

# THE MARKET BULLETIN

“TELLING THE STORY OF WEST VIRGINIA AGRICULTURE”

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## BEE MONKS

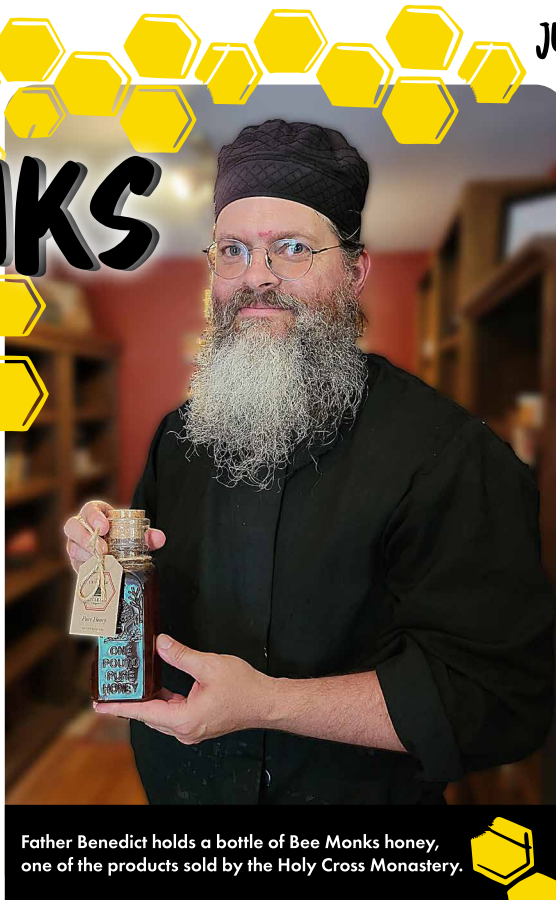


You'd expect a monastery to be a quiet, contemplative space. But at Holy Cross Monastery in Wayne County, the 180-acre campus is abuzz with activity – literally! Holy Cross and a few neighboring properties are home to nearly 90 hives of honeybees. The honey is used in food to feed the monks, light the monastery with beeswax candles and sell excess honey and honey-related products to the public. Father Benedict is the keeper of the bees.

“I am the only primary beekeeper at the monastery. A lot of our visitors will pitch in and help bottle honey or make sugar syrup for feeding the bees or other unskilled tasks that we have. There's a young man that's interested in monastic life. He's with me three to four days a week. So, we have one primary beekeeper and one on the way,” laughed Father Benedict.

The bees have been around longer than Holy Cross Monastery. The Russian Orthodox brotherhood was founded in 1986 in House Spring, Missouri. The 180 acres in Wayne County were donated to the church by Moe and Nadia Sill. The brotherhood moved to the property in 2000.

“Moe had a few hives of bees on the property,” explained Father Benedict. “It was really important for Moe and Nadia that the order continue beekeeping, so, we did. We had up to 16 colonies at any one time until I took over in 2017. I started growing the



Father Benedict holds a bottle of Bee Monks honey, one of the products sold by the Holy Cross Monastery.

colonies, and right now, we have about 90 hives, give or take.”

Father Benedict didn't have an agricultural background before he entered the brotherhood other than working for a dairy farmer for about six weeks. When he was living at a small monastery in Ohio, he stumbled upon what would become a calling.

“The monks at that monastery had all the equipment for beekeeping, they just didn't have any bees. However, they had a couple of old bee books. I got my hands on those books, and the rest is history, as they say,” said Benedict. “I was allowed to read about bees all I wanted that first year, but I actually got bees the second year. When the bees arrived, it was as if I hadn't read a thing. It really is true – the bees will teach you.”

When Father Benedict was recalled to Holy Cross in 2015, he began working with the already established bee program. In 2017, he took over as head beekeeper.

“As far as bees go, I was still new to beekeeping. We were having a lot of swarms. I caught some of them. That's when I learned you can make splits to control the population and reduce the amount of actual swarming,” he explained. “We decided instead of letting those bees go off into the trees, we would try to put the extra bees in a box and sell them. That developed into nuc colony sales. A nuc is short for nucleus colony. It's a fully functioning colony in miniature. So, it has a laying queen, brood in all stages, a foraging force, as well as pollen and honey to get them started. That starter colony is ready to explode when the beekeeper puts them into a full-size box. We've been selling 40-50 nucs a year for the last few years.”

Their budding business needed a name, and the brotherhood chose a fitting moniker – the Bee Monks. Besides nucs, the Bee Monks also sell queen bees, pure and creamed honeys, soaps and lotions infused with honey. The monastery uses the honeycomb to make beeswax candles to help light their buildings.

Father Benedict loves sharing his knowledge of bees with the community. Visitors to the monastery often stop and ask questions and fellow beekeepers are known to stop by to lend a hand from time to time. Recently, Father Benedict visited a local school to educate students about the importance of bees.

“Our relationship with Barboursville Middle School actually started with one of the 8th grade teachers who used to live close to the monastery and come up here with his grandfather to buy honey. He asked us to come give a presentation on the bees during Career Day. So, we did,” said Father Benedict.

“We fielded a lot of questions. The kids were especially interested in the queens because



## FROM THE COMMISSIONER:

## Opportunities to Explore International Markets



The WVDA works with State agribusinesses on many levels – helping companies navigate forming a business, understanding product regulations, labeling guidance, finding market opportunities, and a myriad of other ways. We proudly support over 400 companies in WV Grown, our state branding program, which spans almost every sector of agriculture. We constantly promote seeking and purchasing local agricultural products. Additionally, we urge our companies to explore international markets. Through our participation with the Southern United States Trade Association (SUSTA) and other state and federal partners, we offer excellent opportunities for education and assistance in this area.

SUSTA is a nonprofit organization founded in 1973 to promote the export of agricultural products from the southern United States. SUSTA represents 15 southern states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, working together to enhance the global competitiveness of their agricultural and food products. The organization's efforts are geared towards small businesses, helping them navigate the complexities of international trade through education, marketing support, and financial assistance.

The prospect of exporting can be intimidating, with many companies unsure of where to begin or how to find support. While it requires persistence and time, having the

right tools significantly eases the process of entering these markets. Recent data shows that 1,300 companies participated in SUSTA programs, with sales in 60 different foreign countries generating \$550 million in annual revenue. I currently serve as vice president of SUSTA, and we have a Business Development team member dedicated to expanding our efforts in international sales.

SUSTA offers a variety of programs and services designed to assist businesses in expanding their international reach. One of the key initiatives is the Global Events program, which facilitates participation in international trade shows, trade missions, and in-store promotions. These events provide valuable opportunities for companies to showcase their products to potential buyers and distributors.

Another important program is the Market Access Program (MAP), funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS). Through MAP, SUSTA provides cost-sharing assistance for various marketing activities, such as advertising, public relations, and product demonstrations. This program is crucial for helping businesses create and sustain demand for their products in international markets. By offsetting some of the promotional costs, SUSTA enables companies to maintain a competitive edge abroad.

SUSTA also provides the Export Readiness Training program, held twice a year in the spring and fall, designed to educate

businesses on the intricacies of exporting. This program includes workshops, seminars, and one-on-one counseling sessions that cover topics like export documentation, market research, and compliance with international regulations. The training is tailored to meet the specific needs of companies at different stages of the export process, whether they are new to exporting or looking to expand into new markets.

In addition to SUSTA, the US Commercial Service Rural Export Center can work with agricultural companies and has offices around the world to assist. The West Virginia Economic Development Office, through its Export Promotion Program, awards funds to eligible small businesses to offset some of the costs of promoting and developing new export expansion projects. A variety of costs are covered such as trade show attendance, foreign market visits, and compliance testing.

West Virginia agriculture products can have an impact in a global market. Leaning on these tools and services, businesses have a great start in exploring foreign markets and buyers. At the WVDA, we are leaning forward to help existing companies grow and attract new agribusinesses and investment to West Virginia.

**Kent Leonhardt, Commissioner of Agriculture**

## Animal Health Bulletin: Arboviral Diseases in Livestock



Arboviruses are transmitted through arthropods, such as mosquitoes and ticks. Diseases such as West Nile Virus (WNV) and Equine Encephalitis (EE) can cause neurologic signs and symptoms in animals. In recent years, there have been confirmed cases of WNV in both humans and horses in states surrounding West Virginia. These diseases

can be difficult to diagnose and cause serious illness in both animals and humans, if left untreated. West Nile Virus is found throughout the United States and can be contracted by sheep, cattle, pigs, and horses. Horses have the most risk of developing severe symptoms, which are mostly neurological. Equine Encephalitis comes in three alphaviruses: Eastern, Western, and Venezuelan. While horses and other equines (donkeys, mules, zebras, etc.) are most affected,

other animals (mammals, reptiles, and birds) can also contract EE. Effective vaccination protocols are available for horses to prevent these potentially deadly diseases. Large animal veterinarians can assist horse owners with vaccination programs and other preventive medicine recommendations. Measures to control mosquito populations and minimize mosquito exposure will also decrease chances of infection. West Nile Virus and Equine Encephalitis are reportable animal diseases. If you suspect an animal has WNV or EE, contact your veterinarian and report the case to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture.

Please visit the following sites for more information and recommendations regarding arboviral diseases:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- <https://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/diseaseinfo/>
- <https://www.mosquitosquad.com/blog/disease-health-special-reports/mosquitoes-and-their-impact-on-livestock-health/>

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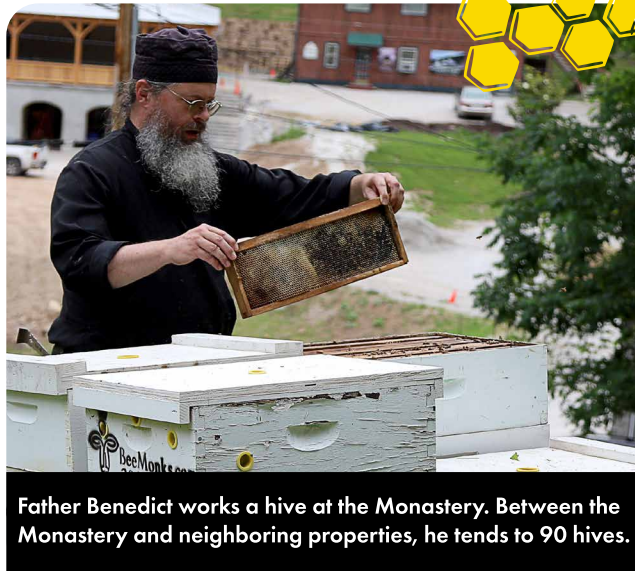
there's only one queen per colony. It was a great way for the monastery to interact with the younger generation and the younger generation to learn a little bit about bees and the potential of working with bees. They can build a business and support a family through this."

Father Benedict says the benefit of bees aren't just what they can give to us physically, such as honey and beeswax, but rather what they can teach us.

"Working with nature always has its peace and calm. I can't tell you how many times I've been uptight, had a bad day, I've got something on my mind or whatever it might be (no pun intended), and I pop the lid on a colony and the bees

are doing good. They're healthy, that top box is full of honey, and it weighs 40 lbs. The bees are gentle. Even though I just came and tore the lid off their hive and tore their house apart, they're doing their thing regardless of me. So, the bees are staying focused on their task," muses Father Benedict. "Now, sometimes, they don't really like when I do that, and they'll fly around a little bit. I've learned I need to stay focused on my task despite all the mayhem of even bees flying around. I still have a job to do with the colony. That's been a lesson,

a life lesson. We have so many things going on in our lives around us. Sometimes we get distracted from what we really need to be



**Father Benedict works a hive at the Monastery. Between the Monastery and neighboring properties, he tends to 90 hives.**

focusing on, which might be our relationship with God or our family instead of all the stuff flying around in the air."

Father Benedict urges budding beekeepers to do two things – buy some bees and find a mentor.

"Find someone who has more hives than you and ask if you can tag along. A person with one hive can learn a lot from a person with 10 hives. A person with 10 hives can learn a lot from a person with 100 hives. A person with 100 hives can learn from a person with 2,000

hives. At every phase, there's the potential for a higher education," stressed Father Benedict. "One very interesting thing about beekeeping is how it's passed on. There are very few, if any, degree programs that I know of, even in the U.S., that have beekeeping as a curriculum. There are some courses and some online certifications available, but that real world training comes from other beekeepers. We can all learn from each other. Us older guys, we've been through the wringer. We've seen it all. We've had ups, and we've had downs. We've had heartbreak with our bees. Sometimes that makes us reluctant to share what we've learned, but we need to get over that. The definition of a true mentor, a successful mentor, has mentees that surpass them."

Father Benedict says the monastery is at an optimal amount of hives/bees for the area they're in. They don't plan to expand much more. They're happy with their honey and their outreach. He does have a few words of advice for those thinking about getting into beekeeping.






"I would encourage anyone who is interested in beekeeping to look up their local beekeeping chapter. Almost every region or county has a Beekeepers Association. Plug in to those people. You will meet folks who are more than happy to let you tag along. You also need to except the fact that, if you get bees, you're going to get stung. It's just part of it. But it's nothing to be afraid of."

For more on the Bee Monks and how to purchase their products, go to [www.beemonks.com/](http://www.beemonks.com/).

## What's the BUZZZZZZZZ!

State Apiarist Shanda King. "Why are bees so important? A lot of people think it's because of honey, but the pollination services they provide are invaluable. One out of every three bites we eat is because a bee pollinated a plant. Most people do not realize that. While honey is delicious, a third of the foods we eat every day require pollination by a bee!"

### The WVDA plays a big role in keeping our honeybee population healthy. Here's why:

-  In 2023, 1,300 beekeepers were registered with the WVDA. Those beekeepers are running a total of about 16,000 colonies of honeybees.
-  Under state law, all West Virginia beekeepers must be registered with the WVDA. Why? The number one reason is disease management. In case of a disease outbreak, the WVDA will know where all hives are located and how to contact beekeepers with important information. Another benefit is reimbursement programs offered through the DNR and WV Conservation Agency in case of damaged or destroyed hives. You must be registered to benefit from those programs.
-  Registering your hives is as simple as going to [wvapiary.wvda.us](http://wvapiary.wvda.us). The WVDA offers online registration, or you can call the WVDA offices at 304-558-2214 and be registered over the phone or request a physical application. Filling out the form only takes a couple minutes of your time, and registration is FREE!
-  For those who sell bees, queens, nucs, colonies or used bee equipment, an inspection is required by law; otherwise, inspections are voluntary. You can request a courtesy visit from a state apiarist for educational and learning purposes.
-  The WVDA offers FREE participation in FieldWatch, a communication tool between beekeepers and pesticide applicators, to registered beekeepers.

When you see a honeybee fly from flower to flower, plant to plant, we don't often think about our next meal, but we should, according to WVDA

King highly recommends new beekeepers join their local bee club and find a mentor within that group. She stresses a mentor can help teach you practical lessons, as well as tips and tricks of the trade, you'll never find in any textbook on bees. For more information on West Virginia's apiary laws or questions about beekeeping, you can reach out to King at [sking@wvda.us](mailto:sking@wvda.us). To find a bee club near you, go to [wvbeekeepers.org](http://wvbeekeepers.org).



# WHAT'S COOKIN'?

## Simple Summer Pleasures

One of the best parts of July is watching our gardens grow and produce fresh, delicious fruits and vegetables. Is there anything better than eating a vine-ripened tomato straight from the garden, cut into slices and sprinkled with just a hint of salt? Or how about a just-picked cucumber, sliced and dipped into bit of ranch dressing? Those are simple summer pleasures. This month's recipes are timeless classics made with ingredients straight from the garden (or the farmers market). They're easy to make but big in flavor! If you have a favorite summer recipe using produce grown in your garden, send it our way! We'd love to print it in the August issue of the Market Bulletin ([marketbulletin@wvda.us](mailto:marketbulletin@wvda.us)).



### JULY 2024

#### Zucchini and Tomato Casserole

- 1 lg. zucchini, cut in small pieces
- 3 tbsp. butter
- 3 tbsp. flour
- 3 lg. tomatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 green pepper, diced
- 1 small onion, diced
- Cracker crumbs
- Grated cheese, for topping
- Salt and pepper

##### Step 1

Preheat oven to 350-degrees. Put zucchini into a pan of boiling water until tender. Drain, then set aside.

##### Step 2

Melt butter and then blend in flour. Add tomatoes, green pepper, and onion. Salt and pepper to taste. Simmer for 5 minutes. Place zucchini in well buttered casserole dish.

##### Step 3

Pour tomato mixture over zucchini, lightly cover with cracker crumbs and sprinkle cheese over the top. Bake for 30 minutes.

#### Sweet and Sour Red Cabbage

- 1 lb. red cabbage
- 1-2 tbsp. vinegar
- ½ tbsp. salt
- ½ tbsp. sugar
- Pinch of pepper
- 1-2 apples, peeled and diced
- 1 tbsp. butter
- 1 small onion
- 2/3 cup hot water
- 1 tbsp. flour

##### Step 1

Cut cabbage very fine. Combine with salt, pepper, sugar, and vinegar. Let stand overnight in the refrigerator.

##### Step 2

Saute the onion in butter. Add the cabbage mixture and apples. Add hot water and cook very slowly until tender (2½ to 3 hours).

##### Step 3

When almost cooked, dust with flour and mix in.



#### Stuffed Bell Peppers

- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 2 cups fresh, diced tomatoes
- ¼ cup fresh, diced green chiles
- 1 envelope (5.4 oz.) Mexican-style rice and pasta mix
- 1 ½ cups water
- 8 medium bell peppers (chose green, red and yellow for a colorful dish)
- 2 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend, divided
- Minced fresh cilantro, optional

##### Step 1

Preheat oven to 375-degrees. In a large skillet, cook and crumble ground beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Stir in tomatoes and green chilies, rice mix and water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until liquid is absorbed.

##### Step 2

Cut and discard tops from peppers; remove seeds. Place peppers in a greased 13x9 baking dish. Fill each pepper with 1/3 cup beef mixture; sprinkle each with 2 tbsp. cheese. Top with remaining rice mixture. Bake, covered, 25 minutes.

##### Step 3

Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake uncovered, until cheese is melted and peppers are tender, 5-10 minutes.

##### Step 4 (Optional)

If desired, top each pepper with fresh, minced cilantro.

# AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY HALL OF FAME 2024



The West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame (WVAHFHF) Foundation will recognize eight individuals for their outstanding contributions to the establishment, development, advancement, and improvement of agriculture, forestry, and family life in West Virginia. These individuals will be honored at the annual banquet at West Virginia University Jackson's Mill on Saturday, July 20. For tickets, call Rebecca Williams at 304-825-6983.

## THIS YEAR'S ENSHRINEES ARE:



### **Mark Bowers - Agriculture (Grant County)**

A native son of West Virginia, Mark is commonly known as "Mr. Maple" to maple syrup producers across the Mountain State because of his drive and enthusiasm for maple production and educating the community and fellow maple-makers about the intricacies of the business. He is the founding President of the WV Maple Syrup Producer's Association and is still an active member today. He's been instrumental in expanding the industry across the state.

### **William 'Bill' Coffindaffer - Agriculture (Harrison County)**

Born in Harrison County, Bill was born and raised on a dairy farm. He earned a BS in Dairy Science from WVU and an MS in Agriculture from NC State. After completing his education, he returned home to embark on a lifelong career of service. Bill has served in numerous agencies and boards well into retirement. His contributions can be felt across the state in all the lives he has touched.

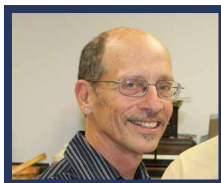


### **Mark Fitzsimmons - Agriculture (Marshall County)**

A lifelong resident of northern West Virginia, Mark started his life on a dairy farm which taught him the importance of conservation and agriculture. Earning a BS in Biology from West Liberty State College, he soon transitioned to a teaching career in Marshall County that spanned generations. Going above and beyond, he impacted the lives of many young people by introducing them to science and agriculture. Some also know him for his work as an auctioneer and his service to the West Virginia Auctioneer's Association. Mark's community service across Marshall County and northern WV is also well known.

### **Carol Sue Miles, PHD - Family Life (Monongalia County)**

A daughter of the Mountain State, Carol went on to earn a BA from WVU and her master's and a PhD from Cornell University. She found her passion in working with youth and parents in teaching behavior and leadership skills to empower children to become exceptional adults. After her extensive career with Cooperative Extension, Carol continued to touch lives through her work with The Uganda Fund.



### **Ric MacDowell - Family Life (Kanawha County)**

Originally from Chester, Pennsylvania, Ric came to WV after earning his master's in education from Grinnell College in Iowa. He has spent a lifetime working on projects to support low-income youth and families across southern West Virginia through wastewater processing projects, court advocacy, summer camps, and parenting classes. Additionally, he participated in and led delegations to Nicaragua, Mexico, and Colombia, focusing on social justice abroad.

### **John Frederick Kelsey - Forestry (Mason County)**

A native of Michigan, John grew up on a family farm. He went on to pursue a physics degree at Michigan State University earning his MS. Eventually, he ended up running his one-man corporation here in WV where he became involved with the practical science of growing walnut for veneer production, starting an experimental planting at Blennerhassett Island State Park. Additionally, John and his son created a computer program that helps managers decide which trees to thin out of a walnut stand for maximum growth.

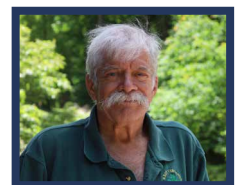


### **Lloyd 'Rudy' Williams - Forestry (Marion County)**

An Eagle Scout hailing from Fairmont, Rudy attended WVU to achieve his BS in Forestry with a minor in Soil Sciences. He's had a long career in Forestry, mostly with the WV Division of Forestry. His career has spanned multiple programs, counties, and districts allowing him to help landowners across the State in everything from wildfire control to the Tree Farm Program. Additionally, he is a founding member of the WV Envirothon Committee, still working with youth to help educate WV high school students in the practical science of environmental conservation and protection.

### **Arthur 'Art' Yagel - Forestry (Nicholas County)**

Art is a long-time Christmas tree farmer in Nicholas County and a former WV Division of Forestry employee. He is perhaps best known for being a pioneer in wildfire investigations in the State, bringing national knowledge from volunteer assignments across the nation and adapting it for use in WV. Art's work helped catch arsonists and expanded outreach and educational efforts about wildfire prevention. Though retired, Art remains actively involved with the WV Christmas Tree Growers Association and the WV Forestry Association.





# West Virginia Grown

## Rooted in the Mountain State



### Member of the Month

#### Willow Bourn Farms

**Who:** Kathryn Rowley and Ben Thompson

**Location:** Martinsburg

**Products:** Jams, blackberry pancake mix, honey, eggs, dried herbs

**Where to Buy:** Martinsburg Farmers Market

**Member Since:** 2021

#### How they got started:

**(Kathryn)** We actually got a greenhouse through NRCS in 2019. We were debating on whether or not to join the Martinsburg Farmers Market when the pandemic hit. The farmers market contacted us. We had to grow a lot of produce to meet the demand. We had such a variety of produce that we had excess to turn into value-added products. That's how our jams and pancake mix got started. I couldn't stand to see food go to waste. We started out with like 30 bags of lettuce to sell and ended up with a huge amount of produce going to market. I grow my own strawberries, blackberries, raspberries and supplement with fruits from other orchards here in Berkeley County for things like apples and peaches. We only have a five-and-a-half-acre farm. If I don't sell all of my strawberries at the market, they go into my jam. I really try to eliminate the waste stream as much as I can.

#### Future plans:

**(Kathryn)** Right now, we don't have any employees. It's just me and Ben. I manage the Martinsburg Farmers Market, so right now, I'm really cultivating other farmer's businesses. The market went from eight vendors last year to 40 this year.

#### Why join West Virginia Grown?

**(Kathryn)** I'm from West Virginia, from Boone County. I love my state. I see a lot of people go to Pennsylvania or Maryland and bring produce into West Virginia to sell. But it's already available right here. Why would you sell rhubarb from New York when you can get it from local farmers right now? We want to promote West Virginia products and West Virginia farmers. That's what WV Grown is all about.

#### For More Information:

☎ 304-558-2210

✉ wvgrown@wvda.us

🌐 <https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/west-virginia-grown/>

#### HOW TO JOIN

West Virginia's people take a lot of pride in their heritage. Our farmers and producers are no exception – although they certainly are exceptional.

Developed in 1986, West Virginia Grown was designed to market West Virginia grown and made products to consumers. By placing the West Virginia Grown logo on a product, they are assuring buyers that product was grown or processed, with quality ingredients, in the Mountain State.

Anyone interested in the program – whether a producer, restaurant, retail outlet or supporter – can contact Business Development Division at 304-558-2210 or email [wvgrown@wvda.us](mailto:wvgrown@wvda.us).

#### WVG NEWS



**Turtle on a Post Farm** is hosting workshops during the Mountaineer Country Farm Crawl on July 27 and 28 focusing on "Exploring the World of Edible and Medicinal Plant Life." You can pop in and out of the workshops on both days to visit other farm crawl sites. The event is free and open to all. Register at [turtleonapostfarm.com](http://turtleonapostfarm.com).



**Gritt's Farm** is helping to educate its employees, literally. Four of their workers received scholarships based on work ethic, character and service to the farm. A BIG congratulations to recipients Julianna Bass, Ariana Shrewsbury, Olivia Robinson and Anna Kosa. Good luck to these students and thank you to Gritt's for supporting West Virginia's youth!

**Kirkwood Winery** is going places – specifically Sam's Club! You can find your favorite sweet wines from this Summersville company in the Charleston, Morgantown and Beckley Sam's Clubs. Owners Frank and Elizabeth Dix promise more Sam's Clubs will be carrying their wines soon. Pop in and grab a bottle (or two)!



# NEW!



## WVG Members

- Flynn Flower Farm
- Just Our Luck Farm
- Himmelrick Homestead LLC
- Mountain Steer Meat Company
- Gold Star Nursery
- Twisted Chicken Farm
- Bean Theory LLC
- Gracefully Gluten Free
- Mahon Family Business

# Cedar Lakes Conference Center

## Upcoming Workshops



### Upcoming classes:

#### August 16 - 18

Origami, Crocheting/Cross-Stitching, Woodturning, Photography

#### August 18 - 23

Woodcarving, Basketry & Penny Rugs, Woodturning, Quilting, Tinsmithing, Bowed Psaltery, Watercolors

#### September 8 - 13

Woodcarving, Creative Writing, Needle Felting, Basketry & Penny Rugs, Woodturning, Blacksmithing, Stained Glass, Mountain Dulcimer, Watercolors

\*Weekend classes: Ranges from \$159.00 (commuter) to \$402.80 (lodging and meals).

\*Weeklong classes: Ranges from \$254.40 (commuter) to \$879.80 (lodging and meals)

Since 1955, Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley has served as an education and training center for Future Farmers of America (FFA). Over the years, it has evolved into a year-round facility that hosts everything from reunions to weddings, camps and conferences to the annual Mountain State Art & Craft Fair. The West Virginia Department of Agriculture took responsibility of the facility in 2016 and began a series of construction and renovation projects to modernize the campus.

The staff at Cedar Lakes provides quality environmental and creative programming for young and old alike. Program Coordinator Jennifer Groves, Director Holli Vanater and other Cedar Lakes staff have worked hard to expand their art and craft programs, especially the workshops they offer throughout the year. Just like the artisans who exhibit at the Mountain State Art & Craft Fair, these workshops are intended to represent some form of traditional or contemporary Appalachian arts and crafts.

Workshops and seminars are offered with special package costs that include instruction, meals, and lodging. The deadline for registration is two weeks before the start of each event. To learn more about pricing, accommodations, and additional workshops, please visit: <http://www.cedarlakes.com/craft-workshops/> or call Jennifer Groves at (304) 372-7860 ext. 408.

## SIGNUP FOR 2025 LYMANTRIA DISPAR SUPPRESSION PROGRAM

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) is urging landowners to sign up for the Cooperative State-County-Landowner (CSCL) Lymantria dispar (Spongy Moth) Suppression Program. The program is focused on protecting the landowners' forested acreage from devastating effects caused by the invasive Lymantria dispar. The sign-up period runs from July 1 until August 31, 2024.

"West Virginia's forests are one of our state's most important resources. From tourism to our timber industry, our forests are an important economic driver," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "As we face more invasive species, such as the spotted lanternfly, we hope people will take advantage of programs like these."

The CSCL Lymantria dispar program will start accepting egg mass survey applications from landowners statewide on July 1. Application forms and brochures are available at <https://agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/plant-industries/forest-health-protection/>. Landowners may also obtain applications at local WVU Extension offices and WVDA field offices in Charleston (304-558-2212) or New Creek (304-788-1066). A non-refundable survey deposit of five dollars (\$5.00) per acre, not to exceed \$2,000.00, must be submitted with the application. This deposit will be applied toward payment for treatment, if the landowner qualifies.

Homeowners Associations (HOA) must provide a complete listing of all property owners who want to opt in or opt out of the treatment program, and the HOA must also include this information on the map submitted. The WVDA will determine if the property owners who do not want to participate can be logistically removed from the proposed treatment area. This may potentially disqualify the HOA from the program. All lot owners objecting to treatment will be buffered an additional 150 feet outside their property boundaries. The HOA coordinator for the block should contact property owners to discuss treatment material, as the entire block will need to be treated with either



BTK or Mimic.

"The Lymantria dispar (formerly known as gypsy moth) is a non-native, invasive insect that feeds on hundreds of species of trees and shrubs, including West Virginia hardwoods," said WVDA Plant Industries Assistant Director Butch Sayers. "Defoliation by Lymantria dispar caterpillars can weaken trees, making them more susceptible to other pests and diseases. This treatment program helps safeguard our forests from further damage."

The minimum acreage required to participate in the program is 50 contiguous acres of wooded land. Adjoining landowners may combine their properties to meet the acreage requirement. Once applications and deposits are received, a forest health protection specialist will visit the landowner's property to determine if the level of Lymantria dispar infestation meets program guidelines. A final decision to participate in the program must be confirmed by signing a contract with the WVDA by early December 2024.

For more information, contact WVDA Assistant Director Quentin "Butch" Sayers at [qsayers@wvda.us](mailto:qsayers@wvda.us) or WVDA Lymantria Dispar Program Coordinator G. Scott Hoffman at [gghoffman@wvda.us](mailto:gghoffman@wvda.us).

# Farm To Food Bank Tax Credit

July is the month when farmers start to see their hard work come to fruition. Vegetables and fruits of all descriptions are ripening on the vine and ready to head to market. However, sometimes there's a surplus. West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt is encouraging farmers to consider donating agricultural products under West Virginia's Farm-to-Food Bank Tax Credit. Passed in 2017, producers who wish to donate fresh, healthy agricultural products to local food banks can earn a tax credit up to \$5,000. The credit can be used against personal income tax or corporation net income tax, but not both.

"Each year, the state allocates \$200,000 for the Farm-to-Food Bank Tax Credit, but only a handful of producers take advantage

of the program. We need more farmers to step up to the challenge by donating to West Virginia food banks," said Leonhardt. "We all need to do our part to help our neighbors."

The credit is equal to 30% of the value of the donated edible agricultural products to one or more nonprofit food programs in the state. To apply for the credit, a farmer must submit a donation form to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture for verification. That form must be included in a tax return to receive the credit.

An application for the tax credit can be found at <https://agriculture.wv.gov/farm-to-food-bank-application/>. For more information, contact Susan Baxter at 304-558-2221 or [sbaxter@wvda.us](mailto:sbaxter@wvda.us).

## 4-H SPOTLIGHT

### GRIFFIN HART

**AGE:** 16  
**GRADE:** SOPHOMORE  
**SCHOOL:** PHILIP BARBOUR H.S. (AG CLASSES)/HOME SCHOOLED  
**4-H CLUB:** TACY STICKERS 4-H  
**4-H LEADER:** PAULA & CLARK TOWNSEND

**Griffin:** I grew up raising animals. We've always had chickens and goats. My uncle has a cattle farm, and we've always helped put up square bales of hay since I was little. My family, a lot of them, were members of 4-H. When I was younger, I used to go to 4-H camp. I loved meeting new people and experiencing new things. I've raised about eight pigs and four goats and sold them at the Barbour County Fair. I recently competed in the National Land and Range Judging Contest held in Oklahoma City. Our 4-H team competed in land judging and homesite evaluation. In homesite, I finished in the top 10, and our team placed first. In land judging, I was the National Champion and our team placed first. We put in a lot of practice! We started in February and practiced three and four days a week. 4-H has taught me hard work, and it's helped me be more outgoing. (Griffin's teammates are Hunter Townsend, Hailey Finley and Hannah Nutter. They are coached by Jody Capenter)



**EXTENSION** 

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**FARM CRAWLS**

**Preston County Farm Crawl: July 13-14**  
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**Mountaineer Country Farm Crawl: July 27-28**  
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# DAIRY MONTH A BIG SUCCESS!

National Dairy Month was a home run this year here in West Virginia. The WVDA held two Dairy Month events in June to get the word out about West Virginia’s dairy industry – Dairy Night at the Ballpark and Dairy Day at the Library.

Dairy Night at the Ballpark was held June 7th at GoMart Ballpark, home of the Charleston Dirty Birds. WVDA staff set up dairy displays to talk about the importance of dairy and the jobs it creates for West Virginians. There were also games and give-a-ways, but the big hit of the evening was two dairy calves. Young and old got a chance to get up close with the calves and get their pictures taken. A big thanks to dairy farmer Joe Shockey for bringing the calves for everyone to meet. Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt threw out the first pitch.

On Saturday, June 15th, the WVDA staff “mooved” the fun indoors for Dairy Day at the Kanawha County Public Library. The children were able to try our milking simulator, learning how their dairy goes from the cow to the grocery store. Our favorite bovine, Amanda, read the children some dairy stories and took photos with all the kids. There were also crafts and games.

Currently, West Virginia has 31 dairy farms - 29 cow dairies and two goat dairies. The WVDA is working with existing dairy farmers and those thinking about getting into the dairy business to help boost the state’s dairy industry.



## WVDA: What We Do



### Destiny Helmick

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“ I am responsible for registering all hemp and kratom retailers, distributors, manufacturers, and products in the state of West Virginia. My duties include meticulously reviewing product labels to ensure compliance and product safety. This allows the WVDA to proactively prevent the sale of unsafe products. It also positively impacts West Virginia agriculture by supporting local farmers who grow, process, and manufacture hemp. I take pride in assisting our customers to make sure they maintain compliance and understand the rationale behind our regulatory framework. ”

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## Apiary Events

**Barbour Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting,** 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Barbour Co. Fairgrounds in metal quonset hut, Contact Dave Hunt, 304-457-4500.

**Clay Co. Beekeepers Assoc.,** Contact Mark Davis, 304-651-3002; [claycobeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:claycobeekeepers@gmail.com).

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

**Harrison Co. Beekeepers, Discussion Group,** Contact Larry Forinash 304-669-5410; [forinash1@gmail.com](mailto:forinash1@gmail.com)

**Jackson Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting,** 2nd Sat., 10a.m.-12 p.m., Hemlock Community Bldg., Ravenswood, Contact Brenda Cooper, 304-275-8697.

**Kanawha Valley Beekeepers Assoc., Bi-Monthly Meeting,** 3rd Sat., 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Contact Steve May, 304-727-7659.

**Marion Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting,** 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Contact Debbie Abels, 304-633-5647; [deb.abel53@yahoo.com](mailto:deb.abel53@yahoo.com).

**Marion Co. Beekeepers Assoc., annual picnic,** July 25, 6 p.m., bring your favorite covered dish & join us at the East Marion Pavillion, meat, drinks & dinnerware will be provided, Contact Debbie Abel, 304-633-5647; [deb.abel53@yahoo.com](mailto:deb.abel53@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto:kevin.hart@moncountymbeekeepers.org).

**Mountaineer Beekeepers Assoc., Bi-Monthly Meeting,** 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Ritchie Co. Library, Contact Justin King, [pjustinking@gmail.com](mailto:pjustinking@gmail.com).

**Mountaineer Beekeepers Assoc., Discussion Meeting,** 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Doddridge Co. Library, downstairs meeting room, Union, Contact Justin King, [pjustinking@gmail.com](mailto:pjustinking@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](mailto: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., Ronald P. Sharp Alumni Conference Center, WV Osteopathic School, 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](mailto:terriobennett@gmail.com).

**West Central Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting,** 4th Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Two Runs Community Bldg., on Rt. 14, just north of Reedy, Contact Rob, 304-834-4059.

**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,** with whole hives and supers. Gerald Belknap, Exchange Rd, Exchange, 26619; 304-765-5838.

**Oxalic acid vaporizer** for mite treatments, 3-wire, 115 ac supply copper cup w/380 heater w/a sealing cap & temp. controller, vaporize at 250 degrees C/450 F through a 1/4" hole in the back or reduce front entrance of a sealed hive, vaporizer is removed, stopper is removed & hive kept buttoned up for 10 minutes, as soon as the copper cup is reheated the next hive can be done, \$150/ea.; honey heater, 5-gal. bucket, 100 watt, good for warming honey for bottling, help deter crystallization & allow clarification, \$50/ea. or 3/\$125. Javier Ott, 107 Towhee Lane, Washington, 26181; 304-893-2193.

## Cattle Sales

**Polled** Hereford 10-mo. -12 mo. bulls, 2, Home Grown blood, \$1,800/ea. Richard Dunn, 68 Tyrone Avery Rd., Morgantown, 26508; 304-594-2603.

**Reg. Lim/Flex:** breeding age 15-mo. bulls, performance info avail., black, polled, calving ease, vacc., passed BSE, \$3,000/up. Kim Getz, 122 Dolly Hill Rd., Scherr, 26726; 304-749-8043; [ralimousin@frontiernet.net](mailto:ralimousin@frontiernet.net).

**Pure Angus** 20-mo. bulls, 773 & 777 blood, easy calving, \$1,800/ea. Clark Humphreys, 7217 Indian Mills Rd., Peterstown, 24963; 304-754-9990.

**Reg. Black Angus** 16-mo. bull w/CED of 16, BW-3.0. WW +47, YW +88, Milk +33, semen tested, vacc., \$3,000. Mark Robinson, 213 Willow Crk. Rd., Sutton, 304-678-7302.

## Cattle Wants

**Jersey** or Guernsey weaned heifer calves. William Johnson, 241 Hood & Paul Lane, New Creek, 26743; 681-379-1124.

## Equipment Sales

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

**Dearborn** 10-753 dbl. plow, serial # 4786, \$1,150; Ferguson dbl. plow, \$1,200. Darrell Allen, 1285 Missouri Run Rd., Parkersburg, 26101; 304-489-2901.

**NI** 484 round hay baler, \$2,600. Bus Conaway, P.O. Box 1335, Elkins, 26241; 304-642-3208.

**NH** sq. baler, excel. cond., 10,000. Joyce Crawford, 422 Stringtown Rd., Hico, 25854; 407-301-3500.

**JD** 5065E 4 WD tractor w/loader, bucket, pallet forks, hay spear, 1,900 hrs., shed kept, excel. cond., \$30,000. Brian Elinger, 845 Dunkard Church Rd., Augusta, 26704; 304-257-8862.

**Hay** elevator 20' long, \$250. Wayne Goldizen, 1131 N. Mill Crk. Rd., Petersburg, 26947; 304-257-1668.

**NH** 451 7' sickle bar rear mower, \$1,500; JD 24T sq. baler, \$500; 2 bottom plows, \$200; Ford flex hitch adj. 3-pt. hitch, \$500; 8' lime spreader, \$200, all shed kept. Bob Hissam, 394 Phipps Farm Rd., French Creek, 26218; 304-668-6240.

**Reese** hitch that fits most pick-up trucks, 5,000lb, \$60. Larry Huffman, 394 Song Convention Rd., Mt. Nebo, 26679 304-872-1455.

**JD** 1070, 4x4, 500 hrs., grader blade, ps, barn kept, \$17,000. Bruce Hunt, 202 Joy Lane, Culloden, 25510; 304-205-2483.

**Bush** hog loader that fits MF tractor, \$1,800. Roy Hunt, 142 Big Sandy River Rd., Fort Gay, 25514; 304-412-2812.

**JD** 335 round baler, 4x4, good cond., shed kept, 4 wet lines, \$6,000 Nelson Jenkins, 100 Rowan Rd., Sinks Grove 24976; 304-646-6152.

**Walton** 5000 fertilizer spreader, 3-pt. hitch, \$400. Phil Kisner, 2166 Sycamore Rd., Millstone, 25261; 304-354-6536.

**Ford** 2110 4 WD diesel tractor, 12 speed trans., new tires, \$11,000; NH sickle bar mower, \$1,500. Paul Martin, 83 Glen Haven Dr., Bridgeport, 26330; 304-203-1962.

**MF** '22 2607H tractor, 75 hp, engine 65 hp PTO, 4 WD, loader, 6'bucket, 2 sets of rear remotes, 8 speed shuttle, approx. 125 hrs., excel. cond., remaining transferable 5 year power train warranty, \$38,000; 3-pt. hitch mounted round bale scissors lift, \$400. Jason McVicker, 4239 Dusk Camp Rd., Sand Fork, 26430; 304-997-0142.

**Power King** tractor, 3-pt. hitch w/hyd., 5' mower deck, scraper blade, extra tires & wheels, fenders, transmission & hyd. parts, comes w/a set of tire chains, extra parts not mentioned, \$2,000/obo. Danny Payne, 532 Clio Rd., Clendenin, 25045; 304-206-7028.

**Troy** Bilt rototiller w/rear tines, needs work, \$350. Russell Prichard, 213 Wilkinson St., Huntington, 25705; 304-416-2056.

**Garden** rotary tiller, good cond., 1 owner, \$75. Harry Ring, 56 Riverbend Rd., St. Albans, 25177; 681-317-9337.

**NH** 273 hay liner baler, \$1,000; Fizzia 3-pt. pine wheel rake, \$400. Lisa Sapp, 117 Emuel St., Grafton, 26354; 304-612-0428.

**Oliver:** '50 77 good cond., \$3,500; '58 Super 88, cracked liners in engine, nice tractor for projects, \$2,500. Montie Shafer, 759 Pone Grove School Rd., Lewisburg, 24901; 304-667-0994.

**Farmall** '57 130 single pt. past hitch, excel. cond., new tires all the way around w/plows & discs, show or work, \$4,500. David Sprouse, 1549 Thistlewood Circle, Hurricane, 25526; 304-539-1052.

**MF** 4-wheel hay rake w/chain carrier, extra wheel & rake teeth, \$250. Jim Summers, 305 Centenary Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 304-379-3815.

**Rear blade**, 4' adjustable blade that angles allowing you to push & place materials in any direction, grade or scrape gravel, \$300. John Thomas, 1015 Upper Laurel Dale Rd., New Creek, 26743; 304-788-5427.

**King Kutter**: Road tiller; brush hog, excel. cond.; finish mower, all \$1,400/ea.; 7' scraper blade w/mounts, brackets & controls, \$400. Harold Treadway, 208 Crooked Crk. Rd., Fayetteville, 25840; 304-574-6300.

## Equipment Wants

**Hay bine** 474 or 489. Danny Meadows, 1497 White Tree Hill Rd., Ballard, 24918; 304-753-4993.

Finish mower for 3-pt. hitch, 4' or 5', good cond., prefer King Kutter, will accept King Kutter in poor cond. if it has good 5' deck. Gary Williams, 431 Bowyer Rd., Mt. Hope, 25880; 304-673-9429.

## Farm Sales

**Ritchie Co.**: 53.85 A. w/house that needs repairs, private, stream, hay field, woods, free gas, \$150,000. Michael Bialek, Rt. 1, Box 90, Harrisville, 26362; 304-299-1707.

## Goat Sales

**Kiko** percentage: doelings, taking orders now, will be ready early 11/24, \$550/up; bucklings, \$250/up, all does are 75% and up, father is Coos Iron Horse grandson, lots of milk & very hardy brush workers. Nick Arcangeli, 498 Big Stoney Crk. Rd., Talcott, 24981; 304-660-8253.

**Kiko/Boer** cross, lots of color, \$160/up. Gerry Davis, 511 Lone Wolf Trail, Maysville, 26883; 304-851-2956.

**Boer** doe & buck 3/24 & 4/24 kids, red & black dapple spotted, some are red color, all kids are sired by red spotted dapple buck, started on grain, \$200/up. Justin McClain, 2853 Dry Fork Rd., Salem, 26426 304-782-3983.

**Kiko/Spanish** doelings 2, sm. framed, would make excel. pets/companions, \$400/both. Eric Napier, 6834 Whites Crk. Rd., Wayne, 25570; 304-544-9742.

**Boer** 2-yr. bucklings, good blood, traditional white/brown, proven breeder w/kids on site, \$600. Valerie Oldaker, 303 Leon Baden Rd., Leon, 25123; 304-593-4996.

**Kiko** 6/24 wnlgs., bucklings & does, as well as a few adult does, taking reservations, vacc., \$200/up. Wade Stiltner, 213 Short Cut Branch, Fort Gay, 25514; 304-272-5049.

**ADGA** Nigerian Dwarf 1/24 bucks, disbudded, polled, blue eyes, healthy & good disp., \$250. Mary Wolfe, 1430 Tribble Rd., Leon, 25123; 304-458-1992; leslie.wolfe@frontier.com.

## Hog Sales

**Meishan** gilts on the critically endangered list & known for their exceptional meat, \$200. Karel Currey, 4122 George Washington Hwy., Grafton, 26354; 304-612-2336.

**York/Tamworth** 6-wk. pigs, \$90; castrated, \$100. Benjamin Dickenson, 2165 Zion Mtn., Rd., Hinton, 25951; 304-660-5686.

**Magalista**: 3-yr. hogs, boar & 3 sows, \$800/ea; 8-mo., \$175. Nick White, 56 Shumans Run Rd., Rivesville, 26588; 304-695-8594.

## Plant Sales

**Caster** beans/mole killer, \$3/24 seed, SASE to Jerry McCauley 5519 Seneca Trail, Valley Bend, 26293; 304-642-9737.

## Plant Wants

**Bloody** Butcher field corn, 3 bu. for corneal, will pickup. O. Thomas, 116 Gatewood Ave., Oak Hill, 25901; 304-573-8300.

## Poultry Sales

**Chickens** barnyard hens, brown layers, \$7/ea. Kevin Cummings, 110 Walnut St., Evans, 25241; 304-372-8615.

**Free** Rhode Island Red 4-yr. rooster. Brenda Walton, 155 Leva Lane, South Charleston, 25309; 304-766-8462.

## Poultry Wants

**Looking** for Silver Lace Polish hens. Eva Gawthrop, 1982 New Crk. Rd., Salem, 26426; 304-844-3114.

## Sheep Sales

**FI** American White/Katahdin, American White sheep has a fat melding point comparable to Wagyu beef, \$500/ea. James Beyton, P.O. Box 20 Wallback, 25285; 304-881-2384.

**Hamp/Suffolk** 3/24 lambs: ewes & rams, \$350/ea.; 3/23 ram, \$550. Kevin Jones, 1039 Range Rd., Wadestown, 26590; 304-476-1247.

## 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.**

**Allied** hay elevator, will make 16', 21', or 38'. elect. motor works, chain all bolts, nuts, etc. to put it together with, will make a good elevator for someone, \$500/firm. Joe Arcangeli, 498 Big Stoney Crk. Rd., Talcott, 24981; 304-660-8253.

**Hay**, sq. bales, 1st cut, mixed meadow grass, barn kept, hay is avail. in Farmington, \$6/bale. Danny Bainbridge, 104 Kennywood Dr., Fairmont, 26554; 304-288-1171.

**Hay**, lg. sq. bales, mixed grass, \$3/pick up in field; \$4/out of shed. Paul Blake, 471 Jenkins Rd., Fayetteville, 25840; 304-574-0842.

**AKC** Pembroke Corgi 2/24 pups, black tris, \$1,500; ABCA Border Collie 5/24 pups, black/white, red/white, blue merle & red merle, \$800. all limited registration, vacc., micro chipped, health guaranteed. Kayla Campbell, 18 LaPoe Village, Core, 26541; 304-288-4289.

**Acreage**: Ritchie Co., 68.65 A. located at 2866 State Park Rd., Harrisville, property boarders the North Bend State Park, farming, barns, wash house, meadows, \$210,000. Rosemary Cianfrocco, 304-292-6944.

**Acreage**: Raleigh Co., 93 A. near Arnett, owner financing avail. w/sizeable down payment, property has no structures and is wooded, borders Rt. 3 between Beckley & Whitesville, \$89,000. Lillian Clay, 4820 Cicerone Rd., Charleston, 25320; 304-988-9293.

**Brown** eggs, \$2.50/dz. Jerry Cornell, 132 Cornell Dr., Apple Grove, 25502; 304-576-2785.

**Hay** wagon, 8x16, \$500; CKC reg. Collie pups, rough collies, vacc./wormed, parents on premise, \$150/ea.; AKC & CKC reg. 5-yr. male, \$400; 5-yr. females, \$300, all sable & white; Kevin Cummings, 110 Walnut St., Evans, 25241; 304-372-8615.

**Hay**, sq. bales, \$4.50/bale/out of barn. Anthony Edwards, 32 Mill Crk. Crossing, Hurricane, 25526; 304-757-5775.

**Pure** Great Pyrenees 6-mo. puppy, raised w/cows, horses & chickens, \$150/obo. Jessica

Edwards, 808 Lower Sand Lick Rd., Beckley, 25801; 304-222-9451.

**Acreage**: Tyler Co., 78 A. on Indian Crk. Rd., \$500/A. Alan Flemings, 35 15th St., Wellsburg, 26070; 304-737-3458.

**AKC** German Shep. pups, both parents on premises, \$500. Samuel Gaskins, 1144 Gaskins Hollow Rd., Salem, 26426; 304-872-3548.

**Maple** syrup, pure WV: \$20/qt.; \$11/pt.; \$6/1/2 pt.; \$3.25/100ml. Karen Hartman, 1761 Burgess Hollow, New Creek, 26743; 304-788-1831.

**Horse** shoeing stocks, \$500; cattle rack, 16', \$400; head gate, \$350; self contained 1,000 fuel tank w/pump, \$1,000. Roy Hunt, 142 Big Sandy Run Rd., Fort Gay, 25514; 304-412-2812.

**Great** Pyrenees 4-mo. pups, 1 w/badger spots, \$350. William Johnson, 241 Hook & Paul Lane, New Creek, 26743; 681-372-1124.

**Rabbit** breeders: WV & California 9-mo. -12-mo. \$40; 3-mo. -8-mo., \$25, black/white & browns/reds avail. good disp./wt, ready to go for meat, breeding or pets, can possibly meet. Kirsten Medlock, 8488 Clarksburg Rd., Volga, 26238; 304-629-0715; kirsten.medlockenterprises@gmail.com.

**Black** Walnut Kernels, vacuum sealed 1 lb. package, \$15, plus postage. Calvin Morrison, P.O. Box 877, Jane Lew, 26378; 304-884-7444.

**Hay**, sq. bales: of quality mix hay, fert. never wet, lg. bales, easy access, \$6/in the barn; \$5/out of field. Larry Parsons, 276 Maple Dr., Evans, 25241; 304-372-4575.

**Blue** Heeler pups, good farm & herd dogs, \$120/ea. or \$200/2. Edward Peachy, 375 Sassafras Rd., West Columbia, 25287; 304-882-3020.

**Apple** kettle w/stand & hookup, 35-gal., copper, \$950. Russell Prichard, 213 Wilkinson St., Huntington, 25705; 304-416-2056.

**ABCA** Border Collie 5/24 pups, black & white, \$450 w/\$200 deposit. Harry Riley, 878 Mountainview Rd., Morgantown, 26508; 304-296-3645.

**Peaches**: avail. 7/15-9/2, \$30-\$35 bu.; summer apples avail. 8/1, \$15-\$20 bu. Gary Shanholtz, 1328 Jersey Mtn. Rd., Romney, 26757; 304-822-5827.

**Hoeger** goat milking machine w/2 buckets, claw & hose, \$800; milk separator, \$120; goat milk stank, \$100; Big K animal clippers w/blades, \$250. Lloyd Sigley, 3363 Brushy Fork Rd., Bridgeport, 26330; 304-842-3797.

**Great** Pyrenees females, 5, snow white, \$300/ea. Dorothy Stewart, 1168 Greenbrier Crk. Rd., Fort Gay, 25514; 304-690-1331.

## Miscellaneous Wants

**Looking** for California meat rabbits, buck & doe. Sharon Yates, Rt. 3, Box 404, Milton, 25541; 304-963-1117.

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## JULY/AUGUST GARDEN CALENDAR

*2024 WVU Extension Calendar content developed by WVU Extension, and the WVU Agricultural and Natural Resources*



- JULY 1** Seed late cabbage and cauliflower for fall harvest.
- JULY 2** Seed late corn, snap beans, kale and broccoli. Seed or plant endive.
- JULY 3** Watch for early and late tomato blight. Seed carrots and Swiss chard.
- JULY 4** Plant grape or cherry tomatoes for fall.
- JULY 5** Seed late sweet corn and beets.
- JULY 6** Order garlic cloves for fall planting. Seed or transplant parsley.
- JULY 8** Watch for Japanese beetles. Order garlic seed.
- JULY 9** Plant napa Chinese cabbage. Remove raspberry canes after fruiting.
- JULY 10** Harvest new potatoes with tender skins. Seed storage.
- JULY 11** Pinch the top of black raspberry canes.

- JULY 12** For the largest flowers, remove side shoots from main stem.
- JULY 13** Seed dill. Turn compost.
- JULY 14** Plant figs. Seed or transplant parsley.
- JULY 15** Harvest summer squash frequently.
- JULY 16** Seed collards and kale for fall. Don't let weeds go to seed.
- JULY 18** Transplant cauliflower, broccoli and Swiss chard.
- JULY 19** Seed fall cucumbers.
- JULY 20** Plant peppers for fall crop. Seed summer squash for fall crop.
- JULY 22** Take cuttings from herbs.
- JULY 23** Mulch garden to conserve soil moisture.
- JULY 24** Water young trees and shrubs during dry periods.

- JULY 25** Pinch basil to retain four pairs of leaves per plant.
- JULY 26** Transplant Brussels sprouts.
- JULY 27** Add non-seed bearing weeds to compost.
- JULY 28** Seed beets.

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- AUG. 1** Water plants deeply each time. Seed beans and peas for fall crop
  - AUG. 2** Plant cabbage for fall crop.
  - AUG. 3** Plant napa Chinese cabbage. Seed spinach. Seed fall carrots.
  - AUG. 5** Seed lettuce for fall crop. Watch for downy mildew.
  - AUG. 6** Seed mustard, greens and radishes

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