123; 657-5355.

NH, 848, round baler, \$3,500/or trade for a good disc mower. Orville Strickland, 993 Tariff Rd, Left Hand, 25251; 565-4404.

King Kutter: 20, 6½', 18" HD combo box frame discs, \$600; professional landscape rake, 6', \$350, both excel. cond. Mark Talkington, 1210 Lefthand Fork Rd., Alvy, 26377; 889-3231.

Bush hog tiller for a sm. tractor, 20-25 hp, excel.cond., shed kept, \$1,100. Bernice Taylor, 558 Barnes Run Rd., Sandyville, 26275; 273-0704.

JD, FB137B, 13 drop grain drill, hyd. w/ rubber tires, grain & fert. boxes w/grass seed box on rear, \$1,200. Robert Tebay, 2595 Dupont Rd., Parkersburg, 26101; 481-2260.

Vermeer, SW2500, bale wrapper, excel. cond., \$7,000; plows for Farmall Super A, \$200; belt driven corn sheller, \$200. Matt Thornhill, 854 Israel Church Rd., Montrose, 26283; 637-0988.

Hesston, 70-90 tractor w/cab, 2 WD, 954 hrs., excel. cond., \$15,000. Richard Ward, 2861 Hawk Highway, Lost Creek, 26385; 745-3165.

Mahindra: 1815HST, 4 WD, tractor, filled turf tires, 1,485 hrs. w/loader, 60" belly mower, both Mahindar, King Kutter XB 4" tiller, Farm Force potato plow, County Line, 4" bush cutter, \$17,500/firm. Suzanne Ward, P.O. Box 305, Craigs ville, 26205; 742-3353.

NH, 258, rake, good cond., \$3,500. Larry Welling, 3949 Bowles Ridge Rd. Liberty, 25124; 586-9615.

JD, 3-bottom, 16", plow, \$550; GVM, lime spreader, 5-ton, stainless steel, \$5,700, both field ready; **JD**, mounted cultivator for **JD**, B, tractor, \$200. Norman Young, 1282 Pumpkin Vine Rd., Buffalo, 25033; 937-3246.

Equipment Wants

Roller mill. Raymond Bays, 23050 Midland Trail, Victor, 25938; 640-3730.

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.

Mercer Co.: 72 A. w/house, metal outbldgs. w/3, bays, private woods, stream, gravity fed natural spring, well, \$135,000. Daniel Akers, RR1, Box 645, Peterstown, 24963; 308-3892; akers.daniel@gmail.com.

Lewis Co.: 100 A. w/house, workshop, garden shed w/2-bays, meadow/hayfield, woods, overlooking Little Kanawha river, implied free gas, \$350,000. Sharon Allman, 2021 Babin Ingo Rd., Crawford, 26343; 924-6457..

Braxton Co.: 65 A. w/house, sm. barn, workshop, all util., garden spot, stream through property, lots of trails, extra water well, 10 mi. from Gassaway, \$175,000. Dorsel Rollyson, 443 May Fork Rd., Gassaway, 26624; 364-4627.

Roane Co.: 48 A. w/house, barn, cellar, 2-car garage, garden spot, 2, ponds, woods, water well, 2, free gas rights, \$249,000. Shane Thurman, 462 Little Pigeon Rd., Pigeon, 25164; 539-2764.

Monroe Co.: 77 A. w/house, amazing mtn. spring, ponds, crk., woods, 3-outbldgs. & high tunnel, \$425,000. Jill Young, 8855 Zenith Rd., Lindsie, 24951.

Goat Sales

Pure Nubian, Alpine, crosses of Lamancha, Saanen, Alpine or Nubian, bottle babies, no papers, bucks & does, \$150/up; milk-

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April D. Sinsel, 304.614.9762
myersapril8@yahoo.com

Open Horse Show
April 22, 5 p.m.
Central WV Riding Club
Holly Gray Park
Sutton, WV
Allen & Kim Miller, 304.364.5576;
cwwrc@yahoo.com.

Open Horse Show
April 23, reg. 8 a.m.; show 9 a.m.
Pony Express 4-H Club of Mineral Co.
Mineral County Fairgrounds
Fort Ashby, WV
Joyce Heinz, 304.788.6207;
Ann Browning, 304.707.7395

ing does, \$250/up, disbudded/vacc., Rhonda Dortch, 550 Brush Ridge Rd., Hinton, 25951; 466-9288; no texts; bluestonemountainfarm@gmail.com.

Nubian, babies, bottle fed, nannies & billies, \$150/ea. Herbert Hawkins, Jr., 180 Owens Dr., Tunnelton, 26444; 698-9294.

Reg. American Saanen kids & milkers, \$200/up. Jim Kirk, 2345 Hudson Branch Rd., Culloden, 25510; 743-6696; upahollow60@hotmail.com.

Pure reg. Nubian kids, \$300-\$350; reg. recorded grade, 88%-97% Nubian kids, \$250-\$300, all does. Susie Mills, 1652 Chestnut Mtn. Rd., Hinton, 25951; 445-8616.

Reg. Kiko does & bucks, healthy, vacc./wormed, trained to lead, CAE/Johnes/Brucecellosis/CL neg., del. avail., \$195/up. Hope O'Toole, 595 Luther Heishman Rd., Baker, 26801; 897-7073; donkeymomhope@gmail.com.

ADGA American Alpine: disbudded, excel. milk & breeding lines, bucklings, \$175; does, \$200. Barney Sigman, 24430 Ashton Upland Rd., Milton, 25541; 743-8005; info@simplyllamas.com.

Alpine bucklings & doelings, parents are ADGA reg. & on premises, quality conformation, bucklings, \$155/-; females, \$300/-. Leah Snow, HC 60, Box 231A, New Martinsville, 26155; 455-3998.

Hog Sales

Piglets, 2/17, 4H/FFA projects, It's all Good x MVP/Bone Daddy, barrows only, \$250/ea. Robert Gray, 197 Daugherty Rd., Philippi, 26416; 672-3804.

Fair pigs & butcher hogs, \$100/up. Dwayne Holcomb, P.O. Box 782, Cowen, 26206; 226-5606.

Hamp. cross boar with some red in him, about 250 lbs., \$150. Hunter Lewis, 6367 Knobby Rd., Keyser, 26726; 813-5092.

Berkshire boar, healthy, vacc., not aggressive, del. avail., \$450. Hope O'Toole, 595 Luther Heishman Rd., Baker, 26801; 897-7073; donkeymomhope@gmail.com.

Hereford 2/17 pigs, \$50/ea. Joseph Peachey, 6587 Lieving Rd., Letart, 25253; 882-3952.

Horse Sales

Tenn./Wlkr. broodmares: blue roan & 2, chestnuts sired by Pride's Generator stallion, \$1,000/ea.; gelding, b/w, green broke, \$600; mares, b/w, lots of trail miles, needs good rider, \$1,250. B. Harper, 513 Kentuck Rd., Kenna, 25248; 372-4129.

Reg. Kentucky yrlg. filly, sorrell, great manners, loads easily, excel. disp., \$1,800. Kim Haynes, 429 Old Pepsi Plant Rd., Princeton, 24739; 487-6772.

Tenn./Wlkr. 8-yr. mare, bay, 14.2 h; Sadlebred, 6-yr. mare, sorrel, 15.2 h, both, trail horses,

NATRC Competitive Trail Ride Clinic
April 29, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
AB Quarter Horses, LLC
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Belington, WV
April D. Sinsel, 304.614.9762
myersapril8@yahoo.com

Mules & Draft Show
May 6, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.
WV Draft Horse & Mule Assoc.
Pretzel Arena, Moyer Rd.,
Bruceton Mills, WV
Darrell Shaffer, 304.864.0526;
Karen Shaffer, 304.290.1101

Haflinger gelding, draft team, 1,400 lbs. ea., ½ brothers, broke to work & ride, \$3,000. Norman Young, 1282 Pumpkin Vine Rd., Buffalo, 25033; 937-3246.

Horse Wants

Qtr. horse stud service for a Qtr. mare, good disp. is a must, 15 h., references is a must, looking for May service; pony or sm. horse, prefer mare, kid friendly, good disp., both reasonable price. Melissa Robinson, 1389 Oil Ridge Rd., Sistrerville, 26175; 991-2547.

Job Sales

Horse boarding, 50x140 covered riding arena, daily stall cleaning, pasture, trails, on site farrier, \$380/mo. Bill Archibald, 1009 Amma Rd., Clendenin, 25045; 541-4555.

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.

Logan Giant bean seed, been in the family for over 100 yrs., \$10/100/picked up; \$12.50/100 shipped ppd. Terry Daniel, P.O. Box 27, Fairdale, 25839; 934-5471.

Seeds: old-time fat man, Logan Giant & Rattlesnake, Turkey Crow, Oct. tender hull, brown & white half runner, Oct. Bush, pole bean, more, \$13/100 seed. Betty Flanagan, 467 Ritchie Farm Rd., Summersville, 26651; 880-0135; allen.flanagan@gmail.com.

Mole or Castor beans, \$1/8 seed, SASE. Brenda Hagy, 2744 Fenwick Rd., Richwood, 26261; 846-4364.

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.

Ramps, \$50/bu.; \$5/lb. Tolby Lowe, 5029

RIVERSIDE FARMERS MARKET

Looking for Vendors for 2017

June 24, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Contact, Geoff Krause, 269-7177,
thymebistro@hotmail.com.

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David Townsend, 269-8619

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SPRING VALLEY FFA FARM EQUIPMENT CONSIGNMENT AUCTION

May 13, 10 a.m., rain or shine

Spring Valley High School

Huntington, WV

Ashley Butler, 429-1699.

Open Horse Show/Fun Show

May 13, 11 a.m.

David Stuart's Equine Therapy

Program

WV State Fairgrounds

Lewisburg, WV

Carol Lewis, 304.647.5577;

scotta@davis-stuart.org;

lewisc@davis-stuart.org

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myersapril8@yahoo.com

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

Mill Crk. Rd., Quinwood, 25981; 438-6931.

Heirloom Fatman bean seed, \$8/100, free shipping. Bruce Pennington, 1488 Loudendale Lane, Charleston, 25314; 342-1751.

Seed: pole bean, flood bean, black & purple lims, lg. bird egg, Kentucky fall, speckled Christmas limas, October tender hull, turkey crawl & more, \$12/100 seeds, all ppd. Scott Whitacre, P.O. Box 56, Bloomery, 26817; 496-8665.

Plant Wants

Seed, big yellow tomato's w/red stripe. Carol Wine, 10260 S. Calhoun Hwy., Mt. Zion, 26151; 514-4057.

Poultry Sales

No ornamental, wild or game birds; eggs.

Assort. poultry, various ages, \$6/up. Lynn Joyce, 115 Sun Valley Lane, Gap Mills, 24941; 772-5439; no sunday calls.

Muscovy ducklings, \$5/up. Martin Schaffer, 8781 Evans Rd., Leon, 25123; 895-3973.

Sheep Sales

Hamp. cross club lambs, they would be good for county or state fairs, \$250/ea. Colin Cummings, 110 Walnut St., Evans, 25241; 372-8615.

¾ **White** Dorpher/¼ Katahdin 1/17 & 2/17 ewe lambs, have been creep fed & pushed to grow, weaned & ready for pasture, Kevin Okes, 614 Blue Jay 6 Rd., Cool Ridge, 25825; 673-3308.

FS Hair sheep, Dorper/Katahdin cross, 2, ewes & 3, 2/17 lambs, \$500/or trade for bottle calves or pigs. M. Pinson, 10736 Exchange Rd., Exchange, 26619; 765-5286.

Sheep Wants

Ewe lambs, 2, prefer black, reasonable price, healthy. Melissa Robinson, 1389 Oil Ridge Rd., Sistersville, 26175; 991-2547.

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.

Saddle, Gen II Tucker (Southpass), 17.5 seat, med. tree, tooled leather, round skirt/western fender/LL, Ergo balance, brown but looks burgundy, excel. cond., \$1,599, all cash only. Lary Adams, 352 Pringle Tree Park Rd., Buckhannon, 26201; 516-0286.

Trailer, GM alum. louvered, gooseneck or 5th wheel tailgate, \$400; ½ moon, plastic, water tank, 49 gal., fits on a lg. horse trailer, hay rack or pick-up bed w/hose to fill tank from the ground, \$100. Lary Adams, 352 Pringle Tree Park Rd., Buckhannon, 26201; 516-0286.

Hay, sq. bales, mixed grass, \$3.50/bale. Leland Anderson, 1568 Ward Rd., Canvas, 26662; 872-2268.

Hay, '16, 4x4, never wet, stored in barn, limed/fert., \$25/bale: \$20/bale/+10. Greg Arnott, 771 Henry Camp Rd. St. Marys, 299-0455; gkarnott@suddenlink.net.

WV BEEKEEPERS ASSOC.

Beginning Beekeeping Classes

April 1st, 8th, & 15th, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Westover, WV

You must attend all 3 classes

Cost: \$50/single or \$70/couple

Price includes your instruction, the Penn State Beginner bekeeping class book &

a 1-yr. membership with the WV State Beekeepers Assoc.

Please register early as space is limited

Contact, Debbie Martin, 367-9488,

debbiez7@yahoo.com.

Census of Agriculture

Make Sure You Are Counted

The Census of Agriculture is a complete count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. Even small plots of land - whether rural or urban - growing fruit, vegetables or some food animals count if \$1,000 or more of such products were raised and sold, or normally would have been sold, during the Census year.

The Census of Agriculture, taken only once every five years, looks at land use and ownership, operator characteristics, production practices, income and expenditures. For America's farmers and ranchers, the Census is their voice, their future and their opportunity to be

The Census provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive and impartial agricultural data for every county in the nation. Through the Census, producers can show the nation the value and importance of agriculture, and they can help influence the decisions that will shape the future of American agriculture for years to come. By responding to the Census of Agriculture, producers are helping themselves, their communities, and all of U.S. agriculture.

Census of Agriculture data are used by all those who serve farmers and rural communities — federal, state and local governments, agribusinesses, trade associations and many others.

- Farmers and ranchers can use Census of Agriculture data to help make informed decisions about the future of their own operations.
- Companies and cooperatives use the facts and figures to determine the locations of facilities that will serve agricultural producers.
- Community planners use the information to target needed services to rural residents.
- Legislators use the numbers from the Census when shaping farm policies and programs.

Visit <https://www.agcounts.usda.gov/cgi-bin/counts/> to make sure you are counted for the 2017 Census of Agriculture.

ANNUAL SPRING CLINIC & GARDEN FAIR

May 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Harrison Co. Park & 4-H Center
Clarksburg, WV

Carla Kesling, 622-5982, ckesling@ma.rr.com.

Anatolian/Great Pyrenees 1/17 pups, they are currently on a sheep farm, \$300, taking \$100 deposits. Tony Arthur, 3432 Anna-moriah Rd., Creston, 26141; 354-7008.

Trailer, '94, Hudson, 16', flatbed, gooseneck, \$1,400. James Bellamy, 521 Jessie James Dr., Rock, 24747; 467-8433.

Hay, fresh cut, 4x5 rolls, \$35/bale; sq. bales, \$3.50/bale. Ray Blake, 1400 Johnson Ave., Ste. 1A, Bridgeport, 26330; 842-2795.

Hay, 4', round bales, located in Heaters, \$25/bale. Rochine Blake, 29 Central Ave., Buckhannon, 26201; 460-1252.

Hay, 4x4 round bales, shed kept, \$30/bale. Donald Burroughs, 2424 Pickles Fork Rd., Heaters, 765-7030.

Hay, sq. bales, mixed hay, \$2.50/bale. Denzil Cowger, 21 Hemlock Lane, Hacker Valley, 26222; 493-6591.

AKC reg. Collie pups, sabe/white, vacc./wormed, males, \$350. Kevin Cummings, 110 Walnut St., Evans, 25241; 372-8615.

Hay, 1st & 2nd cut, good quality, easy access, sq. bales, \$4/bale; 4x4, round bales, \$35/bale. Eugene Finster, 894 Indian Fork Rd., Orlando, 26412; 452-8242.

Pony wagon, Amish, made for 2 mini's or 1 lg. pony, red, band brakes, padded seat, 2, adults, 2, rear facing seats, 5, kids, excel. cond., used once w/used harness, Halfinger size, \$2,700/all. D. Fort, 1230 Allentown Rd., Gay, 25244; 927-1774.

Hay, '16, 1st cut, 4x5, round bales, fert., never wet, stored inside, easy access, will load, \$35/bale. Earl Garrett, 2151 Rush Run Rd., Weston, 26452; 269-6131.

Hay, 4x4 round bales, barn kept, never wet, fert., \$35/bale, del. avail. for additional charge. Ricky Haller, 4312 Arnolds Run Rd., Philippi, 26416; 457-4448.

Maple syrup, pure WV, \$16/qt., \$10/pt., \$6 1/2 pts. Ed Hartman, HC 72, Box 175C, New Creek, 26743; 788-1831.

Trailer, '02, Featherlite, gooseneck, 3-horse slant load, 7'6" interior ht., full length running boards, drop down feed doors, horse area has 3/4" rubber floor mats as well as walls, folding removable rear tack, \$12,000. Mary Holley, 8698 Judson Rd., Hinton, 25951; 660-7199.

Trailer, bumper pull, 2-horse w/Rumber flooring, \$1,000. Juanita Johnson, 2376 Crane Rd., Renick, 24966; 497-3146.

Rabbits, Lionhead, 6-wk. bunnies, \$15/ea. Lynn Joyce, 115 sun Valley Lane, Gap Mills, 24941; 772-5439; no Sunday calls.

Acresage: Barbur Co., 77 A., 2 mi. from downtown Philippi, 60% woods w/lg. hay meadow, pole barn, free gas, \$140,000; hay, 1st cut, 4x4, round bales, stored in barn, never wet, \$20/bale. Rosalea Kines, 6021 Union Rd., Philippi, 26416; 457-1322.

Hay wagons, 2, 8x18, \$625/ea. Richard Kinnard, 7516 Huntington Rd., Gallipolis Ferry, 25515; 675-3034.

Hay, '16, 4x4, round bales, 200, good hay, stored outside, easy access, located in Mason Co., \$20-\$35/bale/depending on quality & quantity. Thom Kirk, 112 Woodbend Cove, Winfield, 25213; 586-4116.

Trailer, stock, single axle, homemade, had loading ramp, works good for sm. animers & calves, approx. 4x8' dimensions, comes w/extra set of rims & tires, \$800. Hunter Lewis, 6367 Knobley Rd., Keyser, 26726; 813-5092.

Hay, 4x5, round bales, mix of orchard grass, timothy & clover,

limed/fert., stored in inside, \$45/bale. James Livingood, 3053 Little Sandy Rd., Bruceon Mills, 26525; 379-1026.

Rabbits, Flemish Giants, 8-wk., \$25/ea. Brenda Masters, 841 Big Run Rd., Metz, 26858; 986-1909.

Irrigation system, used electrical, 3-phase w/2 new pumps & various size containers, \$900. Wayne McBee, 1848 Stewarts Run Rd., Philippi, 26416; 457-2382.

Hay, 4x5, round bales, never wet, in barn, in Putnam Co., \$35/bale. Don Meadows, P.O. Box 514, Elenore, 25070; 545-3570.

Trailer, '13, 16', Adams bumper pull, stock, excel. cond., \$4,300. Sandy Minner, 262 Emperor Lane, Sissonville, 25320; 988-2859.

Hay, 4x4, round bales, barn kept, never wet, \$25/bale. John Olive-rio, 218 Grand Ave. Bridgeport, 26330; 669-3800.

Blue Heeler 4-mo. pups, \$150/ea. Raymond Reedy, 292 Gritt Rd., Buffalo, 25033; 937-2113.

Hay, 4x4, round bales, shed kept, never wet, \$30/bale. James Robinson, 2374 Sycamore Rd., Clarksburg, 26301; 624-4790.

Hay, Fairmont-Grafton area, round bales, orchard/clover mix, barn kept, never wet, fields limed/fert. according to WV Agricultural soil tests, easy access, will load, 1st. cut, \$20/bale. Leslie Rogers, 1020 Stadium Drive, St. Marys, 26170; 684-7133; leslie16@sudenlink.net.

Hay, 1st cut, sq. bales, \$4/up; 2nd; \$5/up; round bales, \$50/up. Patsy Sabatelli, 312 Sabatelli Dr., Mt. Clare, 26408; 622-8915.

Great Pyrenees pups, males & females, \$350/ea. Martin Schaf-fer, 8781 Evans Rod., Leon, 25123; 895-3973.

Hay, lg. round bales, mixed hay, feed or mulch, barn kept, \$10/bale. Burhl Sisler, 919 Sisler Rd., Terra Alta, 26764; 789-2658.

Trailers, Compro, stock: 16', \$5,500; 14', \$5,000, both excel. cond., Charles Smith, 94 Dogwood Trail, Napier, 26631; 765-9644.

Acresage: Greenbrier Co., 21.23 A., open land, fenced pasture, 4 A., hayfield, yr. round spring feeding water trough, barn, 15 mi. to Lewisburg, main rd. frontage, no agents, \$85,000. Cheryl Smith, Rt. 1 Box 306, Sinks Grove, 24976; llamalladysmith@gmail.com.

Aust. Shep. 2/17 pups, black tris & reds, vacc., tails docked, vet checked, males, \$200; females, \$250. Lisa Stout, 3816 Greenbrier Rd., Salem, 782-1444; by appt. only.

Hay, '16, 4x5 round bales, mixed grass, net wrapped, \$30/bale. Larry Supple, 17124 Kanawha Valley Rd., Southside, 25187; 675-2098.

Farnam livestock scales, platform type, \$350. Matt Thornhill, 854 Israel Church Rd., Montrose, 26283; 637-0988.

Hay, 4x5, round bales, stored inside & outside, '16, \$25/bale; '15, \$20/bale. Becky Wilson, 2841 Sellars Rd., Middlebourne, 26149. 758-4288.

hay, 2nd cut, 4x4, round bales, \$15/bale; alum. irrigation pipe, 1,200', 3", pipe, 9, sprinklers, \$1,200. Norman Young, 1282 Pumpkin Vine Rd., Buffalo, 25033; 937-3246.

Hand spinning fleece, white & natural colors, Border Leicester, Shetland & crosses, 1 oz - whole fleece, free-\$40. Linda Zinn, 2162 Skelton Run, Wallace, 26448; 782-3704.

Miscellaneous Wants

Old sugar cane processing equip., juice squeezer mill, sorghum mill, etc. William Schoolcraft, 5 Reynolds Ave., Elkview, 25071; 380-2776.

Grain dryer, sm., batch type, good cond, reasonably priced. Matt Thornhill, 854 Israel Church Rd., Montrose, 26283; 637-0988.

Agriculture: Food for Life

The winning essay from a WVDA-sponsored contest to celebrate National Ag Day in March. The essay is by Micah Allen, an 8th grader from Tygarts Valley Middle/High School

Agriculture. What is agriculture? Agriculture is defined in the dictionary by "the science or practice of farming." This is the initial thought about agriculture. Have you ever stopped to think about the deeper meaning of agriculture? Agriculture is literally food for life. Agriculture plays a huge role in our society. Without agriculture we would starve. Our economy would come crashing down. Our society would slowly break down bit by bit. Trying to live without agriculture could hurt our beautiful earth.

Agriculture plays a major role in providing us with food. Stop to think about it before you eat fruits and vegetables in the fridge, or the meat on the dinner table. Where did all this come from? Every person on this earth is effected positively in one way or another by agriculture. Without agriculture what would we eat? No matter how long you think about it, you will come back to the same conclusion. We would eat nothing.

Agriculture is more than just food. Think about the cotton in your clothes. It didn't just appear from space. Some farmer somewhere grew that cotton and harvested it. What about tobacco? Some farmer somewhere grew it and harvested it. Without agriculture, where would we get our food and other necessities from? Nowadays scientists can make meat in a test tube. Think about the chemicals put into that test tube to grow meat. Not only does this procedure hurt the environment but the chemicals they use are a result of agriculture in one way or another. Another problem with not having agriculture is that the economy would suffer terribly. Remember the Great Depression. The stock market went down, at the same time that terrible weather swept across the western U.S. and destroyed crops. When agriculture stopped the whole system came crashing down. What would happen now? All we have done since then is learned to rely more on agriculture. If agriculture left, our economy would come crashing down and stay like that until we got agriculture back.

Through writing the essay, I have proved to myself much further how important agriculture is. A lack of agriculture could send our entire society plummeting down to a rock hard bottom. If anyone took the time to stop and think about how agriculture affects them personally they would be truly amazed.



Winners from an agriculture poster and essay contest and their families pose with Commissioner of Agriculture Kent A. Leonhardt in his office during Ag and Conservation Day at the Legislature. Pictured, from left, are Betsy, Marley and Damian Heath of Morgan County, Commissioner Leonhardt, and Mark, Micah and Shana Allen of Randolph County.

Garden Calendar

April 2017

Source: WVU Extension Service
2016 Garden Calendar

- April 3Seed onions, beets & radishes (outdoors).
- April 4Seed basil for transplant (indoors). Plant cabbage & kohlrabi.
- April 5Plant potatoes & raspberries. Seed beets & kale (outdoors).
- April 6Seed or plant broccoli, cabbage & cauliflower (outdoors).
- April 7Seed komatsuna, plant blackberries, seed parsnips (outdoors).
- April 8Seed dill (indoors), plant fruit & hazelnut trees.
- April 10Seed shallots, plant peas & seed radishes (outdoors). Apply crabgrass control.
- April 11.....Seed leaf lettuce (outdoors).
- April 12Order sweet potato slips or bed sweet potatoes for transplanting.
- April 13Fertilize lawn. Seed or plant collards. Seed watermelons (indoors).
- April 14Start compost pile. Plant perennials.
- April 15Seed late tomatoes (indoors). Loosen mulch on strawberries.
- April 17Remove row covers from strawberries. Refresh mulch in landscape beds.
- April 18Plant peas (outdoors). Transplant leeks. Seed new lawn.
- April 19Seed chives (outdoors). Seed annual herbs.
- April 20Seed carrots. Seed Swiss chard.
- April 21Seed Asian greens. Plant sweet corn (indoors).
- April 22Plant summer flowering bulbs.
- April 24Apply pre-emergent landscape weed control.
- April 25Begin spraying fruit trees after petals fall.
- April 26Buy herb cuttings/plugs.
- April 27Seed flat-leaf parsley.