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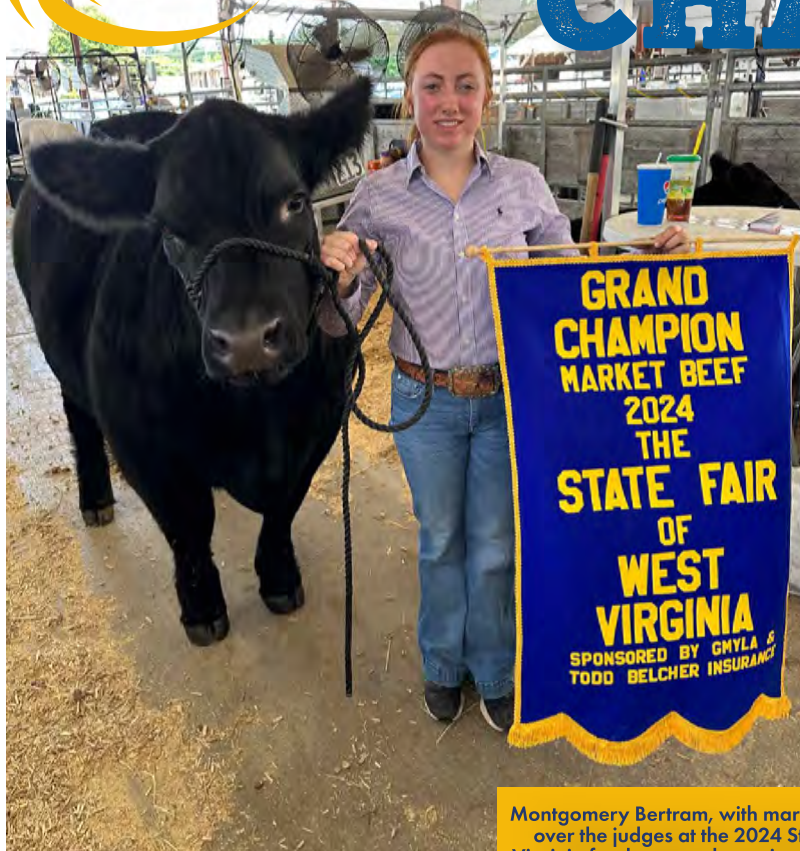
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CHAMPION



Montgomery Bertram, with market steer Axe, won over the judges at the 2024 State Fair of West Virginia for the second year in a row, taking home the title of Grand Champion Market Beef.

Montgomery Bertram knows her way around a show ring. With her red hair in a ponytail and her sure way with animals, this 20-year-old from Wheeling is hard to miss.

She looked calm and collected as she led her market steer around the show ring at the 2024 State Fair of West Virginia. Not only did she win her class, Montgomery walked away with the title of Grand Champion Market Beef for the second year in a row. It was no fluke. This young lady has the work ethic, determination and an eye for quality animals to get the job done.

“From the moment I was born, I’ve been around animals,” Montgomery explains while perched on a stool in the livestock barn after

her win. “We’ve always had cows on our family farm. I helped out with as much as I could when I was younger. As I got older, I helped more. When it was time to have babies, I helped with the calving and the lambing, making sure all the babies were healthy. As they grew, I made sure they had everything they needed with vaccines and deworming.

“When I was nine, I joined 4-H and took a market lamb to the Marshall County Fair. Her name was Whitney. I remember she won her class, and I cried like a baby when I had to sell her,” Montgomery recalls. “Fortunately, we have some really good friends who bought her and donated her back to me to start my sheep

flock. Whitney still lives on the farm today. She’s retired and living a happy life.”

The next year, Montgomery took a market steer to her county fair along with a lamb.

“We do the county fair every year and then we started to do a couple jackpot shows in there, as well. I added pigs to show, and a few years later, I started showing goats,” she explains. “Eventually we started coming down to the State Fair with our animals.”

For the past four years, Montgomery has shown all four species at the State Fair and walked away with an armful of blue ribbons.

“It is extremely difficult to show all four! This year, there were a few overlaps with the goat show and the pig show. Then another day the pigs and the steer overlapped, and the goats and the heifers overlapped. I was running back and forth going from one show to another,” she laughs. “I was switching shoes, making sure I had my boots on for the cattle and the right number harness. I’d finish there and run down to the small livestock barn, but we got it all done.”

Montgomery shines in the show ring, but says the real work begins before you even purchase your animal.

— Heart of a Champion, Cont. on page 3

DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

Despite Tropical Storm Debby’s heavy rainfall in some parts of the state in early August (some areas of the Eastern Panhandle saw three-plus inches), all of West Virginia remains in varying stages of drought, as of the end of August (drought.gov). Much of central West Virginia is now classified in “extreme drought.”

— Drought Assistance, Cont. on page 7

FROM THE COMMISSIONER:

Working Together for a Better Future



In challenging times, the power of collaboration becomes more evident. Whether in our personal lives or professional endeavors, coming together is essential. The ongoing drought has underscored the importance of collaboration, with the WVDA joining forces with state and federal agencies to efficiently secure and distribute resources and information. However, our collaborative efforts extend beyond crisis management. The WVDA consistently works with other organizations to build momentum and strengthen West Virginia's agricultural and rural industries.

A prime example of such collaboration is our ongoing partnership with West Virginia State Parks. Over the years, State Parks have hosted Farm-to-Table dinners across the state, featuring locally sourced meats, produce, and beverages. These events offer more than just a delicious meal—they provide a unique opportunity to connect with our farmers and trace the journey of food from farm to plate. Typically running from late July to early October, these dinners coincide with the peak of the farmers' market season.

Additionally, some of our WV Grown companies have found a home in State Park gift shops. The next time you visit, look for the WV Grown logo. You're likely to find local honey, maple syrup, and other products that

have become fast favorites.

However, our collaboration with the WV Department of Natural Resources (WVDNR) extends beyond State Parks. We also contribute to two other distinctive programs.

An elk population was reintroduced into the state in late December 2016, marking the first time in 140 years that wild elk were roaming the mountains of West Virginia. Subsequent releases were made in 2018 and 2024, with the elk being transported from the Land Between the Lakes Recreation Area in western Kentucky, bringing the total population to 140–150. WVDA employees, working with the WVDNR, United States Forest Service (USFS), and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, provided trailers and assisted in transporting the elk to the Tomblin Wildlife Management Area at Chief Logan State Park.

For 32 years, the Hunters Helping the Hungry program, sponsored by the WVDNR Wildlife Resources Section, has supplied nutritious venison to needy families across West Virginia. Participating hunters bring their deer to certified processors (either USDA or WVDA), who then grind, package, and freeze the meat. The Mountaineer Food Bank in Gassaway and Facing Hunger Foodbank in Huntington distribute the venison to over 600 charitable food pantries, soup kitchens, senior centers, and shelters. This program has provided over a million pounds of meat since

1992, filling an essential protein void to those in need. The WVDA supports this initiative by providing refrigerated trailers and equipment for meat storage and promoting the program through The Market Bulletin and social media channels.

A more recent partnership has resulted in the WVDA and WV Department of Health developing joint operation of a WVDHR incinerator. This incinerator will serve the needs of multiple agencies, including the WVDA and WVDHR. The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) has been an integral part of the interagency cooperation, as well.

The list goes on and on, but I will close by mentioning the upcoming Winter Blues Farmers Market on March 1, 2025. WVDA and WVU Extension work closely together on this event which closes out the annual Small Farm Conference. Winter Blues has become a favorite event in the Capitol City that showcases more than 80 local agribusinesses each year. This long-standing collaboration has produced a stellar event that continues to grow and flourish.

We value these partnerships and the work we accomplish. Together, we achieve more.

Kent Leonhardt, Commissioner of Agriculture

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Animal Health Bulletin: National Poultry Improvement Plan



The National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) is a voluntary program that was established in the early 1930's to provide a cooperative industry, state, and federal program through which new diagnostic technology can be effectively applied to the improvement of poultry and poultry products throughout the country. The development of the NPIP was initiated to eliminate Pullorum Disease caused by *Salmonella*

Pullorum, which was rampant in poultry and could cause upwards of 80% mortality in baby poultry. The program was later extended and refined to include testing and monitoring for *Salmonella Gallinarum*, *Salmonella Enteritidis*, *Mycoplasma Gallisepticum*, *Mycoplasma Synoviae*, *Mycoplasma Meleagridis*, and Avian Influenza. The NPIP currently includes commercial poultry and hobbyist poultry facilities. Poultry that can join the program include chickens, turkeys, waterfowl (ducks, geese, swans), pheasants, quail, peafowl, guineas, chukars, grouse, ostrich, emu, rhea, and cassowary. The technical and management provisions of the NPIP have been developed jointly by Industry members and State and Federal officials. These criteria have established standards for the evaluation of poultry with respect to freedom from NPIP diseases. The West Virginia Department of Agriculture encourages all poultry producers to become NPIP certified. If you are interested in becoming an NPIP participant, contact Connie Shoemaker at 304-538-2397 or cshoemaker@wvda.us. To learn more about the NPIP program, visit www.poultryimprovement.org.

— **Heart of a Champion**, Cont. from page 1

"You have to know what you're doing when you pick an animal. The folks I work with can get out and get their eyes on more animals than what I could on my own. They have a lot of experience. There's a lot you have to look at when you're picking babies because they can change as they get older. You have to look at structure," she stresses. "If you start out with a bad built animal, that's never going to change. You can put fat on, build muscle, you can make their hair look good, but you can't change structure on an animal. That's the most important thing we always look at, have a good base to start out with."

Montgomery raises her own sheep but looks outside for her goats, pigs and calves.

Once a calf is chosen, Montgomery says it heads back to the family farm for the fall and winter where her parents look after the animals while she's away at school. As soon as she gets home for summer break, it's time to get down to business.

"A lot of time goes into a steer. Over the summer, I get up between 4:00 and 4:30 to get the calves in before the sun comes up. I rinse them and get them cooled down for the day. I feed, work showmanship, rinse them and cool them down again. The middle of the day, I'll go in and work hair for at least an hour or so. Then, you have to wait until it's cooled down at night to turn them out so they're not in the sun and they don't get too hot," explains Montgomery. "Leading up to a show, you have to make sure they are used to drinking out of buckets and being tied all day. It's the little things like that people don't think about that helps animals feel more comfortable when they get to the fair. It takes hundreds and hundreds of hours over a summer to prepare your calf."

On top of that, Montgomery is also working with her lamb, goat, pig and heifer to get them ready to show.

With a few years of showing market steer at the county fair level, Montgomery decided to take her steer to the State Fair in 2023.

"I decided I wanted to step it up. Fortunately, I had some really good help. Dylan Frazier (of Frazier Cattle in Elizabeth) really believes in me and my family, and we found a steer from Barbour Cattle in Ohio. Smash was a really fun calf. He had a really great personality, and he pretty much did everything right that we needed him to do. He's one of the favorite animals I've ever shown," she says with a smile. "With Smash, we just knew we had a really nice animal. We were really excited to bring him down to the State Fair. We knew he looked really good.

But it was my first time showing a steer at the State Fair, so, you never really know. It was really exciting to win Grand Champion Market Beef and then Supreme Champion Market Animal."

At the fair market sale, Smash went for \$10,000. Montgomery quickly started to think about her next steer and the 2024 fair season.

"We knew we had some big shoes to fill. With the money I earned for Smash, we bought my next calf in September. His name is Axe, and he's a Here I Am/Bojo steer. He's had some challenges. We've had to think a lot about how to feed him. He didn't get super hairy over the summer. So, we had to work through those things. But in the end, it all worked out."

"I only have one more year to do this. We're going all out and do the best we can to find the best animals. In the next few months, we'll start looking for my next calf."

- Montgomery Bertram

When she and Axe stepped into the show ring at the 2024 State Fair, Montgomery said she did so with confidence, knowing she'd done the hard work to have a successful show.

"When I walk in the ring, I just try to think about my animal as much as I can. I want to get him set right, get his head right, make sure his tail is right. I try to be in line with him, making sure we're on the same page. During the summer, we walk the pattern we'll do at the fair, so Axe is used to it. It's always stressful when the judge walks by. My heart rate goes up, but I try to stay as calm as I can, so the steer stays calm. It's hard sometimes in that stressful situation."

Watching from the

bleachers, you can see Montgomery's poker face. She looks calm, cool and collected. They only time she breaks that steely gaze is when the judge gives her a nod of his head and announces her the winner – the Grand Champion Market Beef.

"It's just indescribable! In the heavyweight drive with Axe, I was unsure just how we were going to do. There were a couple of really nice calves in there. When the judge pointed at me, I was really excited," she says with a big grin. "Everything over the summer pays off. It makes it worth it."

At the fair sale, Axe went for \$6,800. The next day, Montgomery is already thinking into the future.

"Next year, we'll try to do it again!"

In the meantime, she's back at work of a different kind – hitting the books. For her freshman and sophomore years, Montgomery attended Lakeland College in Mattoon, Illinois. This year, she transferred to Western Illinois University, which has one of the top agriculture programs in the country. She's majoring in animal science.

"I'm not really sure what I want to do with my degree once I graduate. I have some time left to decide. I've thought about small animal reproduction with sheep and goats. I do know I want to stay in the livestock industry."

And when the 2025 State Fair of West Virginia comes rolling around, look for the young woman with the red ponytail. Chances are, she'll be the one to beat.



Bertram, pictured here with Smash, says she tries not to focus on the judge when she's in the ring. She puts all her concentration on her animal.

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Freeze!

One of the best parts of summer is all the fresh-from-the-garden produce we get to enjoy. But before you know it, we'll pick the very last tomatoes, green beans and corn of the season. However, once your garden (or trips to the farmers market) are gone, you don't have to pine away until next summer. Canning is the traditional method of preserving food, but why not freeze your favorites? Instead of traditional recipes this month, we've got the info on how to save time and some nutritional value by freezing your food. If you have a recipe you'd like featured in the Market Bulletin, send it to marketbulletin@wvda.us.



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Tomatoes

Step 1

Make sure your tomatoes are firm, ripe and free of blemishes. Wash and dry tomatoes, then cut away the stems and core. Cut the tomatoes into fourths or smaller (if desired).

Step 2

Place the tomatoes skin-side down on a baking sheet. Cover with plastic wrap and freeze. Once they are fully frozen, place them in a single layer in a freezer bag. (Make sure you label it!)

Step 3

It is important to remove air from the bag. The easiest way is to use a vacuum sealer. If you don't have a sealer, insert a straw halfway into a freezer bag and seal the rest of the bag, pushing out as much air as possible. Begin sucking the air out of the bag using the straw. Once the bag clings tightly to the tomatoes, seal the bag closed.

Step 4

You can place the bag into a container for added protection. Pop into the freezer.

Step 5

When you're ready to use, remove the tomatoes from the bag and let them thaw completely. The skins will slide right off.

Tip:

The tomatoes will be perfect for stews, chilis, sauces and casseroles.

Green Beans

Step 1

Wash your beans and trim the ends. You can leave the beans whole or cut them into pieces.

Step 2

Blanche the beans in a pot of rapidly boiling water. Boil for 2 minutes for small beans and 3 minutes for larger beans. Drain and immediately plunge the beans into a large bowl filled with water and ice cubes. Let them cool in the water for 3 minutes. Thoroughly drain the beans in a colander.

Step 3

Place the beans in a single layer on a cookie sheet and freeze for 2 hours. Remove from the freezer. Make sure to label and date a freezer bag. Place the beans into the bag, pressing as much air out as possible. Place the bag into the freezer.

Tip:

The beans will last in the freezer for at least 6-8 months. If they are frozen any longer, the texture and flavor may suffer.



Corn

Method #1

Step 1

Make sure the corn you are using is at peak ripeness. Remove the corn from the cob.

Step 2

Blanch the kernels in salted water for 2 minutes and drain. Immediately shock the corn in an ice bath to stop the cooking process.

Step 3

Remove the corn to drain on a towel, pat dry and then place in a freezer bag.

Tip:

You can also boil whole corn on the cob and then remove the kernels for freezing.

Method #2:

Step 1

Remove kernels from the cob. Label and date a freezer bag.

Step 2

Place the kernels into the bag. Leave as little air in the bag as possible or vacuum seal. Use the corn within 12 months.

Tip:

You can save the cobs, too! Freeze them the same way until you're ready to make corn stock or corn chowder.

Did You Know?

You don't need to be afraid of freezer burn! Freezer burn is just the result of air hitting frozen food and allowing the ice to sublimate.

WOMEN in AGRICULTURE

The 2024 recipients of the WV Women in Agriculture Award were honored during a reception at the State Fair of West Virginia. These ladies have gone above and beyond, whether it be on the farm or in leadership roles, to promote agriculture in the Mountain State. Pictured from left to right: WVAFF Queen Alyssa Lilly, Heather Duncan, Cindy Jenks, Commissioner Kent Leonhardt, Corine Powell, Terri McCoy, Carol Miller. Not pictured Esther Allen. The Women in Ag award celebrates the achievements of female farmers, producers, educators and advocates, past and present.



2024 FARMING HERITAGE AWARD



left to right: John Pitsenbarger, Vice President WV Farm Bureau; Charles Wilfong, President WV Farm Bureau; Dixie Miller, Katelyn King, Reva Miller, Ron Miller, Patricia Miller, Leon Miller, Cassy Miller, Cade Rudolph, Jeremy Rudolph, Kent Leonhardt, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Ronald and Patricia Miller are the recipients of the 2024 Farming Heritage Award, sponsored by the State Fair of West Virginia and the West Virginia Farm Bureau. The Miller's 180-acre farm in Baker, Hardy County, has been in the family since the early 1900's, beginning with Archibald Wilkins. Ronald and Patricia are the 5th generation to farm the land. The farm, plus 420 acres of leased land, includes an organic poultry operation, producing 350,000 birds annually, a 120 head cow/calf operation, and hay fields. Ronald and Patricia have continued the family's legacy with unwavering dedication and innovation. They are parents to two daughters, Katelyn King and Cassy Miller Rudolph, and three grandchildren.

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This event is open to the agricultural and residential community. Openly is tentatively scheduled for the outdoors.



WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WVDA: What We Do



Matt Monroe

Assistant Director Environmental Programs



“I've worked for the West Virginia Department of Agriculture for 25 years. I started out as the State's Aquaculture Regulatory Officer and then moved to our Regulatory Environmental Programs section. Currently, I manage approximately \$2.7 million in Chesapeake Bay Watershed and Ohio River Basin grants. I manage those grants, help set program goals, and report on progress. I also serve on the Department's Incident Management Team. The thing I like best about my job is working with an incredibly talented staff.”



West Virginia Grown

Rooted in the Mountain State



Member of the Month

Mike's Munchies

Who: Michael Moore

Location: Lewisburg

Products: Freeze dried candies

Where to buy: WV State Parks, Cheese 'n' More, Sandstone General Store and Eatery

Member Since: 2021

How they got started:

I originally bought the freeze dry machines during Covid to preserve food because I was worried about food insecurity. What happens is you take the moisture out of food under a super heavy vacuum. It swells it, expands it, changes the texture and by pulling the water out, it increases flavor. I tried freeze drying candy one day. I made a bunch and took it around just to see people's reaction. One thing turned into another, and here I am today. It's a fun way to eat your favorite candy.

Future plans:

I'm hoping to get a commercial kitchen so I can sell across state lines, go to my favorite music festivals and sell my candy. I'd also like to purchase a van because I hand deliver all my orders.

Why join West Virginia Grown?

It was mentioned to me when I started my business, and I just decided to roll with it. I've got the WV Grown logo on all my candy containers. The WV Grown membership is what got me into the Country Store at the State Fair of West Virginia. The fair last year was my first big event. After that, I got into the store at Cass Scenic Railroad because of the WV Grown program. The lady that oversees all the state parks saw my products and how well it was selling. She started ordering for all the state parks.

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.

WVG NEWS



Looking to try something new? **Kirkwood Winery** has added two new wines to their selection. There's Raspberry Lemonade and Easy Peezy Lemon Squeezy. The winery is also hosting its annual Wine and Music Festival, Sept. 20-21. You can sip, sing along to live music and you might even win a prize! Tickets are on sale now. Go to kirkwoodwinery.com for more details.

Charleston Bee Works is buzzing with activity! One of the newest members of the WV Grown family, the company is shipping orders all across the country from Colorado to California, Michigan to Wisconsin. You can shop online at charlestonbeeworks.com and you can find their beeswax candles, botanical skincare and handcrafted soaps at Vandalia Market in Charleston.



Hey, flower fans! **Gritt's Farm** is offering a flower bucket and picking experience with a Gritt's Fun Farm Season Pass! If you like sunflowers, cosmos, zinnias and other fall flowers, purchase a pass (grittsfarm.com)!



- 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

For More Information:

☎ 304-558-2210

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— Drought Assistance, Cont. from page 1

As we move into the driest months of the year in the Mountain State, our farmers and producers may need assistance to tackle drought related issues, such as: purchasing hay, hauling water, transporting livestock to grazing lands, replanting crops/fruit trees, covering family living expenses, refinancing farm-related debts, or other financial considerations.

The good news is there is help available. The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has several programs geared toward the drought (read more on page 12), as does the West Virginia Conservation Agency. However, you must have documentation to begin the process. It is imperative that farmers/growers keep their receipts for any drought-related costs that are incurred. Second, some programs are time sensitive. In some cases, you must report crop or livestock loss within a certain amount of days/weeks. Make sure to keep a record of dates and times and check with the FSA and Conservation on deadlines for drought programs.

The WVDA has put together a Drought Assistance Resources page on our website (agriculture.wv.gov). The page is filled with information to help farmers/growers get started on the path to recovery. The page also includes a list of farmers who have hay to sell, as well as other sources to search for feed.

As we head into fall, we urge farmers/growers to think into the months ahead and the needs they will face once the growing season is over. This can be a daunting time with many stressors, but you are not alone! We urge you to reach out to family, friends, a minister or counselor. You can also contact the Farmer Stress National Hotline at 1-844-293-8255 or text 38255. Your mental health is just as important as your physical health.



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West Virginia DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 COMMISSIONER, KENT A. LEONHARDT

4-H SPOTLIGHT
MAGGIE BARTENSLAGER

AGE: 21
GRADE: WVU GRADUATE
4-H CLUB: CENTRAL WILLING WORKERS 4-H (GREENBRIER CO.)

Maggie: I grew up around livestock. I started in the purebred open show with hogs when I was six. When I was old enough, I joined 4-H. My first project was a market goat. I've shown goats every single year, but I've picked up different species along the way. I've shown sheep, goats, hogs, cattle...a little bit of everything. I've had some success. I won the Market Goat Show, both Grand Champion and Reserve Champion, here at the State Fair. This year I'm showing two market goats. I think 4-H is such a great thing to be involved in. You get involved in the community. You learn leadership skills and how to step up. I've learned public speaking skills. This is my last year in 4-H, so, it's a little bittersweet. I just graduated from WVU with a teaching degree, and I'm going to be teaching pre-K. My family has a farm, so I'll continue helping with that, and I'd like to help the younger youth in 4-H, as well.

EXTENSION

WEST VIRGINIA FEEDER CATTLE & CALF SALES

2024 FALL SCHEDULE

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Buckhannon Stockyards						
Phone #304-472-5300						
Date	Time	Est. Head	Graded	Farmer Groups	Yearlings	
9/17/2024	9:00 AM	1,000	Y		Calves	
9/24/2024	9:00 AM	1,000	Y		Calves	
9/27/2024	1:00 PM	1,200			BQA Sale	
10/8/2024	9:00 AM	1,000	Y	Y	Calves	
12/3/2024	9:00 AM	500		Y	Calves	
11/1/2024	6:00 PM	300			Bred Cow Sale	
Jackson County Regional Livestock Market						
Phone #304-373-1269						
Date	Time	Est. Head	Graded	Farmer Groups	Yearlings	
9/14/2024	11:00 AM	400	N	Y		
9/28/2024	11:00 AM	400	N	Y		
10/12/2024	11:00 AM	600	N	Y		
10/26/2024	11:00 AM	600	N	Y		
11/9/2024	11:00 AM	400	N	Y		
11/23/2024	11:00 AM	400	N	Y		
12/14/2024	11:00 AM	200	N	Y		
9/20/2024	6:00 PM	200			Bred Cow Sale	
10/18/2024	6:00 PM	250			Bred Cow Sale	
11/15/2024	6:00 PM	200			Bred Cow Sale	
12/20/2024	6:00 PM	150			Bred Cow Sale	
Pocohontas Co-op						
Phone #304-799-6593; 304-799-4852; 540-499-2718						
Date	Time	Est. Head	Graded	Farmer Groups	Yearlings	
9/14/2024	2:00 PM					
9/28/2024	2:00 PM					
11/16/2024	2:00 PM					
12/14/2024	2:00 PM					
9/13/2024	7:00 PM	250	Y		Special Calf Sale	
9/27/2024	7:00 PM	250	Y		Special Calf Sale	
10/11/2024	7:00 PM	250	Y		Special Calf Sale	
10/12/2024	2:00 PM				Bred/Cull Cow Sale	
Preston Farmers Market						
Phone #304-789-2788						
Date	Time	Est. Head	Graded	Farmer Groups	Yearlings	
10/1/2024	8:00 AM		Y			Calves Check-In
10/2/2024	10:00 AM	600	Y			
10/25/2024	2:00 PM					Special Bred Cow Sale
South Branch Valley Livestock Market						
Phone #304-538-6050						
Date	Time	Est. Head	Graded	Farmer Groups	Yearlings	
9/21/2024	10:00 AM	800	Y	Y	Yearlings	
10/5/2024	10:00 AM	1,800	Y	Y	Yearlings	
10/12/2024	10:00 AM	2,000	Y	Y	Yearlings	
10/19/2024	10:00 AM	2,000	Y	Y	Yearlings	
10/26/2024	10:00 AM	1,500	Y	Y	Yearlings	
11/2/2024	10:00 AM	800	Y	Y	Yearlings	
12/14/2024	10:00 AM	800	Y	Y	Yearlings	
Weston Livestock Market						
Phone # 304-269-5096						
Date	Time	Est. Head	Graded	Farmer Groups	Yearlings	
9/19/2024	9:00 AM	1,000	Y	N		
9/26/2024	9:00 AM	750	Y	N		
9/7/2024	12:00 PM	400	N	Y	Yearlings	
10/5/2024	12:00 PM	500	N	Y	Yearlings	
10/10/2024	6:00 PM	300				Special Bred Cow Sale
11/9/2024	4:00 PM	150				Special Bred Cow Sale

Additional sale dates and locations will be updated on the WVDA website and in future Market Bulletins as information becomes available.

<https://agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/animal-health/market-news/>

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2024-2025 WEST VIRGINIA FFA LEADERSHIP TEAM

For the second time in West Virginia FFA history, the FFA leadership team is made up of all females. These outstanding young ladies were chosen by their peers during the annual West Virginia FFA Convention, in July. They'll spend the next 10 months traveling the state, getting to know the FFA members in their region and using the skills they've learned in FFA to challenge members to bring their talents to the table and make the most out of their time in the organization. Meet this year's leadership team!



Hannah Crum - President - Buffalo FFA

FFA has changed me by giving me an opportunity no other organization offers. It has shown me how to live like I have no time to waste. I ran for office for many reasons, including serving the organization that has always served me, as well as advocating for women in agriculture.

Isabelle Hauser - FFA Secretary - Preston County FFA

FFA has positively impacted my life in so many ways. My plan for this year is to make every moment count. One of my biggest goals is to encourage members to get more involved and to show everyone that there is a place for them within FFA.



Kari Gay - Central Region Vice President - Upshur County FFA

FFA has given me a second family. We are all working towards keeping the legacy of agriculture alive. It is how we get to explore all the opportunities available through agriculture. Coming from a four generation FFA family, I have seen and experienced all the amazing things that you can gain from being in this organization.

Michelle Sampson - North West Region Vice President - Blennerhassett FFA

FFA has truly changed my life! Because of FFA, I have gained confidence in myself and found my passion for leadership in the agriculture industry. I am blessed to have a chapter where I am accepted and allowed to grow into the person I am today. I couldn't be more thankful.



Miyah Swiger - North Central Region Vice President - Bridgeport FFA

FFA has given me opportunities that I otherwise wouldn't have had. It's given me lifelong friendships with peers that have similar interests. I want every student out there to know that you do not have to be a farmer to be in FFA. There is something for everyone in this growing organization. I plan to encourage students to get involved.

Laney Burns - Eastern Region Vice President - Tucker County FFA

I am excited to serve this year at the state level. FFA has given me some amazing memories through competitions, traveling across the country, and meeting new people. FFA has provided me with opportunities to develop important life skills and make lifelong friends.



Libby Stricklen - Northeastern Region Vice President At-Large - Roane County FFA

FFA has changed me by challenging me to get over my fear of public speaking. It took some work, but with some help from my "FFA family," I got over that fear. I would love for my year as a State Officer to be filled with fun, meaningful connections, and, of course, I want to impact members.

Haley Murphy - Southwestern Region Vice President - Clay FFA

This organization has shaped me to be a mindful public speaker and advocate for the FFA organization and its many aspects. I ran for state office because I felt it was a way for me to give back to the organization that has already gifted me with so much.



West Virginia Conservation Agency



2024 Conservation Farms of the Year

Davin White - WVCA Director of Communications

The West Virginia Conservation Farm of the Year competition expanded its scope in 2024, adding a new category and a third coverage area for the first time in many years.

This year's competition is judging traditional farms, large scale operations which often include cattle and other livestock, as well as grown crops. Now, "non-traditional" farms, which implement small-scale horticulture practices and may also have smaller livestock like poultry or goats, are also eligible. Each farm, however, is critiqued on how well it uses good conservation practices and follows a conservation farm plan.

A third coverage area, up from only two in recent years, now breaks up the state into southern, western and eastern areas.

Greenbrier Valley and Elk Conservation Districts in the south; the Potomac Valley, Monongahela, Tygarts Valley and West Fork Conservation Districts in the east; and the Northern Panhandle and Western Conservation Districts in the west.

Three non-traditional farms will compete for the statewide award. Two of the finalists talked about why conservation efforts are so important to them.

"When you own the land, it's your responsibility. It's our fiscal and moral responsibility to care for this land," said Gini LaMaster, co-owner of Powder Keg Farms in Hampshire County. "It's only ours for this generation. It's going to be somebody else's next generation, and it's critical that we take care of our resources."

In the Nook Farm co-owner Tony Slabaugh said being stewards of the land is important to him and his wife, Aine. They also strive to share what they have learned about how plants and wildlife co-exist in the natural world, how to grow, how to eat, how to conserve natural resources and how to harvest crops sustainably.

"Those are the things that we cherish, and we try to pass along," he said.

Their non-traditional farm is in Burnsville, in Braxton County.

The Furrow Family Farm in Monroe County, Cottage Hill Farm in Grant County and Dague Stock Farm in Ohio County are 2024 finalists in the traditional farm category.

This year's Traditional and Non-Traditional Conservation Farms of the Year will be named during an October awards banquet in Sutton.



Tony and Aine Slabaugh, owners of In the Nook Farm, say it's important for them to share the conservation lessons they've learned.

That means more farms are now finalists for the Conservation Farm of the Year awards.

Farms are judged on a county, conservation district, area, then state level, for a chance to be named the West Virginia Conservation Farm of the Year.

Judges grade the farmers on their use of best management practices, impact on ecological systems and community-based activities.

During each area's farm tour, from mid-July to mid-August, different teams of judges traveled to farms in the Guyan,



Gini LaMaster is passionate about taking care of the land she farms and leaving it a better place for future generations.



Farm Service Agency



USDA Offers Disaster Assistance to Agricultural Producers in West Virginia Impacted by Drought

Agricultural operations in West Virginia have been significantly impacted by recent drought. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) has assistance available to help farmers and livestock producers recover from these adverse weather events. Impacted producers should contact their local USDA Service Center to report losses and learn more about program options available to assist in their recovery from crop, land, infrastructure, and livestock losses and damages.

USDA Disaster Assistance

Livestock producers who suffered grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought on privately owned or cash leased land may be eligible for the 2024 Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP). To participate in LFP, producers must own, cash lease, or contract grow eligible livestock, provide pasture or grazing land to eligible livestock on the beginning date of the qualifying drought, certify that they suffered a grazing loss due to drought, and submit an acreage report to the FSA for all grazing land for which a grazing loss is being claimed. FSA maintains a list of counties eligible for LFP and makes updates each Thursday.

Meanwhile, the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides eligible producers with compensation for above normal costs of hauling water and feed to livestock as well as transporting livestock to forage or other grazing acres. For ELAP, producers are required to complete a notice of loss and a payment application to their local FSA office no later than the annual program application deadline, Jan. 30, 2025, for 2024 calendar year losses.

Additionally, eligible orchardists and nursery tree growers may be eligible for cost-share assistance through the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) to replant or rehabilitate eligible trees, bushes or vines. TAP complements the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or crop insurance coverage, which covers the crop but not the plants or trees in all cases. For TAP, a program application must be filed within 90 days of the disaster event or the date when the loss of the trees, bushes or vines is apparent.

“Once you are able to evaluate the drought impact on your operation, be sure to contact your local FSA county

office to timely report all crop and livestock damages and losses,” said State Executive Director for FSA in West Virginia John Perdue. “To expedite FSA disaster assistance, you will likely need to provide documents, such as farm records, herd inventory, receipts and pictures of damages or losses.”

FSA also offers a variety of direct and guaranteed farm loans, including operating and emergency farm loans, to producers unable to secure commercial financing. Producers in counties with a primary or contiguous disaster designation may be eligible for low interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Loans can help producers replace essential property, purchase inputs like livestock, equipment, feed and seed, cover family living expenses, or refinance farm-related debts and other needs.

Additionally, FSA offers several loan servicing options available for borrowers who are unable to make scheduled payments on their farm loan programs debt to the agency because of reasons beyond their control.

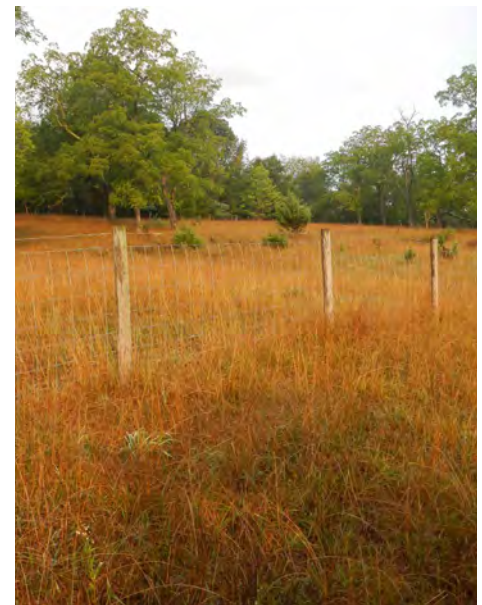
Risk Management

Producers who have risk protection FSA's NAP should report crop damage to their FSA office. For NAP covered crops, a Notice of Loss (CCC-576) must be filed within 15 days of the loss becoming apparent, except for hand-harvested crops, which should be reported within 72 hours.

Conservation

FSA's Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) can assist landowners and forest stewards with financial and technical assistance to implement emergency water conservation measures, restore

fencing, remove debris, replace damaged irrigation system, land leveling, and more.



More Information

Additional USDA disaster assistance information can be found on [farmers.gov](https://www.farmers.gov), including USDA resources specifically for producers impacted by tornadoes and flooding. Those resources include the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster-at-a-Glance fact sheet, Loan Assistance Tool, and Natural Disasters and Crop Insurance fact sheet. Additionally, FarmRaise offers an FSA educational hub with LIP and ELAP decision tools, as well as farm loan resource videos. For FSA programs, producers should contact their local USDA Service Center. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent.

Natural Resource Conservation Service



Conservation Planning Helps Improve Farm Productivity



Whether you rent or own your land, a conservation plan is critical to maintain and improve farm productivity. Plans of any kind are important as they set goals and outline how to reach them. Conservation plans are roadmaps for improving your operation while conserving natural resources. They provide proven strategies that landowners can use to solve identified natural resource concerns and take advantage of conservation opportunities.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) can help you develop a conservation plan. This technical assistance from NRCS is FREE and can help you reduce soil loss from erosion; solve issues with soil, air and water quality; reduce potential damage from excess water and drought; enhance the quality of wildlife habitat; address waste management concerns; and improve the long-term sustainability of the country's natural resources.

How does conservation planning work? You'll meet with a planner from NRCS for a science-based evaluation of problems and opportunities on your land. The NRCS staff member, typically a district conservationist or soil conservationist, then analyzes the findings and recommends the best strategies to address your problems and achieve valuable opportunities. If you're interested in conservation planning, contact your local USDA Service Center or visit nrcs.usda.gov.

USDA Increases Minimum Annual Payment for Conservation Stewardship Program

USDA is increasing the minimum annual payment for agricultural producers participating in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) from \$1,500 to \$4,000. The increase addresses challenges faced by small scale and underserved producers and improves equity in the program by making participation more financially beneficial for smaller operations. The new minimum payment is available for new and renewed CSP contracts, and applications for the program in West Virginia are accepted on a continual basis.

CSP offers technical and financial assistance to help agricultural and forest producers take their conservation efforts to the next level. The program is designed to compensate agricultural and forest producers who agree to increase their level of conservation by adopting additional conservation activities and maintaining their baseline level of conservation.

Currently, an unprecedented amount of funding is available for CSP through the Inflation Reduction Act and Farm Bill. The Inflation Reduction Act provided \$19.5 billion in additional funding for NRCS' oversubscribed programs like CSP for five years. Inflation Reduction Act funds are available to help producers adopt climate-smart practices.

NRCS accepts producer applications for its conservation programs year-round, but producers interested in this cycle of funding should apply as soon as possible. Funding is provided through a competitive process and will include an opportunity to address the unmet demand from producers who have previously sought funding for climate-smart conservation activities.



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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.

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; lforinash1@gmail.com

Jackson Co. Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting*, 2nd Sat., 10 a.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.

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., Ronald P. Sharp Alumni Conference Center, WV Osteopathic School, Lewisburg, Contact Rick Forren, 304-539-1303.

Tri State Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting*, 3rd Thursday, Sept.-Nov. 6:30 p.m., Good Zoo Bldg., Oglebay Park, Wheeling, novice program, Contact Steve Roth, tristatebees@gmail.com.

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, 1:00 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.

Cattle Sales

Reg. Scottish Highland 4/23 & dun 5/23 bulls good disp., easily handled & reg. w/American Highland Cattle Assoc., parents on premises, can provide pictures, \$4,000/ea. Emiley Arbuckle, 15455 Seneca Trail N., Lewisburg, 24901; 304-661-3533; emilyaarbuckle@yahoo.com.

Reg. Polled Hereford heifer, dark red, Revolution 4 R blood, good disp., \$1,600. Roger Casto, 837 Radcliff Run Rd., Mineral Wells, 26150; 304-489-1696.

Reg. Polled Hereford 2-yr bull, excel. disp., \$2,200. Jeff Cummings, 72 Statler Run Rd., Fairview, 26570; 304-680-4364.

Reg. Polled Hereford bulls, \$2,500/up. Bobby Daniels, P.O. Box 214, Fairdale, 25839; 304-575-7585.

Polled Hereford bulls, 4, \$1,800/ea. Richard Dunn, 68 Tyrone Avery Rd., Morgantown, 26508; 304-594-2603.

Reg. Black Angus: bulls, good disp., easy calving, \$2,750. Joanne Edgell, 1471 Bingamon Rd., Worthington, 26591; 304-592-2717.

Charolais bull, dad is pure Charolais, mom is not, dad was over 1,000 lbs. when sold, beautiful, \$2,000. Margaret Kirby, 8945 N. Calhoun Hwy., Big Springs, 26137; 304-477-3241.

Pure: Angus bulls Genetically (HD50k) tested; Hereford bull, all low bw, averaged 72# at birth, good disp., good BSE by mid Sept., \$2,500/up. Rod Summers, 98 Meadland Rd., Flemington, 26347; 304-842-7958; summersbunch@aol.com.

Reg. Hereford 3-yr. bull, above average EPDs, DNA tested, \$3,500. Wayne Willie, 1478 Curtisville Rd., Smithfield, 26437; 304-986-3941.

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 dbl. plow, 10753, serial #4786, \$450; Ferguson dbl. disc., \$600. Daryl Allen, 1285 Missouri Run Rd., Parkersburg, 26101; 304-489-2901.

MF 2615 tractor w/loader, \$15,000. George Carr, 63 Gapview Dr., Charleston, 26306; 304-542-7031.

BCS attach. rear tine tiller, brush hog & wood chipper, \$1,500/all. Rodger Channel 674 Channels Mill, Kernes, 26276; 304-642-0223.

NH 7060 Styling Special baler, baled 6,800 bales, crop cutter, wide pick-up, \$20,000. Clifford Crane, 143 Spiker Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 304-379-4482.

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

IH '71 664 diesel, 6,250 hrs. w/ta single remote, 4 pt. ROPS w/shade, 50% rubber, 2 sets of wheel wts., \$11,000; Kuhn FC243TG mower cond., excel. cond, extra knives, draw bar hitch, \$13,750, both always shed kept. Tim Ingram, 670 Next Rd., Sistersville, 26175; 304-652-1231.

Mighty Max shredder/chipper, 7 hp, good cond., \$600; Troy Bilt rototiller, horse model 2-speed, excel. cond, \$700. Ed King, 4359 Mill Crk. Rd., Charleston, 25311; 304-346-5154.

Horse drawn trees, 10: dbl. 30/ea.; single, \$20/ea.; 5' snow plow for 4 wheeler, \$65; potato plow, 14" wide, used on a 3-pt. hitch, \$50; lg. wood turn plows, 2, \$150/ea.; lg. metal turn plows, 3, \$100/ea.; horse drawn cultivator, \$100; horse drawn potato plow, \$50. Chip Mallion, 37 Taxidermy Lane, Sutton, 26601; 304-765-7187.

MF '22 2607H tractor, 75 hp eng/65 hp PTO, 4x4 loader, 6'bucket, 2 sets of rear remotes, 8 speed shuttle, approx 140 hrs., excel. cond., remaining transferable 5-yr. powertrain warranty, \$37,500; 3-pt. hitch mounted round bale scissors lift, \$400, Jason McVickers, 4230 Dusk Camp Run Rd., Sand Fork, 26430; 304-997-0142.

NH 479 hay bine, \$1,500. Eli Meadows, 365 3 Crosses Rd., Camp Creek, 25820; 304-222-4030.

Ford 5600 tractor, 2 WD, good cond., \$8,000. Larry Parsons, 276 Maple Dr., Evans, 25241; 304-372-4575.

Tarter brush hog, excel cond., \$1,950; MF 383 state rd. tractor w/ side hyd. brush hog, RR tire tread about 3/4 & the other 3 are new, \$6,500/obo. Roger Phillips, 1174 Nutter Run Rd., Nutter Fort, 26301; 304-624-4246.

Zetor '99 4341 Super Cab tractor, 4x4 w/ loader, 1,700 hrs., \$18,000; bush hog, 5'tiller, \$2,000; set of 12" dbl. plows, \$500. Homer Plumley, 351 Plumley Mtn. Rd., Shady Springs, 25918; 304-573-8799.

NI 272 conditioner for parts, \$300. Ralph Rinker, 17 Misty Morning Lane, Purgitsville, 26852; 304-289-3633.

Taylor 766 3-pt. hitch backhoe attach., \$4,000. Johnny Rollins, 71 PD Fork Rd., Foster, 304-369-5562.

Farmall '57 130 all new rubber, flip flop plows, 5' disc, excel. cond., show or work, \$4,500. David Sprouse, 1548 Thistlewood Circle, Hurricane, 25526; 304-539-1052.

Farm Sales

Clay Co.: 55 A. w/house, barn, garage, outbldgs., hay barn, chicken pen, 15 A. pasture, \$450,000. Carl Aplin, 2643 Falling Rock Rd., Clendenin, 25045; 304-548-5767.

Ritchie Co.: 53.85 A. w/house that needs repairs, private stream, hay field, woods, free gas, \$145,000. Michael Bialek, Rt. 1, Box 90, Harrisville, 26362; 304-299-1707.

Farm Wants

Want to buy grandmas & grandpas farm that needs TLC w/at least 5 A. in Monongalia & Marion Co. Geneva Yost, 331 Below Rd., Fairview 26570; 304-449-1821; kwgs@aol.com.

Goat Sales

Boer bucks: 1/24 dark red dapple, \$600; 2/24 traditional white w/red head & necks, 2, \$400/ea.; does, 4-mo.-14 mo., \$200-\$500. Brad Castle,

10972 George Washington Hwy., Rowlesburg, 26425; 304-698-9213.

Boer 2/24 doe kids, 5, traditional white & brown, \$250/ea. Bradley Heatwole, 2230 Hiner Mill Rd., Sugar Grove, 26815; 540-280-9179.

Reg. Nigerian Dwarf: herd sire, buck & dam in milk; mini Nubian does in milk, 2, \$200-\$500; bucklings & mini Nubian 4-wk. -13-wk. doelings, bottle babies, can be reg. MDGA or ADGA, \$200-\$400. Jill Henderson, 126 Canton Rd., West Union, 266456; 304-914-1219; 304-873-3761.

Reg. Saanen 3/24 & 4/24 does, 2, sired by Spinning Spider bucks, \$300/ea. or \$500/both, pasteurized/bottle fed. Jim Kirk, 2345 Hudson Branch, Culloden, 25510; 304-743-6696; upahollow60@hotmail.com.

Pure reg. Kiko/Saanen/Sable: doelings, proven breeders, \$275/up; bucklings & wethers, \$160/up, herd tested Johnes/Brucecellosis/CAE/CL neg., selected for hardy growth on pasture/hay, vacc., del. avail., Hope O'Toole, 595 Luther Heishman Rd., Baker, 26801; 304-897-7073.

Free weathered 2-yr. male goats, 2. John Ramsey, 2434 Blue Sulphur Rd., Ona, 25545; 681-219-0145.

Alpine doelings & bucklings can be reg., some are dehorned, some are horned, parents are ADGA reg. & on site, bucklings, \$175/under; doelings, \$375. Leah Snow, HC 60, Box 231a, New Martinsville, 26155; 304-455-3998.

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: 4/23 buck, blue eyes, wattles, moon spots, clean herd, tested 5/24 Jones, CL & CAE, \$500; reg. bucklings, \$450; unreg., \$250; weathers, \$125. all 4/24 born, disbudded. Janet Thompson, 293 Farmshire Dr., Odd, 25902; 970-318-8047; crookedfence-farm22@gmail.com.

Kiko/Nubian cross 6-mo. doelings & wethers, parasite resistant, CD&T current, \$200/ea. Jeremy Vance, 827 Guy Dice Rd., Harman, 26270; 304-704-7667.

Hog Sales

Pure Hereford 7-wk. feeder pigs, \$100/ea. Ralph Deck, 1101 Gerow Lane, Pipestem, 25979; 304-673-0290.

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

Horse Sales

Jerusalem donkeys, males, 3 & females, 3, \$200/ea. Larry Carr, 1288 Potomac Highland Trial, Durbin, 26264; 304-456-5369.

Plant Wants

Looking for blackberries & blueberries. Jan Harriman, 1242 Whetsell Settlement Rd., Terra Alta, 26764; 304-698-2540; 304 329-2554.

Blue tip half runner beans. Irene Morris, 19434 Mountaineer Hwy., Wileyville, 26581.

Poultry Wants

Adult Banty hen & rooster. Roy Britan, P.O. Box 511, Arthurdale, 26520; 304-864-4176.

Sheep Sales

Wool ewes, \$250/up. Gary Elmore, 2523 Charles Booth Rd., Sinks Grove, 24976; 304-667-8254.

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

Katahdin/Dorper cross 6-mo. ram & ewe lambs, brown & white, CD&T current, parasite resistant, \$200/ea. Jeremy Vance, 827 Guy Dice Rd., Harman, 26270; 304-704-7667.

Reg. Suffolk 2-yr. ram, sired by McCauley ram, very nice, proven breeder, \$550. Ronnie Vance, P.O. Box 244, Seneca Rocks, 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, 1st cut, high quality, baled & stored dry, fields limed/fert. w/no weeds, easy access & del. avail. for additional cost: sq. bales, 40-45 lbs. \$6/ bale. Isaac Amick, P.O. Box 363, Nettie, 26681; 304-618-5887; 304-651-0510.

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, 1st cut, sq. bales, never wet, mixed grass, barn kept, \$4.50/bale. Roscoe Beall, 1648 Cortland Rd., Davis, 26260; 304-866-4188.

Hay, 1st cut sq. bales, mixed meadow grass barn kept, \$3/bale/pick up in field; \$4/out of shed Paul Blake, 471 Jacobs Fork Rd., Fayetteville, 25840; 304-574-0842.

AKC Pembroke Corgis, \$800; ABCA Border Collie, males, short haired, \$650, all vacc./micro-chipped, crate/house trained. Kayla Campbell, 18 LaPoe Village, Core, 26541; 304-288-4289.

Hay, 1st cut sm. sq. bales, orchard grass & timothy mix, fert. this year, never wet, \$4/bale. Eric Cunningham, 2762 Stewartstown Rd., Morgantown, 26508; 304-282-5194.

Pure AKC reg German Shep. 7/24 pups, parents have calm disp., \$500/ea. Elvin Fisher, 1831 Hokes Mill Rd., Ronceverte, 24970; 304-646-5590.

Maple syrup, pure WV: \$20/qt.; \$11/pt.; \$6/½ pt.; \$3.25/100ml. Karen Hartman, 1761 Burgess Hollow, New Creek, 26743; 304-788-1831.

Tailer '04 Featherlite stock combo, 12' long, kept inside, new brakes, must see, \$4,100. Dwight Huffman, 7976 Blue Lick Rd., Greenville, 24954; 540-726-7577.

ASDR & CKC reg. Aust. Shep. pups, 2, black tri females w/full white collar, \$400/ea.; blue merle male w/blue eye; red merle male, both \$500/ea., tails docked, vacc./wormed. Vicki Mitchem, 229 Stoney Crk. School Rd., Alderson, 24910; 304-575-6036.

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

Bamboo, live or dried, you dig, free. Hope O'Toole, 595 Luther Heishman Rd., Baker, 26801; 304-897-7073.

8x8 posts, 45, excel. cond., \$450/cash. Roger Phillips, 1174 Nutter Run Rd., Nutter Fort, 26301; 304-624-4246.

Californian: adult rabbits, buck & 3, does, \$25/ea.; babies, \$20/ea; Standard Rex, \$30; Li-onhead doe, \$25. Emma Quick, 132 Old Weston Rd., Buckhannon, 26201; 304-516-6394.

Hay, '24, 5x5 round bales, \$40/bale. Ralph Rinker, 17 Misty Morning Lane, Purgitsville, 26852; 304-289-3633.

Rabbit building, \$75. Betty L. Roush, 871 Spillman Lane, West Columbia, 25287; 304-857-6109.

Apples: fall apples, bring containers, call for availability, \$12/bu.-\$15-bu. Paula Ruggles, 131 Ruggles Orchard Rd., Levels, 25431; 304-492-5751.

CKC Red & Blue Aust. Heelers out of working stock, health guaranteed, excel. farm, family & companion dogs, \$500/ea. Judy Saurborn, 454 Cobun Crk. Rd., Morgantown, 26508; 304-288-1179.

Apples: fall varieties avail. 9/21, \$15-\$20 bu.; apple butter apples, \$8/bu.; juice apples, \$7/ bu., animal apples, \$6/bu. Gary Shanholtz, 1328 Jersey Mtn. Rd., Romney, 26757; 304-822-5827.

Hay 1st cut 4x4 round bales, mixed grass \$35/bale; 2nd cut, \$40/bale. Anders Stanley, 2915 Quinwood Nutterville Rd., Nallen, 26680; 304-680-4364. farm22@gmail.com.

2 PTO irrigation pumps, 3 water guns, 20 sprinklers, 1,200' of 3" alum. pipe, 4,000' 4" pipe, many fittings, \$8,000. Norman Young, 1282 Pumpkin Vine Rd., Buffalo, 25033; 304-594-2603.

WV HERB ASSOC. FALL CONFERENCE

10/19; reg. 9 a.m.

Conference 10 a.m.

WVU Jackson's Mill Conference Center,
1607 Jacksons Mill Rd., Weston, WV

Cost \$30, Member price \$25

Children under 12 free w/paid adult

Cash only at the event.

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Contact Stephanie Hawkins, 304-677-3504;
sangus85@yahoo.com.

Urban Agriculture Outreach: Homesteading Conference

Capitol Conservation District

Sept. 13; 10 a.m.-8:45 p.m.

concert/registration

Sept. 14; 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Bible Center Church, Charleston, WV

Tickets \$75

Vendors \$200

To register: www.homesteading-ish.com.



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GARDEN CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEPT. 2 Order spring-flowering bulbs. • SEPT. 3 Build a high tunnel or cold frame. • SEPT. 4 Seed spinach. Plant crocus. • SEPT. 5 Dig late potatoes. Turn compost. Renovate lawn or reseed bare spots. • SEPT. 6 Seed cover crop to improve soil health. Prepare root cellar. • SEPT. 7 Seed lettuce for fall crop. Plant fall turnips and radishes. • SEPT. 9 Divide peonies. Seed carrots in high tunnel or cold frame. • SEPT. 10 Harvest early pumpkins. Don't let weeds go to seed. • SEPT. 11 Plant hardy evergreens. • SEPT. 12 Seed bunching onions in a cold frame. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEPT. 13 Control broadleaf weeds in lawn. Harvest peppers. • SEPT. 14 Plant garden mums. Begin 14 hours of darkness to turn color of poinsettias. • SEPT. 16 Begin pumpkin harvest. Seed lettuce in high tunnel. • SEPT. 17 Transplant winter sprouting broccoli. • SEPT. 18 Repot houseplants. Seed fall spinach. • SEPT. 19 Harvest early-planted sweet potatoes. • SEPT. 20 Plant shallots and potato onions. • SEPT. 21 Water young trees and shrubs during dry periods. • SEPT. 23 Plant elephant garlic. Seed salad greens in high tunnel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEPT. 24 Plant hyacinths. Harvest storage onions. • SEPT. 25 Bring rosemary plants indoors before frost. • SEPT. 26 Seed carrots in high tunnel or cold frame. • SEPT. 27 Save heirloom tomato seeds. • SEPT. 28 Seed leeks for overwintering in cold frame. <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCT. 1 Cure onions for storage. Turn compost. • OCT. 2 Dig canna, dahlia, gladiolas and tubular begonias. • OCT. 3 Harvest green tomatoes and gourds before frost. • OCT. 4 Seed carrots for overwintering in high tunnel. • OCT. 5 Harvest and cure sweet potatoes. Divide perennials.
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