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Telling the story of
West Virginia Agriculture

▶ A butterfly alights a zinnia at Terra Romance Farm. Butterflies play a crucial role in pollinating flowers, keeping West Virginia's flower farms bright with blooms.

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Growing
a Better
Tomorrow



From the Commissioner

Another State Fair of West Virginia has come to a close, and once again, I left Lewisburg impressed by the people, livestock and agricultural traditions represented throughout the Fair.

Our youth livestock exhibitors remain one of the highlights each year. Hundreds of young people brought cattle, hogs, sheep, goats and other livestock into the show rings after spending months feeding, grooming, training and caring for their animals. What visitors see during a few minutes in the ring represents countless hours of work at home.

That hard work showed.

But the quality was not limited to our youth classes. Across the livestock barns and show rings, from junior exhibitors to open classes, the quality of animals on display was exceptional. For years, I have heard judges who travel to fairs and livestock shows across the region and nation comment on the health, condition, soundness and overall quality of the livestock exhibited in West Virginia.

Those comments matter. West Virginia is attracting national attention, and people are taking notice of the quality of livestock and agricultural production coming from our state.

Strong livestock does not happen by accident. It reflects good genetics, proper nutrition, careful management and daily attention from the farmers, families and young people responsible for those animals. The condition of the livestock at this year's Fair was a reflection of the work taking place on farms and in barns across West Virginia.

For our youth exhibitors, these projects also teach lessons that extend well beyond agriculture. They learn responsibility, patience, sportsmanship and how to handle both success and disappointment. Not everyone leaves the ring with a banner, but every exhibitor leaves with valuable experience.

As we wrap up another successful State Fair, the work of promoting agriculture continues well beyond our state's borders. I am heading to Australia and New Zealand as part of a trade mission focused on expanding opportunities for American agriculture and working to close our nation's agricultural trade deficit.

Whether we are showcasing outstanding livestock in Lewisburg or opening new markets halfway around the world, the goal is the same: create more opportunities for our farmers and strengthen agriculture for the next generation.

Kent A. Leonhardt

Commissioner of Agriculture
Kent A. Leonhardt

WVDA NEWS

NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK



Market on Main hosted Deputy Commissioner Amie Minor-Richard (second from left) during National Farmers Market Week.

Commissioner Leonhardt and Deputy Commissioner Amie Minor-Richard celebrated National Farmers Market Week (Aug. 2-8), visiting the Morgantown Farmers Market and Market on Main, in Madison. The Mountain State has more than 300 farmers markets and farm stands offering fresh produce, local meat, and value-added products. In 2024, total sales for WV farmers markets/stands reached \$17 million.

"Farmers markets benefit more than just the state's bottom line, they offer fresh food straight from the farm," said Commissioner Leonhardt. "That means you're getting nutritious products that haven't been shipped from thousands of miles away."

To find a farmers market near you, go to: <https://agriculture.wv.gov/farmers-market-search/>.



WOMEN IN AG AWARDS

Five extraordinary women were honored at the State Fair last month. They are the 2026 class of West Virginia Women in Agriculture Award recipients. They come from different backgrounds, careers, and communities, but they all have one thing in common – they are leading the way and inspiring future women in agriculture. Pictured from l to r: Michelle Wilfong, Beth Southern, Commissioner Kent Leonhardt, Kimberly Dollinger, Heather Gorman and Joslyn Noland.



RECORD-BREAKING PRODUCE

Have a tomato that tips the scale? Think your carrot is colossal? The WVDA keeps track of record-breaking produce and plants. If you've grown something that should make the list, let us know. Send a photo, weight/length, and contact info to bsouthern@wvda.us. You just might make the cut.



WINTER BLUES NORTH!

Make sure to mark December 12 on your calendar. Winter Blues North is coming to Morgantown at Mylan Park. West Virginia agribusinesses who want to take part can sign up starting Sept. 9 at <https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/>. This is a great opportunity to promote your business to shoppers from across West Virginia and neighboring states. Meanwhile, Winter Blues Charleston is set for Saturday, February 13, at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center.

CATTLE SALES

September is a busy month for feeder cattle and calf sales. Need to know who's selling when? Go to <https://agriculture.wv.gov/> for a list of sales taking place across the state.



CEDAR LAKES ARTISAN WORKSHOPS

Fall is almost here and so is the deadline to sign up for artisan workshops at Cedar Lakes Conference Center. From music to painting, needlework to working with glass, the Artisan series has something for everyone. The workshops run from October 25th-30th. To register for a workshop, go to: <https://www.cedarlakes.com/activities/craft-workshops/>. Cedar Lakes also offers lodging and meal plans for the week.

OCTOBER 25-30 (WEEK)

- All Instruments – Tish Westman
- Blacksmithing – Michael Young
- Creative Writing – Colleen Anderson
- Needle Felting – Debbie Martzall
- Stained Glass – Stephanie Danz
- Tinsmithing – Jeff Leister
- Watercolors – Debbie Lester
- Woodcarving – Bob Barris

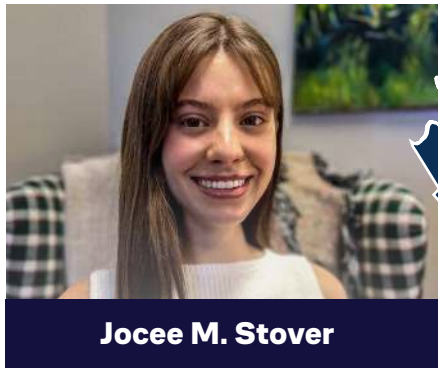
WEST VIRGINIA GROWN

Mid-Ohio Valley

Join the WV Grown Movement!

Since 1986, WV Grown has been the proud heartbeat of West Virginia agriculture, helping thousands of farmers, growers, and food producers share their products not only across our state, but nationwide. Nearly four decades later, our mission is stronger than ever: to showcase the incredible pride and quality that is Rooted in the Mountain State. Whether you're raising cattle, growing cucumbers, or producing specialty goods, the WV Grown logo tells buyers one thing loud and clear: that this product was made with care, right here at home. Every purchase strengthens our local economy and keeps West Virginia thriving. Buying WV Grown makes each of our local producers stronger. With more than 600 members, retail partners, and supporting businesses already on board, now is the perfect time to add your name to the WV Grown family. Ready to grow with us? Contact our Business Development Division at 304-558-2210 or email wvgrown@wvda.us.

WV GROWN PROGRAM COORDINATOR



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“Small businesses and family farms are more than the backbone of our local communities - they represent the hard work, resilience, independence, and innovation that have helped build America. Supporting WV Grown means supporting our neighbors, strengthening our communities, and celebrating the people who grow, create, and produce the very best of West Virginia. It's an honor to work for our state's farmers and learn from their dedication and passion.”



BEARSVILLE BEES - MEMBER OF THE Month



Joy Spencer

Who: Joy Spencer

Location: Parkersburg

Products: Beekeeping supplies (bee boxes, bee suits, hive equipment), honey, candles, lip gloss.

Where to Buy: Bearsville Bees (314 Jewel Rd., Parkersburg), The Newbees Store, The Honeybee Stand, Body Elements, James IGA, Wood Worx Vendor Mall, online at bearsvillebees.com

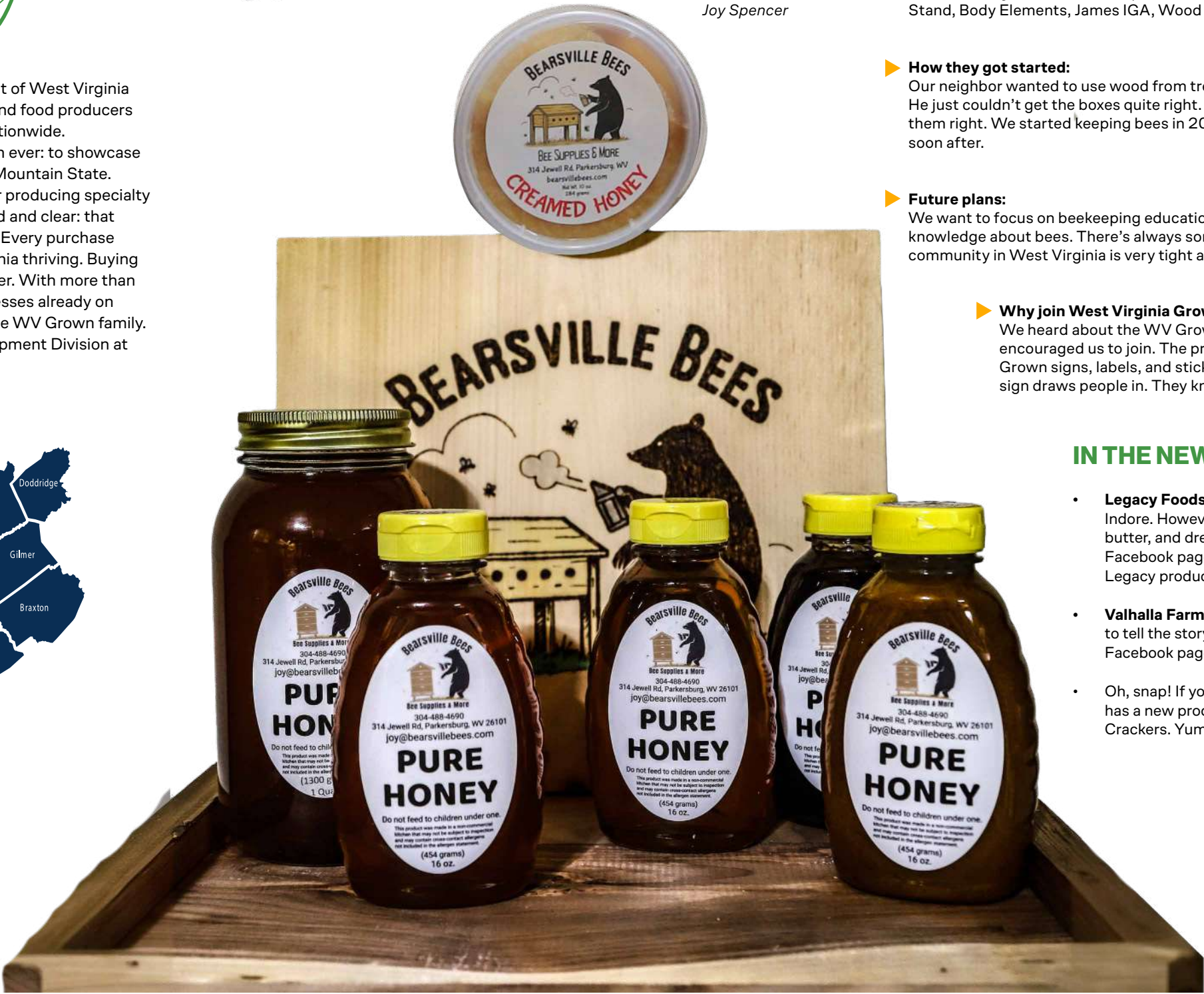
How they got started:
Our neighbor wanted to use wood from trees my father planted 75 years ago to make bee boxes. He just couldn't get the boxes quite right. So, we started learning and testing out boxes until we got them right. We started keeping bees in 2016 and selling our products to beekeepers across the state soon after.

Future plans:
We want to focus on beekeeping education and classes. It's important to spread the word and the knowledge about bees. There's always something new to learn about honeybees. The beekeeping community in West Virginia is very tight and we like to help each other.

Why join West Virginia Grown?
We heard about the WV Grown program from State Apiarist Shanda King. She encouraged us to join. The program has benefitted us in so many ways. We use the WV Grown signs, labels, and stickers. When we go to international shows, that WV Grown sign draws people in. They know our products are top-notch.

IN THE NEWS

- Legacy Foods** has decided to close its brick-and-mortar store in Indore. However, they still plan to sell their delicious jams/jellies, apple butter, and dressings at retailers around the state. Keep an eye on their Facebook page for more details and where you can purchase your favorite Legacy products.
- Valhalla Farm** products have a new look! They've updated their labels to tell the story of their farm. Check them out on the Valhalla Farm Facebook page and let them know which one you like best!
- Oh, snap! If you're craving something to snack on, **Stirring Spirit Farm** has a new product to try - Everything Bagel Seasoning Sourdough Crackers. Yummy!



HONORARY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE DAY

One of the highlights of the State Fair of West Virginia for Commissioner Kent Leonhardt is hosting the Honorary Commissioner of Agriculture for the Day program. The Commissioner started the program in 2017 and has since hosted young men and women from across West Virginia interested in agriculture, leadership, and how state government works. This year, three youngsters were selected to join the Commissioner for a day at the State Fair. They toured the fairgrounds, met members of the WVDA staff to learn about their duties, attended meetings and events, and asked a lot of great questions. Meet our 2026 Honorary Commissioners of Agriculture for the Day.



Elliott Meadows | Age 13
Eleanor (Putnam Co.)

Elliott is a member of 4-H and loves forestry. One of his 4-H projects, focusing on tree and leaf identification, was on display at the Cecil Underwood Building at the State Fair of West Virginia. He and several classmates wrote a grant this year and received funding to help update the greenhouse at George Washington Elementary School.



Jaden Richmond | Age 17
Shady Spring (Raleigh Co.)

Jaden is a senior at Shady Spring High School where she serves as President of their FFA chapter. She's looking forward to college where she plans to study livestock production and management. She also helps out on the family farm where they raise feeder cattle.



Alyza DeGarmo | Age 10
Buckhannon (Upshur Co.)

Alyza loves animals. This was her first year showing at the State Fair. She introduced Commissioner Leonhardt to her Boer goat Clementine. She also raises rabbits and helps around the family farm with the chickens and goats. She is a member of the Frenchton Bobcats 4-H club.



MOUNTAIN STATE

National Agricultural Statistics Service
West Virginia Field Office in cooperation with West Virginia Department of Agriculture
Kent Leonhardt, Commissioner | Alissa Cowell-Mytar, State Statistician

Reporter

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

- ▶ **Commercial red meat production** in West Virginia during June 2026 totaled 800,000 pounds. This was up 8 percent from June 2025.
- ▶ **Commercial cattle slaughter** totaled 1,089,000 pounds live weight, up 25 percent from June 2025. Cattle slaughter totaled 800 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 92 pounds from the previous year, at 1,290 pounds.
- ▶ **Commercial hog slaughter** totaled 136,000 pounds live weight, down 12 percent from June 2025. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 7 pounds from the previous year, at 279 pounds.

AUGUST CROP PRODUCTION

- ▶ In West Virginia - **All other hay production** (excluding alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures) is forecast at 1,040,000 tons, up 20,000 tons from 2025. The area harvested is expected to total 650,000 acres, up 50,000 acres from the previous year. Average yield per acre is forecast at 1.60 tons, down .10 ton per acre from 2025.
- ▶ **To look for West Virginia Statistics, visit our webpage: USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service - West Virginia**

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WV AGRIBUSINESS FALL FARMS



Black Cat Pumpkin Patch - Morgantown
Brookedale Farm - Fort Ashby
Butcher Family Farm - Washington
Cherry Brook Farm - Mount Storm
Cody's Pumpkin Patch - New Cumberland
Cooper Family Farms - Milton
Cunningham Place Greenhouse - Upper Tract
CW's Corn Maze and Pumpkin Patch - Cass
Edge of Town Farm Market - Bridgeport
Green Acres Farm - Rock Cove
Gritt's Farm - Buffalo
The Hanna Farmstead - Gap Mills
Hazel Run Flower Farm - Bruceton Mills
Higson's Farm - Wiley Ford
Horseshoe Heaven on Smith Farm - Scott Depot
MJW Farm - Burlington
Okes Family Farms - Cool Ridge
Old McDonald's Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze - Inwood
Orr's Farm Market - Martinsburg
Pappy Jack's Pumpkin Patch - Shinnston
Rosemary's Pumpkins and Pines - Asbury
Seeds of Grace Acres - Augusta

Sunset Berry Farm - Alderson
Sunset View Farms - Ballard
Synder Farms - Huttonsville
The Patch at Norman Farms - Lost Creek
The Pumpkin Patch - Spencer
Town & Country Nursery - Kearneysville
Wild Goats Farm - Clarksburg

Want to be added to our list?
Contact Agritourism@wvda.us | wvgrown@wvda.us or 304-558-2210



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ATTENTION!



If you're a West Virginia agribusiness with a holiday event,
OR have a Christmas tree farm, let us know!
We want to tell folks all about it!

CONTACT THE WVDA AT AGRITOURISM@WVDA.US WITH YOUR INFORMATION.

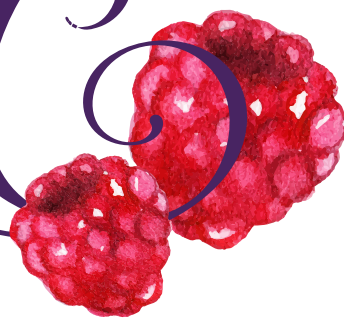


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Year
of the
Woman
Farmer



BERRY ROMANTIC



TERRA
ROMANCE
FARM

► Katherine Kapo traded in the 9-5 to start Terra Romance Farm. Nestled along the Middle Fork in southern Jackson County, she's turned the old homestead into a blooming agribusiness.

Take a girl from the city (Charleston), a 45-acre farm in rural West Virginia (southern Jackson County), add in a lot of love, and what do you get? Terra Romance Farm. Katherine Kapo and her husband Rob Passmore knew it was meant to be when they saw the property, on the Middle Fork, was up for auction.

"That was the sign," Katherine says. "At the time, I was working a desk job from home and wanted something different. I was, like, 'OK. This is it. Let's see where this goes.'"

The couple placed a bid and, by 2019, the farm became theirs.

The historic homestead was a working farm for generations. However, it had been years since the land was actively farmed.

"I have a picture of the farm field and what it looked like when we got the place. The first thing I said was, 'We need a tractor,'" laughs Katherine.

In fact, the farm needed a lot of work and a name.

"The farm is in the Romance area of Jackson County. There was a post office that used to be up the road, and I'd heard people would mail cards and letters from there around Valentine's Day so they would be postmarked from Romance. It's a special kind of place. We wanted to bring a little bit of that nostalgia to the farm," says Katherine. "Terra means land and romance is a love story. It just fit."

Katherine quit her day job the year after

buying the farm. She was able to spend more time with her two young children and gradually make the farm her new focus.

"We spent the first year getting our bearings, clearing a small field near the river, and deciding what we wanted to do with the property," Katherine recalls.

Wild raspberries can be found in abundance up and down the Middle Fork. Katherine, who has a PhD in environmental science, decided to work with a crop that already had roots on the farm.

"Raspberries were the first crop I decided to grow," says Katherine. "I thought, 'Everybody loves raspberries. Let's try that.'"

She decided to plant an early summer crop and a late summer crop of raspberries to maximize her yield.

"The early crop of raspberries come from the canes that overwintered. The late summer crop come from the new canes that grow up in the spring and are ready to harvest in early August," she explains. "It's been a learning experience to figure out how to keep them healthy and how to harvest."

Her first crop of berries, planted in 2020, produced a modest harvest but enough to sell through Turnrow Appalachian Marketplace, a West Virginia online farmers market.

"Since then, I've just been adding rows. The varieties that aren't doing well, I take out and try something new," says Katherine. "Raspberry plantings take 2-3 years

to really start producing. By the time the plants are five or more years old, they're getting close to being cycled back out."

The next item on her farm bucket list was pasture-raised chickens. Originally, the eggs were just for the family's personal use, but Katherine soon decided to add to her flock and sell eggs.

"Rob built a mobile chicken coop. We worked hard to integrate the chickens with the farm. We move the tractor coops around based on what's going on around the farm and the best grazing situation. We've gone through many iterations of mobile chicken coops. Rob likes to make modifications every couple of years and design a new, improved version," Katherine says with a smile.

The chickens serve several purposes. The eggs go to market, the chickens love to eat the raspberries that aren't market quality, and their manure is used to fertilize the raspberry plants in the fall.

The next ag-venture for Katherine was flowers.

"I was interested in doing a small-scale u-pick. It adds an agritourism element to the farm. We timed the flowers to bloom when the raspberries are ripe. We have a ton of native pollinators – bees, butterflies, moths."

In 2024, Katherine added a high tunnel to the mix. And in 2025, the farm received a grant through the West Virginia Food and Farm Coalition. The grant and the high tunnel gave her the opportunity to branch out.

“I put our raspberry field transplants into the high tunnel. We bring those out in the spring and plant them in our fields. Some of our flowers get their start in the high tunnel. I’m also container-growing thyme, rosemary, and lavender, plants that need different soil from West Virginia wet clay found in our fields.”

Terra Romance now offers fresh raspberries (in season), herbs, edible flowers, cut flowers, baked goods, farm-fresh eggs, and freeze-dried raspberries and basil.

Katherine admits owning and operating a small farm hasn’t been an easy row to hoe.

“Nature fights back every year with a vengeance. We’ve dealt with floods and drought. Sometimes nature wins and sometimes we get ahead. The minute

you think you have it figured out, you learn very soon Mother Nature is going to teach you a lesson,” says Katherine. “This year, for example, I had some new raspberry plants in the high tunnel. They got zapped in the extreme heatwave we had in early July. Luckily, they’re recovering. That’s been part of the learning process. You don’t pay attention one day and a heatwave almost wipes out your plants.

“I didn’t grow up on a farm, so, I’m learning as I go. I have an attitude where I know to expect and accept the unexpected. You need to have a Plan B and Plan C, and none of those may work out. But man, sometimes Plan A does work, and that is awesome!”

She’s also discovered a group of supportive farmers and friends who she can reach out to, ask questions, and count on good advice.

Katherine’s environmental sciences background has also helped along the way. “One thing that is very important to me is being eco-conscious here on the farm. I don’t use pesticides or chemical fertilizers. When it comes to prepping the field, it’s either low or no till. My packaging is compostable. I do very deliberate habitat conservation. We keep milkweed growing for Monarch butterflies and other native plants to encourage wildlife. The pollinators do a great job for us. The least we can do is be good to them. It comes down to whole farm management and being a responsible caretaker of this land.”

Another critical part of the farm is Rob.

“I call him my tractor specialist,” laughs Katherine. “He helps around the farm whenever there’s a need. He’s an important part of this adventure. He’s not originally from around here but he loves this farm and he loves West Virginia as much as I do, a ninth-generation West Virginian.”

So, what does the future hold for Terra Romance Farm?

“Rob and I have been working on the old farmhouse that came with the property. My vision is to market the house as a farm stay. It’s a way to let visitors experience this beautiful place. It won’t just be a bed and breakfast; it will be a place where people can stay and experience a working farm.”

“This is a small farm, so, we’re always going to be small scale. I think that intimate setting is something people enjoy.”

Katherine Kapo | Terra Romance Farm

The farm also includes 15-20 acres of mature forest.

“We’ve done some trial runs of making black walnut syrup. We are currently building a pavilion using wood sourced from an old barn on the property. That will give us the space to host group events like cycling clubs that pass through this way or farm-to-table meals,” says Katherine. “We also just got some Nigerian dairy goats. The goal is to have them help clear our trails. It’s a whole silviculture program to get the farm in shape.”

Currently, Terra Romance Farm products are sold at New Roots Community Farm Market in Fayetteville and General Steak & Seafood, in Charleston. The farm also offers direct sales for restaurants and special events. And coming later this season, Katherine plans to open a small farmstand and hopes to have a bigger setup for the 2027 growing season.

“Sometimes when I’m working on the farm, I look around and think how lucky I am to get to be here and do what I love. This is such a beautiful place. As with all love stories, there have been some hard times. Even when things are bad, I’ll look over and see a plant coming up from the earth.

Sharing this farm with others, welcoming people to visit, it’s a way to create something lasting.”

To learn more about Terra Romance Farm, go to: <https://terraromance-farm.com/>.

Terra Romance Farm grows raspberries, herbs, and flowers. They also sell fresh eggs from their own hens.

LAVENDER SHORT BREAD COOKIES

► **BLACKTHORN LAVENDER**

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One of our favorite recipes, lavender shortbread cookies, was given to us by a friend and retired fellow lavender grower. Lavender shortbread is a classic recipe that has graced the tables of British royalty. These cookies are quick and easy to make and taste great, of course. The dough can be made in advance and frozen until you are ready to bake a batch.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp. culinary lavender buds*
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 tsp. lavender extract (optional)
- ½ tsp. salt
- 2 cups flour

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Cream butter and sugar. Mix in extract(s), salt, and lavender buds. Add flour in increments until well mixed. If mixture is too dry, add 1 Tbsp. of water.
2. Take teaspoonful of dough and roll into 1 inch ball. Roll ball in sugar. Place on cookie sheet and flatten with bottom of glass (dip the glass in sugar to prevent sticking), or make a log of the dough, refrigerate and slice and bake.
3. Bake for 18-20 mins. until you see just a hint of brown on the edges. Makes approximately three dozen cookies.

*It is important to use culinary grade lavender when cooking. Blackthorn Lavender offers a variety of gourmet culinary lavender buds, and they are available year round.



FARMING HERITAGE Award

Congratulations to Henderson Family Farm, the 2026 Farming Heritage Award recipient! Sponsored by the WV Farm Bureau and the State Fair of West Virginia, the Farming Heritage Award recognizes a West Virginia farm family whose dedication to agriculture and commitment to carrying on the farming tradition exemplifies the very best of our state’s agricultural heritage.

Founded in 1918 by Daniel and Rachel Henderson on 125-acres in eastern Wetzel County, the farm now spans 1,374 acres and includes Angus cattle, sheep, swine, laying hens, and hay production. The third, fourth, and fifth generation of Hendersons continue to farm the



land and support their community. Photographed are: (beside rock) Maxine Yost and Oakley Yost. (L to R back row) Commissioner Kent Leonhardt, Linda Henderson, Howard Henderson, Annaliese Henderson-Yost, (holding Sage Yost) Clinton Yost, and WV Farm Bureau President Charles Wilfong.

FFA LEADERSHIP Team



West Virginia FFA elected a new leadership team during their state convention in July, at Cedar Lakes Conference Center. These young men and women will spend

the next 10 months traveling the state, meeting with FFA members and chapters, leading workshops, and helping the organization grow. Congratulations to all of you! Front row, (l to r): Northwestern VP Sophie Layman, President Levi Knapp, Eastern VP Jocelyn Sherman. Back row: Southeastern VP Grant Michael, North Central VP Gracie Burdette, Secretary RandiJo Wolford, Southwestern VP Bailey Raynes, Central VP Lexi Mitchell, and Northeastern VP Ike Jones.

SEPTEMBER WVU GARDEN CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Order spring-flowering bulbs	Seed spinach Plant crocus Build a high tunnel or cold frame	Harvest primocane blackberries and raspberries	Dig late potatoes Turn compost Renovate lawn or reseed bare spots ☀ Last Quarter	Seed cover crop to improve soil health Prepare root cellar
6	7 Labor Day Seed lettuce for fall crop Plant fall turnips	8 Divide peonies Seed carrots in high tunnel or cold frame	9 Harvest early pumpkins Don't let weeds go to seed	10 Plant hardy evergreens 🌕 New Moon	11 Patriot Day Seed bunching onions in a cold frame	12 Control broadleaf weeds in lawn Harvest peppers
13 Plant garden mums Begin 14 hours of darkness to turn color of poinsettias	14	15 Begin pumpkin harvest Seed lettuce in high tunnel	16 Transplant winter sprouting broccoli	17 Repot houseplants Seed fall spinach	18 Harvest early-planted sweet potatoes ☀ First Quarter	19 Plant shallots and potato onions
20 Water young trees and shrubs during dry periods	21	22 Plant elephant garlic Seed salad greens in high tunnel Autumn Begins	23 Plant hyacinths Harvest storage onions	24 Bring rosemary plants indoors before frost	25 Seed carrots in high tunnel or cold frame	26 Save heirloom tomato seeds 🌑 Full Moon
27 Seed leeks for overwintering in cold frame	28	29	30 Harvest seeds from wildflowers and place in cool, dry storage			

West Virginia University Extension creates and distributes free garden calendars each year. Stop by your local WVU Extension office to get a copy (while supplies last).

SEPTEMBER 2026 CLASSIFIED ANNOUNCEMENTS

► **To submit an ad:**
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Email: marketbulletin@wvda.us
Mail: 1900 Kanawha Boulevard, E. Charleston, WV 25305

October 2026. . .

Phone-In ads for the **October** issue must be received by **12 noon** on **Monday, September 14.**

Written ads for the **October** issue must be received by **1 p.m. on, Tuesday, September 15.**

November 2026. . .

Phone-In ads for the **November** issue must be received by **12 noon** on **Monday, October 12.**

Written ads for the **November** issue must be received by **1 p.m. on, Tuesday, October 13.**

To subscribe to *The Market Bulletin*, email marketbulletin@wvda.us or phone 304-558-3708.

Apiary Events

Barbour Co. Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting, 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m.,* Barbour Co. Fairgrounds in metal quonset hut, Contact Dave Hunt, 304-844-0702.

Cabell/Wayne Co. Beekeepers Assoc., *Bi-Monthly Meetings, 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m.,* Jan/March/May/July/Sept./Nov., Contact John Marra, 304-617-6981.

Clay Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Contact Mark Davis, 304-651-3002; claycobeekeepers@gmail.com.

Eastern Panhandle Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting, 1st Monday, 7:00 p.m.,* Kearneysville Research, Education & Outreach Center, Contact, Linda Layne, 201-819-7497; llayne53@gmail.com.

Fayette Co. Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting, last Monday, 6:00 p.m.,* Presbyterian Church, 401 W. Maple Ave., Contact Rick Forren, 304-539-1303.

Harrison Co. Beekeepers, *Discussion Group,* Contact Larry Forinash 304-669-5410; lforinash1@gmail.com

Kanawha Valley Beekeepers Assoc., *Bi-Monthly Meeting,* Contact Rick Armstrong, 304-553-1923.

Marion Co. Beekeepers Assoc., *Meeting, 4th Thursday, 6 p.m.,* Eldora United Methodist Church, Contact Contact Deb Hockenberry, 304-612-4327.

Monongalia Co. Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting, 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.,* WVU Ext. Office, 270 Mylan Park Lane, Morgantown, Contact Kevin Hart, kevin.hart@moncountymbeekeepers.org.

Mountaineer Beekeepers Assoc., *Bi-Monthly Meeting, 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m.,* City Bldg. on School Rd, Contact Patrick O'Connell, oconnellpatrick0370@gmail.com.

Mountaineer Beekeepers Assoc., *Discussion Meeting, 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m.,* Doddridge Co. Library, downstairs meeting room, Union, Contact Patrick O'Connell, oconnellpatrick0370@gmail.com.

Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m.,* Romney Firehouse Center, High St., Downtown Romney, Contact Kirby Vining, 202-213-2690; secretary.phba@gmail.com.

Preston Co. Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting, 3rd Thursday, WVU Ext. Office, Kingwood, Contact Scott Lewis, 304-376-0453.*

Southeastern Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting, 1st Monday, 6:00 p.m.,* Ascend Bldg., 744 Court St., Lewisburg, Contact Rick Forren, 304-539-1303.

Upshur Co. Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting, 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.,* Upshur Co. Farm Bureau Bldg. on Rt. 33 between Buckhannon & Weston, terriobennett@gmail.com.

West Central Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting, 4th Saturday, 1 p.m.,* Two Runs Community Bldg., Two Runs.

All bee colonies must be registered with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. Please contact the Animal Health Division at 304-558-2214.

Apiary Sales

Honeybees, 10-frame hives/supers, \$400/ea.; nuc hive, \$120; 2-frame honey extractor, \$100; 6-frame motorized honey extractor, \$500; used frames, \$1/ea.; used supers, \$10; more. Clarence Dawson, 436 Durham St., Sistersville, 26175; 304-401-3128.

Cattle Sales

Red Poll/Dexter black polled 3/26 bull calves: \$2,000/obo; \$2,250/obo, both weaned, good feeders, will be ready to breed for easy birthing med. framed calves in May; milking shorthorn/dexter black shorthorned 8/25 heifer, big & beautiful, mother is a good milker & will nurse many calves, \$2,400; registrable Dexter 3/35 heifer, \$2,500; Dexter Red Poll/black polled 3/26 heifer, \$2,500, all vacc./wormed. Maia Brossard, 1072 Clay Judson Rd., Alderson, 24910; 919-523-4418.

Angus 4-yr. bull, proven breeder, \$3,100. Jeff Cummings, 72 Statler Run Rd., Fairview, 26570; 304-680-6810.

Reg. Limousin, Lim-Flex breeding age bulls, passed BSE, vacc., GE EPD's & pref. info avail., good disp., \$5,000. Kim Getz, 122 Dolly Hill Rd., Scherr, 26726; 304-749-8043.

Zebu mini young bulls, \$1,000. Bob Gibson, 1881 Dog Fork Rd., Kenna, 25248; 304-988-1532.

Zebu, expectionally hardy, heat tolerant, low maintenance, perfect for sm. acreage, hobby farms or expanding your herd, \$1,000/ea. Paul Gunnoe, 9 Johnstone Rd., South Charleston, 25309; 304-389-0998.

Pure Black Angus heifers: 6, '24; 6, "25, \$3,000/ea./all 12 \$30,000. Clark Humphreys, 7217 Indian Mills Rd., Peterstown, 24963; 304-753-9990.

Reg. Polled Hereford 6-mo. -8-mo. heifers, Trust & Boyd FT Knox blood, \$2,000. Mike Isner, 1951 Sand Run Rd, Philippi, 402-416-4234.

Pure/& or reg. Black Angus heifers for sale @ weaning time, currently w/dam, \$1,750/up. Rob Jiranek, 161 Tolley Lane, Pence Springs, 24963; 434-989-4602.

Black Angus steers, 2, grain fed, \$3,000. Mick McClain, 11376 Meathouse Fork Rd., Salem, 26426; 304-782-1729.

Reg. mini polled 7-yr. bull, good breed/disp., \$2,000. Jay Pierce, 6515 Waynesburg Pike Rd., Moundsville, 26041; 304-780-8033.

Reg. Angus 20-mo. bulls sired by Blue Collar,

excel. EPD's, calving ease & seman checked, \$5,500. Dwayne O'Dell, 829 Lefthand Rd., Amma, 25005; 304-565-9301.

Pure reg. Black Gelvbieh bulls, \$2,900. Roger Simmons, 309 Coaxley Ridge Rd., Harrisville, 26362; 304-628-3618.

Reg. Red Angus yrlg. bulls, parent verified w/perf. data & DNA enhanced EPDs & \$Profit profiles, excel. disp., cert./accred. herd tested PI & genetic defect free, \$3,000/up. Dan Stickel, 1401 Kincheloe Rd., Jane Lew, 26378; 304-545-767

Reg. Black Angus fall '25 bulls & heifers, Verracious, GAR Hometown, Rito blood, calving ease genetics, \$3,500. J. Taylor, 875 Jim Kennedy Rd., Fairmont, 26554; 681-385-8126.

Equipment Sales

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

Cattle chute & head gate, \$3,200. Joanie Anderson, 845 Zeb Haught Rd., Wadestown, 26590; 304-662-6798.

H&S AR10 wheel rake, good cond., \$6,000. Mark Bishoff, 2096 Centenary Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 304-379-7482.

Befco 200-512 3-pt. hitch post hole digger & 9" auger, excel. cond., \$900. Matt Call, 5073 Rt. 20 S. Rd., Buckhannon, 26201; 304-657-1216.

MF: '74 135 tractor, ps, 2-stage clutch, good tires/brakes, \$5,500; 41 sickle mower, 7', \$1,000; brush hog, 5', \$600; Felton 5½' disc mower, excel. cond., \$3,200; 2 tire chains, 28", \$200. William Canterbury, 80 Canterbury Lane, Fayetteville, 25840; 304-469-6810.

Hay spears: 2, 3-pt. hitch & 1 mounts on the bucket of a tractor, \$150/ea. Darrell Cooper, 181 Cooper Hollow Rd., Hinton, 25951; 810-869-9215.

Bush hog 2247 QT Rotor, 5' bucket on a Massey 1039 tractor, \$1,200. David Cox, 3535 George Washington Hwy., Tunnelton, 26444; 304-892-4690.

Brown 6', 3-pt. hitch, exteme heavy duty brush hog, 1,000 rpm PTO, hyd. flip up rear deck, needs 80 hp tractor to run, \$2,500; Leon 10' front mounted dozer blade, does not angle, was on a JD 4250 4 WD, \$2,500; Kuhn GF22T 2-Star hay tedder, excel. cond., all original teeth, \$2,500; NH 256 hay rake, spring mounted teeth, excel. cond., \$2,000. Eric Cunningham, 2862 Stewartstown Rd., Morgantown, 26508; 304-282-5194.

Ferguson '52 TO30 4 cyl. tractor, needs 2 tires, ran perfectly in '06, stored inside last 20-yrs., body in exel. cond., comes w/King Kutter brush hog, \$1,000/firm. Richard Dunbar, 3633 SR 34 Winfield, 25213; 304-545-7134.

Woods BH80 3-pt. hitch backhoe attachment for farm tractor, less than 10 hrs., \$5,000. Dwight Easter, 3491 Elgood Rd., Princeton, 24739; 304-384-5070.

Kubota L3240 tractor 4 WD w/loader, backhoe & awning, 1,836 hrs., stored in dry, \$18,000/obo; NH sq. baler Hayline 273, guaranteed to work & tie, \$1,500/obo. Gary Elmore, 2523 Charles Booth Rd., Sinks Grove, 24976; 304-667-8254.

Moldboard MPH216 plows, 2, 16" bottom, Cat 1 3-pt. hitch, shed kept, excel. cond., \$400. Randy Harvey, 287 Cloverfield Lane, Lewisburg, 24901; 304-647-4135.

Farmall A tractor w/original manuals, restored in 2012 to excel. cond., good tires, belt pully, pneumatic lift system does not work, unassembled 2-way plow, shed kept, \$3,000. Jim Hileman, 401 Park Ave., Middlebourne, 26149; 304-758-4345.

Farmall A '50 tractor, \$3,000. Dale Holyman, 1925 Nichols Mill Rd., Ronceverte, 24970; 304-772-3939.

Hay tedder, 2 basket, 3-pt lift, \$400. Dwight Huffman, 7976 Blue Lick Rd., Greenville, 24945; 540-726-7577.

Grain elevator, 16', elec. motor, good cond., \$1,650. Clark Humphreys, 7217 India Mills Rd., Peterstown, 24963; 304-753-9990.

Farmall B 2 seat tractor, good tires/cond, \$3,000. Mike Keller, 217 Walter St., Ripley, 25271; 304-372-3917; 304-514-9711.

NH 56 side del. rake, \$750; tedder, pull behind, \$750; Ferguson dbl. plow, \$350; Int'l '57 B250, diesel, good sheet metal, \$1,500; JD '67 TEN, 4-cyl., gas, good tires/paint, \$2,500. Robert King, 325 Robert Lane, Evans, 25241; 304-532-4790.

Ford: '70's 3000 tractor, \$3,000; heavy duty pickup disc from 4000 610 tractor, \$1,100; Blue 501 mowing machine, \$500; MF 2 bottom plows, \$300. Danny Meadows, 1497 White Tree Hill Rd., Ballard, 24918; 304-646-0400.

Minos 554 C hay tedder, hyd. fold out, 4 spool, \$4,500/obo. Clarence Mount, 149 Dunfee Rd., Lesage, 25537; 304-762-2565.

JD 2305 tractor w/manuals, 783 hrs. w/mower, bucket, tiller & blade, shed kept, \$12,500. K.M. Noss, 566 Mt. Nebo Rd., Albright, 26519; 304-379-6744.

NH '07 TT60, 60 hp farm tractor, 1,100 hrs., good cond., \$18,500. Homer Plumley, 351 Plumley Mtn. Rd., Shady Spring, 25918; 304-573-8799.

Zeter older model tractor w/bucket, hay pick & road grader, good cond., \$11,000/obo. Donna Samples, 1272 Green Knoll Dr., South Charleston, 25309; 681-385-8126.

Ford 1057 tractor w/implements, 601 Workmaster, good cond., needs tires, \$2,500. Betty Shaffer, 792 Sheba Lane, Elkview, 25071; 304-965-2255; 681-317-4502.

NI manure spreader, 180 bu., dbl. beater, \$4,700; MF 3-pt. hitch, \$800. Bob Shaffer, 1788 Campground Rd., Tunnelton, 26444; 304-568-2579.

JD '13: 4 WD, 65 hp tractor, 140 hrs., excel. cond., \$32,000; 2 WD, 55 hp w/loader, \$18,000; 450 dozer, 6,000 hrs., ready to work, \$35,000. Charles Smith, 94 Dog Wood Trails, Napier, 26631; 304-452-8821; 304-678-8821.

Gravely walk behind tractor, strap start, 30" mowers, 2 blades, dual wheels, chain, trailer hitch & rotary plow, \$175. Harold Stump, 267 Pioneer Lane, Charleston, 25312; 304-984-1329.

Equipment Wants

MF 135 industrial side mower. Darrel Frazier, 3045 Newark Rd., Elizabeth, 26143; 304-481-7391.

Goat Sales

Kiko 2-yr. -7-yr. does, excel. mothers, closed herd, CDT & Lepto vacc., \$300/ea., all are horned. Nicki Arcangeli, 498 Big Stoney Crk. Rd., Talcott, 24981; 304-660-8253.

Billys 1 traditional, 2 Savannah & 1 spot Boer, all 9-mo., \$400/ea. Brenda Johnson, 535 Mt. Pisgah Rd., Elk Garden, 26717; 304-446-5422.

Boer 4/26 buck kids, black spotted, all red, would make good herd sires, \$200/up. Justin McClain, 2853 Dry Fork Rd., Salem, 26426; 304-782-3983.

Spanish/ Kiko 4/26 buckling, black/white,

glean healthy herd, sire is easy keeper, \$175. Eric Napier, 6954 Whites Crk. Rd., Wayne, 25570; 304-544-9742.

Kiko 3/26 bucklings after weaning, \$200/ea. Wade Stiltner, 213 Short Cut Branch Rd., Fort Gay, 25514; 304-272-5049.

ADGA Nigerian Dwarf 10-mo. buck, disbudded, blue eyes, vacc./wormed, broke to lead, good disp., \$250/up. Mary Wolfe, 1430 Tribble Rd., Leon, 25123; 304-458-1992; leslie.wolfe@frontier.com.

Goat Wants

Young bucks in north central WV to breed by Alpine/Saanen does, reasonable price. Susan Prick, 131 Stiles Fork Rd., Metz, 26585; 304-816-1128.

Hog Sales

Berkshire ¼ Mangalitsa 8-mo. boarling, ready to breed, \$1,000. Don Meredith, 111 Meredith Hill Rd., Wheeling, 26003; 304-639-2683.

Horse Sale

Mini donkeys in need of good home, perfect, low maintenance addition to your farm, excel. disp./companion animals, \$1,000. Paul Gunnoe, 9 Johnstone Rd., South Charleston, 25309; 304-389-0998.

Poultry Sales

Peafowl, 1-yr., 3, males, India Blue, \$100-\$150/ea. Becky Bonds, 5839 Howell Mill Rd., Ona, 25545; 304-963-0694.

Roosters: 1-yr, red & black banty, good breeder; grey barred sapphire/dominique cross & black barred w/red & olive isa/dominiques cross, all \$5/ea. Maia Broussard, 1072 Clayton Judson Rd., Alderson, 24910; 919-523-4418.

Sheep Sales

Katahdin breeding: 2-yr. -5-yr. ewes, \$150; lambs, \$200; Katahdin x Romanov, \$250; slaughter lambs, \$150. Chuck Bradley, 693 Little Laurel Rd., Meadow Bridge, 25976; 304-994-2652.

Katahdin 4/26 ewe & ewe lambs, \$250. Joe Shackelford, 318 Autumn Glory Rd., Weston, 26453; 304-406-8267.

Katahdin/Dorper cross 5-mo. rams, black w/dark hooves, CD&T vacc., parasite resistant, \$250/ea. Ronnie Vance, P.O. Box 244 Seneca Rock, 26884; 304-567-2618.

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 will be accepted.

Hay: '23 sq. bales, \$5/baleout of barn; 4x5 round bales, net wrapped, \$35/bale. Bob Alexander, 5059 Plain Valley Rd., Letart, 25253; 304-544-7690.

Apple butter kettle, 30-gal. w/stand, \$1,000/obo. Bee Baldwin, 696 Shoestring Trail, Crawley, 24931; 304-520-2737.

Hay orchard grass/timoty/clover, stored inside: 4x5 round bales, \$40/bale; sq. bales, \$8/bale. Darrell Bennett, 16711 N. SR 20, Meadow Bridge, 25976; 304-660-6055; 304-660-8215.

Great Pyrenees/Husky cross 4-yr. dog, neutered/vacc., good disp., cannot be around livestock, fenced yard is best, \$100. Sarah Bowers, PO Box 1199, Franklin, 26807; 304-668-2955.

Trailer, flatbed, 6½'x16', soft treated lumber on the floor, bumper pull, 2 axels w/brakes, good cond., \$1,500. Darrell Cooper, 184 Cooper Hollow Rd., Hinton, 25951; 810-869-9215.

AKC Collie 9-mo. male; CKC 9-mo. female, vacc./wormed, both Old Lassie Collie, sable & white, \$200/ea. Kevin Cummings, 110 Walnut St., Evans, 25241; 304-372-8615.

Feed troughs, 5, concrete, 8', \$225/ea.; dump bed for 8' pickup or flat bed w/elec hoist, stored in dry, \$1,500/obo. Gary Elmore, 2523 Charles Booth Rd., Sinks Grove, 24976; 304-667-8254.

Hay, 500, 1st cut timothy, very clean, never wet, back up & load in hay bldg., hay lift if needed, \$8/bale. Linwood Hamilton, 90 Stable Ridge Rd., Charleston, 25312; 304-543-4142.

Metal barrels w/lids, 55-gal., food grade, \$25; Cory, 18' 10-tom hay wagon, steel beam w/sliding tongue, \$3,000. Max High, 8508 Patterson Crk. Rd., 304-851-0401.

Trailer, '16, 4 Star 2 horse, all alum., bumper pull, rear tack, dressing rm., excel. cond., \$11,500. Dwight Huffman, 7976 Blue Lick Rd., Greenville, 24945; 540-726-7577.

Hay, '26 4x5 round bales, \$30/bale. Tim Huffman, 5816 Right Fork, Hamlin, 25523; 304-553-3072.

Apple butter kettle, copper, 30-gal. w/stand & stirrer, \$550. Linda Humphreys, 7217 Indian Mills Rd., Peterstown, 24963; 304-753-9990.

Acreage, Cabell Co.: 57 A. on Union Ridge Rd., crks., fence needs to be replaced, \$2,000/A./non neg. Drema Mounts, 308 Jim Mounts Rd., Glenwood, 25520; 638-391-6331; 681-498-6771.

Hay, lg. sq. bales, easy access, fert., good for all livestock, \$6/bale. Larry Parsons, 276 Maple Dr., Evans, 25241; 304-372-4575.

Water tank, plastic w/all connections, 250-gal., easy to fit on a garden hose, \$250. Russell Prichard, 313 Wilkinson St., Huntington, 25704; 304-416-2056.

Hay, 4x5 round bales, net wrapped, mixed grass, limed/fert., \$40/bale. Adam Reckart, 603 Cuzzart Mtn. Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 304-379-6708.

Hay, 5x5 round bales: 50,'25; 50, '26, both \$25/bale. Ralph Rinker, 17 Misty Morning Lane, Purgettsville, 26852; 304-492-5751.

Ear corn, \$6/bu.; \$100/bin, bring boxes or feed sack, call for avail. Paula Ruggles, 131 Ruggles Orchard Rd., Levels, 25431; 304-492-5751.

Trailer, Double D stock, 16', bumper pull, \$4,500. Bob Shaffer, 1788 Campground Rd., Tunelton, 26444; 304-568-2579.

Anatolian Shep. 5/26 pups, raised on working farm, exposed to cattle & goats, vacc./wormed, \$200/ea. Tina Siers, 4514 Tuckers Crk. Rd., Elizabeth, 26143; 304-481-6594.

Apple butter kettle, 35-gal. w/stand, wood grate & paddle, \$1,500. Amy Wilson, 2711 Fairview Ave., Parkersburg, 26104; 304-982-9043; 304-489-9622.

Hay, sq. bales, wire tie, barn kept, \$8/bale; 4x5 roundt bales, hay or straw, \$20/ea.; pure German Shep. pups, \$400. Tom Wilson, 12621 Charleston Rd., Leon, 25123; 304-674-1866.

Straw, clean, \$6/bale. Milton Yoder, 295 Seminole Rd., Forest Hill, 24935; 304-466-0611.

Raw fleece: Border Liecester & crosses w/ Finn Teeswater & Kerry Hill, Baby Doll South-down, Jacob, natural colors, free to \$50 for entire fleece; spinning wheels, \$300/ea. Linda Zinn 2162 Skelton Run, Wallace, 26448; 304-782-3704.

Miscellaneous Wants

Want to buy 3-gal. -5-gal. Blue Damson plums when ripe. Leslie Daniel, 442 Logan Tpk., P.O Box 32, Glen Daniel, 25844; 304-673-9370.

Antique Engine & Tractor Assoc.
Heron Festival
Oct. 10; 9 a.m.
Beech Fork State Park, Barboursville
Contact Kathy Johnson, 304-545-5268

WV Polled Hereford Assoc.
8th Annual Spectacular Fall Sale
Sept. 25; 7 p.m.
Jackson's Mill Multi-Purpose Ag Bldg.
Cow/calf pairs, bred & open heifers
For catalog, Neil Litton, 304-618-7313;
Stephanie Hawkins, 304-677-3504.

Equine Events
32nd Central WV Mule & Donkey Show
Sept. 12, 2 p.m.
Sept. 13, 12 p.m.
Contact, Stacy Smith, 304-532-5206;
Gary Young, 304-389-1033;
Lou Stoper, 304-677-5629;
Darrell Shaffer, 304-290-1011.

All Horse Parade & Live Auction
Sept. 16, Buffalo Gazebo Park, Buffalo, WV
5k Run/Walk, 8 a.m.
All Horse Parade 12 p.m.
Midnight Storm Gospel Bluegrass Band,
12:30-2 p.m.
Amish Food Truck, 1 p.m.
Live Auction, 2 p.m.

Pasture & Hayfield Spraying
Herbicides, liquid fertilizers, lime & soil sampling
Contact, Dennis Burns, 304-646-2779.

UPCOMING GLCI EVENTS

SOUTHERN GLCI FIELD DAY

The SCD Farm Field Day - September 12

Ron Testerman's Farm 2438 True Road, Hinton, WV 25951

The field day will feature presentations from agricultural professionals and partners, including NRCS representatives and industry specialists. Planned topics include soil health, grazing techniques and forage management, nutrient management, and high tunnel production.

ECD Two Part Grazing School - September 11-12

ELK GLCI EVENTS

This two-day grazing school will cover topics on how to extend the grazing with detail on temporary fencing and water equipment, budgeting forage, developing a grazing plan, and more! To sign up, call the WVU-Braxton County Extension Office at 304-765-2809. A registration fee of \$25 is due on the first day of the workshop to cover lunch both days. The farm location and a list of what to bring will be sent to registered attendees.

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BEECH LEAF DISEASE

Be on the lookout for Beech Leaf Disease (BLD). BLD is a destructive forest condition caused by Litylenchus crenatae mccannii, a microscopic, invasive, roundworm known as a nematode. It was first discovered in Lake County, Ohio, in 2012, and this invasive pest has spread rapidly through the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, and parts of Canada, severely threatening native beech trees.

The nematodes spend the winter in the tree's buds and start feeding on the leaves before they fully develop in the spring.

Early identification is important as the initial symptoms are most visible when looking up through the tree canopy against the light. The infected trees symptoms are dark green, leathery bands or stripes between the leaf's veins. As the infestation becomes critical, the leaves become severely shriveled, curled, and brittle, leading to premature leaf drop and a thinned canopy.

BLD can be especially harmful to younger trees and cause mortality, typically between four to five years, while older trees can slowly decline over several years. The nematodes are believed to be spread over long distances by birds, insects, and wind-driven rain making containment extremely difficult. For questions about BLD please contact the West Virginia Department of Agriculture at bugbusters@wvda.us.



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