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It's been 20 years since Travis and Teresa Heavner planted their first Christmas tree seedlings on Brushy Mountain Tree Farm.

For the past 20 years, Travis and Teresa Heavner have focused on building an agribusiness that puts the holiday cheer in hundreds of homes. Brushy Mountain Tree Farm (a member of the WV Grown program) is located in Pendleton County, just outside of Franklin. The farm feels especially festive when temperatures drop and the holidays are right around the corner. They'll sell 400-plus trees and another 250-300 fresh pine wreaths beginning November 28, the day after Thanksgiving.

"Customers start pulling up the driveway about 9:00 a.m. on opening day," Travis says. "It is a steady stream of people. We'll sell 80 to 100 trees that first Friday and another 100 or so that first Saturday and Sunday."

This eight and a half-acre choose and cut tree farm is surrounded by 40 acres of lush pasture and 90 acres of woodland. It's property Travis'

grandparents bought in the 40s and farmed for most of their lives. Travis grew up on the farm raising sheep for FFA projects. Teresa grew up 15 miles down the road doing the same. The pair started dating in high school and got married after college. Little did they know a school project would point them down a pine path.

"I have a degree in Business and Marketing," says Teresa. "As part of my master's program, I had to come up with a business plan. I don't even remember why, but I chose a Christmas tree farm."

That plan didn't come into play until three years later when the Heavners, who were living in Harrisonburg, VA, decided to return to Pendleton County and start a family.

"We moved back to my parent's farm and built a house on two acres my dad gave me," Travis recounts. "I had worked on a local Christmas tree farm growing up, and we knew one of the two Christmas tree farms in the area was

going out of business. We thought our farm would be a good location to draw customers from the tri-county area and even into Virginia. So, we decide to start our own Christmas tree farm."

To the uninitiated, a tree farm might sound like an easy, money-making venture. All you have to do is grow a few trees and cut them down, right? Well, the Heavners will attest, it's a lot more time-consuming, backbreaking, and expensive than it sounds.

The Heavners took two prime hayfields out of production and set aside eight and a half acres of that for their tree farm in 2006. They used parts of Teresa's business plan to map out their future.

"Our business model had us planting one acre of trees a year. We laid out where we wanted our trees, we plowed out the rows, and then we bought seedlings and planted them. Teresa was pregnant and out there helping me plant trees," recalls Travis. "We planted 1,500 seedlings a year over an eight-year span. Our first few years, we didn't

FROM THE COMMISSIONER:

Protecting Food Access in a Time of Uncertainty



As West Virginians, we take pride in caring for one another—especially when times are uncertain. During the recent federal government shutdown, many families experienced delays in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), raising understandable concern about how they would put food on the table. Although SNAP benefits fall entirely under the responsibility of the West Virginia Department of Human Services and the Governor's Office, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) remains committed to supporting our state partners and our citizens whenever disruptions occur.

With the shutdown now over and SNAP benefits fully restored, we can all breathe a sigh of relief. But the moment serves as an important reminder: our food system must always be prepared for the unexpected. Ensuring that families have access to nutritious food is not merely a federal obligation—it is a shared commitment. At the WVDA, we take that responsibility seriously, and we will continue strengthening the systems that help protect West Virginians when federal programs face interruption.

Throughout the shutdown period, the WVDA took several proactive steps to reinforce the state's emergency food network. We moved quickly to open communication with

our food banks and worked with school systems to identify and redirect surplus USDA foods to supplement inventories and reduce waste. These foods were purchased with one purpose: to feed West Virginians. We intend to ensure they do exactly that. As federal operations resume, these partners will continue to benefit from stable funding and strengthened distribution networks as they rebuild inventories.

The WVDA Food Distribution Program ensured that USDA commodity foods reached our food banks through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), which serves low-income seniors. Deliveries remained on schedule despite federal delays, and they will continue uninterrupted in the weeks ahead.

If the shutdown taught us anything, it is that strong partnerships—between state agencies, farmers, food banks, and community organizations—are essential to keeping our neighbors fed. West Virginians have always been resilient, resourceful, and generous. I am proud of the way our agricultural community steps up time and again to meet challenges with solutions.

Hunger is not a political issue; it is a human one. Working together, we can ensure every West Virginian has access to the food they need and deserve. The WVDA will continue

to do its part, today and in the future, to safeguard our state's food security and support the people who make West Virginia strong.



Facing Hunger and Mountaineer Food Banks, working with food pantries statewide, stepped up efforts to ensure West Virginians had access to food during the federal government shutdown which halted SNAP funds.

Kent Leonhardt, Commissioner of Agriculture

Animal Health Bulletin: Winter Livestock Care

It's that time of year again when livestock producers are tasked with the challenge of managing the health of their herd during frigid winter months. The health of spring cow and calf pairs depends on good winter herd management. As temperatures plummet, livestock burn more calories to stay warm. To keep herds healthy through winter, supplying more forage and adequate minerals is critical to prevent depletion of fat stores and weight loss. Producers should keep in mind that, although more forage is required during the winter, livestock also waste hay and feeder choice is important. A study at Michigan State University compared feed wastage among different types of round bale feeders. Ring and ring/cone type feeders were the most efficient, resulting in an average of only 4.5 percent waste. In addition, as livestock consumes more feed, water intake is also increased. Checking water sources regularly is important to ensure there is plenty of unfrozen water available. A local practicing veterinarian can assist livestock producers with overall herd health plans including winter management.



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make any money because you can't sell a tree until it's at least six feet tall. That takes time. We had to buy a tractor to mow between the rows. Once we started selling trees, we had to purchase a baler. Then we built a store/workshop on the farm where we sell our trees. The first acre we planted, we've now harvested the third round of trees. We're 20 years into the project."

Today, you'll find a variety of trees on the farm from Frazer, Douglas, and Canaan fir to white pine and Colorado blue spruce.

"We have a little bit of everything," says Travis. "Douglas fir has been our best seller over the years. They grow well here, and they grow quick. Their biggest downfall is they are prone to Swiss needle cast (a fungal disease). So, in the spring, we have to treat those trees to prevent that, but we try and use as few pesticides as possible."

"Concolor is another one of our big sellers," adds Teresa. "They have a wonderful citrusy smell, and they also hold their needles a long time."

On average, it takes anywhere from eight to 10 years from the time a seedling goes into the ground until the tree is ready for harvest. The first three to four years of a seedling's life on the farm is relatively uneventful. By year four, it's time to start with leader control.

The leader, the very top branch that goes straight up, grows about a foot a year and needs to be trimmed every season. When there isn't a true leader, Travis has to find a secondary branch and turn it into a leader by adjusting the limbs around it. Once the tree is six to seven years old, it has to be trimmed every season to get what Travis calls the "perfect teardrop shape."

"When I first started, I used a \$500 weed eater especially made for Christmas trees that had a blade at the end. I trimmed all 8,000 trees like that. It was hard! It was hard to keep the machine running, and it was hard on my body. A few years ago, I switched to using a pair of hedge trimmers. It takes me 45 seconds to trim a seven-foot tree. It is so much easier, and the trimmers cost about \$30," laughs Travis.

Replacement trees go into the ground in March right next to the stump of a tree that was cut the previous season. The rows between the trees have to be mowed beginning mid-spring through the end of November to control the weeds. Tree trimming gets underway as soon as the family returns from the State Fair of West Virginia where Ty and Tia, the couple's children, show livestock.

"We live VERY busy lives," stresses Teresa. "I'm a loan officer with a local bank. Travis works for the Pendleton County Board of Education. We also raise cattle and sheep. Travis is the girls' basketball coach at the high

school. Ty plays on the football team, Tia is on the volleyball squad, and they are both active in FFA."

How do they get it all done? It's not easy according to the couple, but they say thanks to a lot of help from their kids and extended family, when Christmas season rolls around, everyone pitches in.

Teresa, along with her niece, daughter, a few of her daughter's friends, and her 81-year-old mother-in-law, get to work on hundreds of fresh pine wreaths two weeks before Thanksgiving.

"We use our own trees for wreath material, with the exception of Frazer fir. We get those branches from a tree farm that is no longer in operation," explains Teresa. "Tia and I run the wreath table. My mother-in-law and niece hand us the pine bundles. A few of Tia's friends sort the branches into different boxes. We'll make close to 300 wreaths in two weeks' time, all with handmade bows."

When the farm opens the day after Thanksgiving, Travis has pre-cut trees ready for purchase at the farm store. Customers who want to choose and cut their own tree check in at the store, are handed a saw, and then they're free to find their tree. Once a customer cuts down their favorite fir, pine or spruce, they bring it back to the store where Travis, Ty, and Ty's friends shake, bale, and load it up. Before they leave, customers stop in the store to do a little Christmas shopping. Teresa stocks the shelves with locally made products like Cool Hollow Maple Syrup and Blackthorn Lavender (both members of WV Grown), as well as black walnuts that come from their farm. Her pine wreaths sell as quickly as they set them out on display.

The Heavens have made Brushy Mountain Tree Farm into a Christmas experience. That's earned them fans far and wide.

"We've sent trees home to New York, North Carolina, D.C., Pennsylvania. People will pick up a tree while they're back here visiting family for Thanksgiving. Some are traveling back home after visiting Canaan and Snowshoe and will see our sign. Of course, we have lots of local customers who come back year after year," says Teresa.

Travis adds,

Travis' mother Anna is one of eight family members and part time employees who help make the tree farm and Christmas store at Brushy Mountain run smoothly during peak season.

"There's a family from the Harrisonburg, VA, area that bring four or five vehicles of people with them. They go over to the tree fields and have a picnic. Then they'll pick out their trees. They make a day of it. It's a tradition for them."

"A couple years ago, we had a guy come in and say he wanted to buy a brown tree he saw in the field. I went up there with him, and sure enough, it was a dead tree. But he wanted that brown tree. I said, 'Buddy, if you cut that tree down, it's all yours. You don't owe me anything for it.' He took that tree home. I don't know what he did with it...but it went home with him that day."

When they first opened their farm to customers, the average price for a seven-foot tree was about \$35. Today, the cost is \$60. Sometimes they'll hear a grumble, but Travis points out if someone chooses to go to a big box store, they'll be paying the same price, plus those trees most likely were cut weeks ago.

When it comes to picking out a Christmas tree for their own family, Teresa says they always let Ty and Tia do the choosing.

"Sometimes they choose a Frazer. We've had Douglas and Concolor, too. They usually go for a tall, skinny one, and almost always, it's one with some type of imperfection. I made a promise this year that we're going to put our tree in the stand the week of Thanksgiving. Now, we may not get around to decorating it until a few days before Christmas," admits Teresa.

When you're a busy family, with a Christmas tree farm to run, decorating your Douglas just might have to wait.

Brushy Mountain Tree Farm kicks off the season November 28. They're open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until they've sold this year's stock. Check out their Facebook page for hours of operation, tree availability, and directions.



WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Nourished & Grounded: Navigating the Holidays with Ease

By: Lacy Davidson Ferguson, MS, RDN | Business Development Planning Coordinator

The holidays are a time for connection, celebration, and, let's be honest, plenty of delicious food. But for many of us, they can also bring stress, overindulgence, and that nagging guilt that comes from slipping out of our usual rhythm. As a farmer, I'm reminded that every season has its purpose. Winter invites rest and reflection. As a yoga teacher, I see it as an opportunity to practice balance and presence. And as a registered dietitian nutritionist, I know that how we approach food matters as much as what's on the plate. Here are a few ways to stay grounded and well this holiday season.

Root yourself in gratitude.

Before meals, take a moment to breathe and acknowledge where your food came from, whether it's a farmer down the road, your own garden, or a loved one's kitchen. This simple pause shifts your nervous system from "fight or flight" to "rest and digest."

Eat with awareness, not restriction.

You don't need to "earn" your food or "make up for it later." Instead, practice noticing how foods make you feel. Savor the flavors, honor your fullness, and choose with intention, not impulse.

Prioritize real, local foods.

Our bodies thrive on the foods nature provides in each season. In Appalachia, that means root vegetables, hardy greens, squash, apples, and locally harvested or pasture raised meats. These grounding foods provide the nourishment and stability our bodies crave during the colder months.

Move with joy.

Whether it's a brisk walk after dinner, some gentle stretching before bed, or a family snowball fight, movement helps regulate digestion, mood, and energy. Let it be fun, not forced.

Final thought

The holidays aren't about perfection, they're about presence. When we slow down, choose foods that truly nourish, and honor the rhythms of the season. We create space for joy.



Appalachian Apple Crisp (Naturally Sweetened)

Filling:

- 5–6 medium local apples, thinly sliced
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ¼ tsp nutmeg
- 1–2 Tbsp maple syrup or honey (optional, depending on apple sweetness)

Topping:

- 1 cup nut flour (acorn, almond, walnut, or freshly milled local whole grains)
- ½ cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- ¼ cup grass-fed butter, melted
- 2 Tbsp maple syrup or honey
- Pinch of salt

Directions

Preheat oven to 350. Toss the apples with lemon juice, spices, and optional sweetener, then spread evenly in a baking dish. In a separate bowl, mix topping ingredients until crumbly. Sprinkle over apples and bake 30–35 minutes, until bubbly and golden. Serve warm with a dollop of homemade whipped cream.

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Roasted Root Vegetable Medley with Maple Dijon Glaze

- 2 cups carrots, peeled and chopped
- 2 cups parsnips or sweet potatoes
- 1 cup beets, cubed
- 2 Tbsp local maple syrup
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 2 Tbsp bacon drippings
- Sea salt and pepper to taste
- Fresh thyme or rosemary

Directions

Toss chopped vegetables in the glaze and roast at 400 for 35–40 minutes, stirring once. Finish with fresh herbs.

Tip:

Add cubed local sausage or bacon for a heartier one-pan meal.

Savory Pumpkin Soup with Garlic & Herbs

- 1 small pie pumpkin (or 3 cups roasted puree)
- 2 Tbsp butter or olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 cups bone broth or vegetable stock
- ½ tsp sage
- ½ tsp thyme
- salt to taste

Directions

Sauté onion and garlic in butter until fragrant. Add pumpkin, broth, and herbs. Simmer for 15 minutes, then blend until smooth. Garnish with a swirl of cream and fresh herbs.



West Virginia Grown

Rooted in the Mountain State



Member of the Month

Rocky Knob Farms

Who: Jason Ekers

Location: Prichard (Wayne County)

Products: Pumpkins, Sweet Corn, Produce

Where to buy: Ceredo Farmers Market

How they got started:

I grew up gardening. My brother did most of the picking. I was the one that would go around and take it to people's doors to sell it. My wife and I purchased the farm in 2006. We had to clear trees in order to make space for a pasture. We started off with goats and chickens, and we grew one acre of sweet corn to sell. We were able to expand the farm with a high tunnel through a grant with NRCS. Now, we've expanded to 15 acres. We grow a lot of sweet corn, tomatoes, half runner beans, peppers, potatoes, zucchini, squash, cabbage, cucumbers, onions, watermelon, and cantaloupe. We also grow pumpkins for the Kenova Pumpkin House, about 3,500. It's wonderful to be a part of that event which attracts 50,000 visitors. There's not that many things you can grow and get that many people to see it!

Future plans:

I would love to add more cattle to the farm. We're also looking at another high tunnel. We can fill it with half runners, and people will buy all of it. They want half runners in our area of the state. We'd also like to grow more field corn. We hope to grow it, grind it, and sell it to local farmers.

Why join West Virginia Grown?

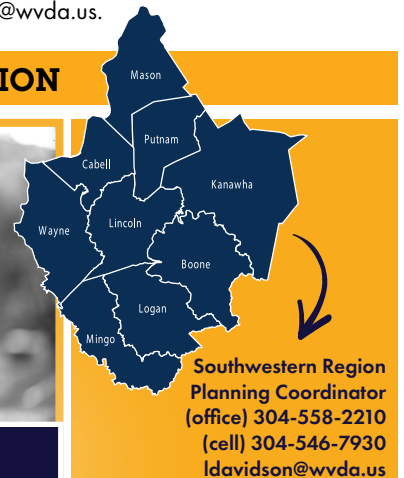
At first, I didn't know if it would benefit our farm, but when I travel around the state, people know our farm and what we grow. The program has helped us a lot with networking. People will say they saw us in the WV Grown Directory. WV Grown doesn't cost anything. It's free to join. I don't know why people wouldn't want to be a part of it!

WV Grown has been around since 1986. In the past 39 years, the program has helped thousands of West Virginia agribusinesses market their products to customers here at home, across the country, and even around the world. That remains our mission today. Whether you raise cattle or grow cucumbers, West Virginians take great pride in the products that come from their land. When people see a WV Grown logo on a product, buyers can be assured it was grown or processed, with quality ingredients, right here in the Mountain State. For every WV Grown product sold, that's money that goes back into our local economy. Buying WV Grown just makes sense/cents. With more than 600 members, retail partners, and supporting businesses, we hope you'll take time to browse through our WV Grown Directory (<https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/west-virginia-grown/>). If you want to become a member of WV Grown, contact our Business Development Division at 304-558-2210 or email wvgrown@wvda.us.

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"You are the primary 'value-added' to your business! Factor YOUR time into your pricing. Tell YOUR story as part of your branding. Show YOUR face in your marketing. Your ag products are superior, but YOU are the reason people are investing their money locally and not at the big box stores. YOU are worth it!"

In the News

Gritt's Farm has added a new location to purchase a WV grown Christmas tree. They'll be setting up shop at the **South Charleston Farmers Market** from Nov. 29 – Dec. 20. They'll also have porch pots, fresh wreaths, and more!

J.Q. Dickinson Salt-Works is getting some love from the New York Times! J.Q.'s Finishing Salt was included in the Time's Wirecutter's 47 Best Housewarming Gifts list! Check out the October issue <https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/gifts/best-housewarming-gifts/>.

Capitol Market is giving a new twist to their Holiday Village

Celebration. This year they're going international! Shop the 12 Days of Christmas in a new country each day. From the Philippines to Switzerland, Japan to Mexico, travel the world without ever leaving Charleston. The Celebration runs Dec. 12-23.



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On a very steep hillside overlooking the town of Bramwell, you'll find Larry Marcum tending his plants. It's the same hillside Marcum played and explored during summers as a child.

"I have such wonderful memories here! This was my grandparent's property, 13 acres. I grew up in Huntington, but I spent so much time on this mountain," explains Marcum.

He and his wife Kellan lived in Florida for 36 years. As a pastime, Marcum started growing vegetables in the winter on his pool deck using a hydroponic system. He watched YouTube videos to learn the basics. When the couple decided to move back to West Virginia and Marcum Mountain Farms three years ago, he knew he wanted to continue growing.

"Moving back has worked out well," says Marcum. "I'm semi-retired, and Kellan is still working remotely. I'm glad this property is still in the family. We're very happy here."

When it came time to plant a garden on their land, it was a bit tricky, to say the least.

"This farm is all mountainside. It's straight up and down. We actually had to carve it out," Marcum points to the steep terrain.

He put in a garden on a flat terrace he'd dug out of the hillside and then got to work building himself a hydroponic greenhouse a stone's throw from their home. The 1,200 square foot structure is Marcum's sanctuary.

"I started growing lettuce and kale. My wife is a kale fanatic," Marcum explains.

But he soon realized they weren't the only ones who needed nutritious food year-round. The town of Bramwell, once home to more millionaires per capita than anyplace in the U.S., was struggling. In fact, many parts

of neighboring McDowell County are considered food deserts, where fresh fruits and vegetables aren't readily available or easily accessed.

Marcum began selling his produce to small restaurants and to locals looking for a healthier diet. He also donates produce to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, in Powhatan, that holds a food bank once a month.

"I love to see folks eating our food, but it's slow going sometimes. I always say, if I could grow Twinkies and potato chips, I'd be a millionaire. A lot of people just haven't gotten on board with eating salads all the time," he laughs.

"This Farm is all mountainside. It's straight up and down. We actually had to carve it out"

- Larry Marcum, Marcum Mountain Farms

Thanks to the greenhouse, Marcum can grow a wide range of fruits and vegetables, year-round, with his hydroponic system.

"In hydroponics, we use a nutrient that's in a fluid solution. It comes out of our tube system about six times a day. There's no dirt involved. The roots of the plant get their nutrients from that solution. In the winter, the greenhouse is enclosed. We put in a temporary ceiling to help keep the heat in and our heating costs manageable. In the spring and summer, we remove that ceiling and open up the sides of the greenhouse. If we were to put up

Marcum's hydroponic greenhouse produces food year round. Not only does he sell his produce, he also donates it to local charities.

screening, it would hamper the airflow and make it unbearably hot. So, we open the sides and let the outside in," explains Marcum.

He doesn't use any pesticides that aren't on the Organic Materials Review Institute (ORMI) list.

"Everything we use is organic. A lot of people don't care about that, but I do," stresses Marcum.

The greenhouse is filled with tomatoes, onion, chard, kale (black and blue), several different types of lettuce, peppers, beans, microgreens, and a variety of herbs 12 months out of the year. At times, he'll have hundreds of heads of lettuce ready for harvest.

Marcum says he's considered putting in another greenhouse, but for now, one is enough.

"If I didn't enjoy this, there's no way I could keep up. I spend the evenings out here just doing what needs done. Sometimes there's nothing to do and sometimes it's non-stop."

Marcum joined the WV Grown program in 2024.

"I wanted to get our name out there and meet other small farmers across the state. That's what's happened. In fact, a lot of people have come here to Marcum Mountain Farms to see what we do with hydroponics and pick my brain. I'm no authority, but I share what I know."

Just like he's sharing his produce with a community in need.

To learn more about Marcum Mountain Farms, check out their Facebook page.

HELPING FARMERS GROW WVDA Rural Rehabilitation Loan Program

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture's Rural Rehabilitation Loan Program provides loans up to \$250,000 to individuals or businesses for starting, purchasing, or expanding a farm operation; to assist farmers who have suffered financial setbacks from natural disasters or who need additional resources with which to redirect or maintain profitable farming operations; or for other agricultural businesses. Loans are made for a term of up to 20 years and must be fully secured.

The Rural Rehabilitation Loan Program is currently running a special promotion, offering an interest rate of the current Wall Street Journal Prime Rate less one percent, on loans secured by real estate.

The application is available on the West Virginia Department of Agriculture's website at: <https://agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/executive/Rural-Rehabilitation-Loan-Fund>. The loan committee meets quarterly to review loan applications. Questions about the program or application can be directed to Susan Baxter, loan program coordinator, at (304) 558-2221 or sbaxter@wvda.us.

AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY HALL OF FAME Class of 2026

The West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame is now accepting applications for induction into the Hall of Fame for the class of 2026. Know someone outstanding in the fields of agriculture, forestry, or family life? Fill out an application today! The deadline for nomination is February 16, 2026. You can find the application at: <https://agriculture.wv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-AFHOF-Nomination-Form.pdf>.

Applications can be submitted to:

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Raegan: I grew up on a farm. We raise and breed pigs. It was my job to help clean up the barn every night. I decided I wanted to join FFA when older kids around me started to join. They were having a lot of fun. We had a middle school chapter, and I joined that three years ago. I've joined a couple teams through FFA, both livestock and equipment judging. I've also raised animals, and it's been quite a journey. I've had three lambs and four pigs, and I used to show cattle. It keeps me very busy. I love showing my lambs the best. I like working them better than pigs because it is a lot easier. They're also a lot of fun and not as messy as pigs. I'd love to have my own lamb farm, but that's a few years down the road.



THE WVDA IS HIRING!



Looking for a job in agriculture? The WVDA is looking to fill multiple positions.

For more information, visit: <https://wvda.applicantstack.com/x/openings>

Boxwood Tree Moth: A NEW INVASIVE PEST



Move over spotted lanternfly! There's a new bug in town. The Box Tree Moth (BTM), an invasive species native to East Asia, has made its presence known here in West Virginia. The first reported sighting came earlier this year in Berkeley County, and it's on the move.

Box trees (*Buxus* spp.) are ornamental shrubs commonly used in landscaping all across West Virginia. BTM feed exclusively on Boxwood species within the U.S. Female BTM lay eggs individually or in clusters of five to twenty on the underside of Boxwood leaves. BTMs overwinter as caterpillars, webbed up in Boxwood leaves. Once temperatures rise, caterpillars emerge and begin feeding (usually around March). Caterpillars tend to feed on leaves in the lower portion of Boxwood plants but reside in the upper portion. Pupation (the intermediate phase where the caterpillar is transforming into the moth) occurs in late April/early May in silk cocoons on the Boxwood leaves. Adult moth have approximately a two-week lifespan once they emerge. BTM can have up to five generations per year, as they remain active until September/October, depending on climate. It is not uncommon to find multiple life stages (eggs, caterpillars, pupae, and adults) on the same plant at the same time.

If BTM populations grow high enough, feeding can cause complete defoliation of the Boxwood, leading to death of the plant. Once stripped of its leaves, BTM caterpillars have also been observed feeding on the bark of the Boxwood, leading to branch dieback and/or causing death of the entire plant.

Other signs of BTM infestation include skeletonization of leaves, presence of dark green frass (caterpillar excrement), and webbing (similar to that of spider silk).

So, what should you be looking for? BTM generally have a brown head and white wings, with a thick brown border along the outside edge of their wings. They can have other color variations, but the one described is the most common and easiest to distinguish from most other moths. The early stages of BTM infestation can be difficult to detect. Both eggs and freshly hatched caterpillars are very small, and the most mature caterpillars are only 1.5 inches in length. It can take some time before signs and symptoms are noticeable, even if someone is checking the plants regularly.

Control Options:

- Remove infested boxwood by cutting them down to the root or digging them up. Make sure to gather any fallen Boxwood leaves, as caterpillars could be present on leaf material. You can either burn all plant materials or double bag plant materials in black plastic garbage bags to ensure that they are completely sealed. Leave the bags in the sun for several days before disposing of them in the municipal waste.
- Treat any Boxwoods with insecticides that are labeled for BTM control (or caterpillar control). Natural pesticide options are

pesticides with the active ingredient *Bacillus thuringiensis* *kurstaki* (Btk) on the label. These can be found under different brand names at many garden centers.

- If boxwoods are removed and destroyed, you can replace them with other shrubbery, preferably a native plant. Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*) is a great option as it is hardy and requires very little care.
- Finding and tracking infestations of BTM is especially vital to nurseries and nursery dealers in West Virginia to prevent economic losses and spread of this pest to uninfested areas. Please report any new infestations of BTM in West Virginia to bugbusters@wvda.us. If possible, include a good quality photo of the specimen in the email report. A map of current infested counties can be found on the WVDA website at <https://agriculture.wv.gov/wp-content/uploads/box-tree-moth-map.pdf>.





Winter Blues Returns

Winter is almost here, and the WVDA staff is gearing up for our annual Winter Blues Farmers' Market. The 2026 event will take place Saturday, February 28, at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center. As always, the market is free and open to the public.

VENDORS:

There are some changes to note this year. If you are a member of the WV Grown program, you will have early access to registration starting December 5. You will receive an email with the early registration site. All other vendors can begin registering on December 8 on the WVDA website (<https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/winter-blues-farmers-market/>). All vendors will need to fill out and return their application online using a credit/debit card as payment. Mailed-in applications and check payments WILL NOT be accepted. The deadline for vendors to apply is February 6.

SHOPPERS:

We're expecting record crowds. That's great news for our vendors! For some, Winter Blues is their biggest money-making event of the year, and they can't thank you enough for your support. However, when we get big crowds, it can get congested, especially right as we open. Consider arriving later in the afternoon to avoid the opening crowds. We promise our vendors will still have plenty of great products to purchase. You might also want to bring cash with you. Lines at the Coliseum ATM can be long.

We can't wait to welcome you to Winter Blues 2026!



Hunters Helping the Hungry



Commissioner Kent Leonhardt harvested a doe for the Hunters Helping the Hungry Program during the Governor's One Shot Hunt.

Not every family in West Virginia will celebrate the holidays with a table piled with food. In fact, many people rely on food provided by one of the state's two food banks to make their holiday meal. This holiday season we're once again asking hunters to consider donating a legally harvested and tagged deer to the Hunters Helping the Hungry (HHH) program. Since 1992, HHH has collected and processed more than 30,000 deer, providing 1.5 million meals to the food insecure. To donate, it's as simple as dropping off a field dressed deer to a participating processor. The venison is ground, packaged, and then delivered to either Mountaineer Food Bank in Gassaway or Facing Hunger Food Bank in Huntington. From there, the food banks deliver the venison to food pantries, soup kitchens, senior centers, homeless shelters, and other agencies across West Virginia who assist those in need of food. With the help of the Governor's One Shot Hunt, Share the Harvest Sunday, and other forms of donations, there are no processing fees for hunters who donate a deer. To learn more about the HHH program and find a processor in your area, go to <https://wvdnr.gov/hunting/hunters-helping-the-hungry/> or call 304-924-6211.

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West Virginia DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE
COMMISSIONER, KENT A. LEONHARDT

2025 NATIONAL FFA *Awards*

AMERICAN DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Elijah Armes (Clay)
 Trista Arnold (Calhoun)
 Chandler Ash (Tyler)
 Kasey Barker (Pine Grove)
 Hannah Bassett (Pine Grove)
 Malea Bechtle (Mason Co. Vocational)
 Adam Bennett (St. Marys)
 Bryce Berg (Petersburg)
 Lara Bittinger (Mineral Co.)
 Addison Bolyard (Preston Co.)
 Madison Bolyard (Preston Co.)
 Mckinley Bonnett (Upshur Co.)
 Dillinger Bowers (Mineral Co.)
 Alyssa Brookier (St. Marys)
 Delaney Brookover-Dennis (St. Marys)
 Whiteney Brown (Pine Grove)
 Dyland Butcher (South Harrison)
 Braxton Call (Hannan)
 Keilei Christian (Greenbrier East)
 Bryce Cogar (Upshur Co.)
 Caroline Cook (Martinsburg)
 Haylin Cook (Mineral Co.)
 Dakota Cowger (Upshur Co.)
 Mckenna Crites (Moorefield)
 Hannah Crum (Buffalo)
 Gregory Delancey (St. Marys)
 Gage Delong (Ravenswood)
 Tessa Dulaney (Pine Grove)
 Hunter Dunham (Hedgesville)
 Emily Evans (Upshur Co.)
 Cooper Folmsbee (South Harrison)
 Kari Gay (Upshur Co.)
 Corbin George (Upshur Co.)
 Austin Goldizen (Buffalo)
 Cameron Hall (South Harrison)
 Luke Hall (South Harrison)

Katrina Harsh (Preston Co.)
 Isabelle Hauser (Preston Co.)
 Luke Hefner (South Harrison)
 Zack Hostutler (Hundred)
 Cody Houser (St. Marys)
 Katlyn Hoy (Marion Co.)
 Janna Huggins (Hundred)
 Mason Hull (Buffalo)
 Sawyer Hunt (Roane Co.)
 Hayden Jeffries (Jefferson)
 Jaelyn Jett (Calhoun Co.)
 Adam Jones (Mineral Co.)
 Bailee Kiger (Pendleton Co.)
 Isaac Kimble (Upshur Co.)
 Heidi Kniceley (Doddridge)
 Peyton Lamp (Doddridge)
 Isaac Lane (Ravenswood)
 Ashley Legg (Mason Co. Vocational)
 Jordyne Lockhart (Blennerhassett)
 Ashley Martin (South Harrison)
 Layden Martin (Pine Grove)
 Alexis Masters (Washington)
 Helen McCarty (Mineral Co.)
 Joshua Meadows (Monroe Co.)
 Mahaliegh Mearns (South Harrison)
 Lidia Midcap (Magnolia)
 Jackson Mills (Monroe Co.)
 Gracealyn Moncrief (Mineral Co.)
 Logan Moreland (Hampshire Co.)
 Alison Morgan (Hundred)
 Josie Nance (Cabell Midland)
 Braelyn Nichols (Tyler)
 Spencer Nolan (South Harrison)
 Macey Norris (Cabell Midland)
 Abigail Okes (Shady Spring)
 Elizabeth Paden (Tyler)

Marli Phillips (Preston Co.)
 Darsey Pittman (Pine Grove)
 Kaelyn Pridemore (Lincoln Co.)
 James Radcliff (South Harrison)
 Joshua Raynes (Buffalo)
 Cora Redman (Mineral Co.)
 Ava Rexrode (Mineral Co.)
 Elijah Rexrode (Mineral Co.)
 Chance Rine (Tyler)
 Holly Rogers (South Harrison)
 Katie Rogers (South Harrison)
 Michelle Sampson (Blennerhassett)
 Lindsey Schoolcraft (Calhoun Co.)
 Madeline Shaver (Taylor Co.)
 Malachi Shepherd (Tyler)
 Gage Sherman (East Hardy)
 Donnie Sivert (Pine Grove)
 Emily Smith (Mineral Co.)
 Jillian Sowards (Cabell Midland)
 Carson Stone (Preston Co.)
 Libby Stricklen (Roane Co.)
 Ariel Thomas (Poca)
 Russell Vancamp (Pine Grove)
 Owan Valazquez (St. Marys)
 Benjamin Wagstaff (St. Marys)
 Glen Ward (Roane Co.)
 Morgan Whetzel (Petersburg)
 James Williams (Moorefield)
 Austin Wilson (Wirt Co.)
 Allison Wince (Tyler)
 Savanna Wycoff (Taylor Co.)



CONVENTION AWARD RECIPIENTS

American Stars:

Austin Goldizen – WV Star American Farmer
Braxton Call – WV Star American in Agribusiness
Holly Rogers - WV Star American in Placement

National FFA Officer Candidate:

Michelle Sampson (Blennerhassett)

State Officer Voting Delegates:

Elizabeth Ridenour
Savannah Payez
William Waddy
Miyah Swiger

WV Flag Bearer:

Japeth Bayes (State Officer)

Honorary American Degree Recipients:

Brent Kenney (Professor at WVU)
Crystal Kline (WV FFA Supporter)
Danny Kline (WV FFA Supporter)
Lisa Moreland (Hampshire FFA Advisor)
John Postlethwait (Marion Co. FFA Advisor)

National FFA Band Members:

Ryan Eerenberg (Summers)
Elena Moales (Bridgeport)

Career & Leadership Development Event Teams:

Gold

Levi Knopp (Ripley) – Employment Skills
Gilmer Co. (6th place overall team) – Forestry
Taylor Co. (6th place overall team) – Milk Quality & Products

Silver

Buffalo – Agricultural Issues Forum
Bridgeport – Agricultural Sales
Blennerhassett – Agronomy
Payton Henry (Spring Mills) – Creed Speaking
Wheeling Park – Dairy Cattle Evaluations & Management
Ripley - Farm & Agribusiness Management
Doddridge – Horse Evaluation
Spring Mills – Livestock Evaluation
Magnolia – Meats Evaluation & Technology
Roane Co. - Parliamentary Procedure
Lexi Mitchell (Roane Co.) – Prepared Public Speaking

Bronze

Wirt Co. – Agricultural Communications
Mason Co. Vocational – Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems
Magnolia – Conduct of Chapter
Doddridge - Environment & Natural Resources
Parker Taylor (Clay Co.) – Extemporaneous Speaking

Roane Co. – Floriculture
South Harrison – Food Science & Technology
Buffalo – Marketing Plan
South Harrison - Nursery/Landscape
Roane Co. - Poultry Evaluation
Roane Co. – Veterinary Science

Agriscience Fair Results:

Gold

Kambree Young & Bryar Nunley (GW Middle)
National Finalists – Animal Systems, Div. 2
Kade Suddath (Hampshire Co.) 4th place overall – Power, Structural & Technical Systems, Div. 3

Bronze

Matthew Spencer (GW Middle) – Animal Systems, Div. 1
Olivia Toney (Hannan) – Animal Systems, Div. 3
Sophie Randolph (Buffalo) – Animal Systems, Div. 5
Mckayli Parsons (GW Middle) – Environ Service & Natural Resources Systems, Div. 1
Carson Shock (GW Middle) – Social Science, Div. 1
Macie Fisher & Terrance Wiseman (GW Middle) – Social Science, Div. 2
Sarah Affolter (Buffalo) – Social Sciences, Div. 3
Payton Evans (Bridgeport) – Social Sciences, Div. 5
Sarah Landers & Gabriel Moore (Buffalo) – Social Sciences, Div. 6

National Chapter Star Chapters:

3 Stars

Buffalo
Jefferson
Taylor Co.
Washington

2 Star

Hampshire Co.
Pendleton Co.
Upshur Co.

1 Star

Spring Mills

National Proficiency Award Ratings:

Gold

Mahaliegh Mearns (South Harrison) National Finalist – Agricultural Sales Placement
Emma Deal (Hannan) – Small Animal Production & Care, Entrepreneurship Placement

Silver

Grace Fellure (Ravenswood) – Agriculture Education, Entrepreneurship Placement
Haydon Ammons (Tyler) – Agricultural Processing, Entrepreneurship Placement
Dakota Saunders (Hannan) – Agricultural Sales, Entrepreneurship
Lauren Woodall (Wahama) – Turf & Landscape Maintenance, Entrepreneurship Placement

Bronze

Lexi Mitchell (Roane) – Agricultural Communications, Entrepreneurship Placement
Hunter Townsend (Barbour Co.) – Agricultural Services, Entrepreneurship Placement
William Waddy (Petersburg) – Beef Production, Placement
Kellen Lambert (Taylor Co.) – Diversified Livestock Production, Entrepreneurship Placement
Heath Carola (Greenbrier East) – Equine Science, Placement
Chloe Mayle (Doddridge) – Goat Production, Entrepreneurship Placement
Abigail Okes (Shady Spring) – Outdoor Recreation, Entrepreneurship Placement
Grant Michael (Berkeley Springs) – Sheep Productions, Entrepreneurship Placement
Emily Bacorn (Upshur Co.) – Swine Production, Entrepreneurship
Madison Whetzel (Petersburg) – Veterinary Science, Entrepreneurship Placement



Wheeling Park High School placed silver in the Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management Team event: L-R: Emma Iverson, Emma McNickle, Carter McMahon, and Japeth Bayes.

WV AGRIBUSINESS CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS


*Berry Fork Enterprises - Heaters

Blackthorn Estates Nursery - Sugar Grove 

Bluestone Tree Farm - Camp Creek

Brushy Mountain Tree Farm, LLC - Franklin 

Bushtail Creek Unique Gifts - Martinsburg

Cedar Run Farm - Friendly 

Crickmer Farms, Inc. - Danese

Country Roads Christmas Trees - Mineral Wells

Dan & Bryan Trees - Shepherdstown

Dilello's Choose and Cut Christmas Tree Farm - High View

E. Black & Son Nursery - Wheeling

*Emerald Farms, LLC - Moatsville 

Evergreen Christmas Tree Farms - Mineralwells 

French Creek Christmas Trees - French Creek

Friars Hill Nursery - Frankford

*Gray's Park Place Trees - Mt. Lookout

Jolliffe's Nursery - Knob Fork

King's Trees - Bruceton Mills

Lake's Tree Farm - Hacker Valley

May Tree Farm - Maysville 

*Mill Run Farm - Marlinton

*Miller's Trees - Terra Alta

Mozark Mountain Christmas Tree Farm - Hendricks

Mulkeen Landscaping and Christmas Tree Farm - Independence

* = Limited supply this year due to drought

Visit: <https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/agritourism/> for more information on these farms.

Want to be added to our list? Contact Agritourism@wvda.us

wvgrown@wvda.us or 304-558-2210



Reddington's Farm & Orchard - Harpers Ferry

Santa's Woods - Summit Point 

Seven Islands Farm, LLC - Parsons 

Town & Country Nursery - Kearneysville

Westfall Christmas Tree Farm - Grantsville

Wilkerson Christmas Tree Farm - Griffithsville 



West Virginia DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE

WV STATE FARM MUSEUM

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW

Make your Christmas season merry and bright with a visit to the West Virginia State Farm Museum Christmas Light Show. The annual event runs from Dec. 4-22, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Santa will be on hand Thursday through Sunday to greet all the kids (old and young alike). Admission is free, but donations to support the non-profit museum are appreciated. More than two million lights decorate the historic buildings and displays across the grounds. All the decorating is done by volunteers. The State Farm Museum is located seven miles north of Pt. Pleasant, just off Route 62, at 1458 Fairground Rd. For more information, you can find the museum on Facebook or call 304-675-5737.



West Virginia Conservation Agency



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Conservation Farms of the Year by Davin White

The West Virginia Conservation Agency handed out their annual Farm of the Year awards during a recognition ceremony in October. Farmers near Ravenswood and Mathias were recognized for their efforts to protect soil, water, and other resources.

The Parrish J. Pendley Farm in Jackson and Wood Counties (Traditional Farm) and Wilding Woolly Farm in Hardy County (Non-Traditional Farm) received the awards during the West Virginia Conservation Partnership Conference luncheon held in Sutton.

Parrish Pendley, also known as "PJ," operates his farms with his wife, Jessica and daughters Paisley, Josie, and Tilly. The farm is both a cow/calf and an extensive row crop and hay operation, specializing in corn and soybeans, across three farms in Jackson and Wood counties. Pendley has a Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) buffer on 10 acres of his farm in Belleville, in Wood County. The buffer helps keep water from settling in the fields where he grows corn and soybeans. Adjoining the buffer is a 40-acre wildlife sanctuary and wetland designed by the WV Division of Natural Resources. Fish and other wildlife live in the wetland. Pendley's farmland is the first that feeds into the wildlife sanctuary and wetland, so, the 10-acre buffer serves as filter strips.

Hope and Beverly Yankey's operation near Mathias is a sheep farm where wildlife, soil, and water conservation practices are also strongly emphasized. The Yankeys' conservation philosophy has evolved into introducing conservation practices on the farm, but with minimal interference after establishing the practices and "allowing Mother Nature to continue the restoration and return to balance," according to Hope Yankey. In 2022, the second-largest tree planting in West Virginia that year took place at Wilding Woolly in an area of the farm set aside in the USDA-Farm Service Agency's Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). "They planted 1,100 trees in two days," she said. "It was phenomenal."

Each farm received a \$1,000 award and will have the use of a tractor from Middletown Tractor Sales in Fairmont, a longtime sponsor of the Conservation Farm Awards.

Woolly Farm was sponsored by the Potomac Valley Conservation District, and the Pendley Farm was sponsored by the Western Conservation District. West Virginia farms are eligible for the Conservation Farm of the Year honor after winning first at the county, district, and area levels. Two groups of judges visited both farms in August, as well as other finalists' farms, and graded them on their use of best management practices, impact on ecological systems, and community-based activities.

The Pendley farm competed against DC Lucey Farm in Marshall County. Wilding Woolly competed against T&T Organics & EDGE Demonstration Research and Training Farm, in McDowell County.

Farms in the Traditional category are more large-scale operations that include livestock like cattle, poultry, sheep and goats, as well as fruit and vegetable farming. The Non-Traditional category includes farms with smaller-scale horticulture practices, but ones that still may incorporate some smaller livestock.



Jessica and Parrish J. Pendley, along with their daughters (left to right) Tilly, Josie, and Paisley, received the 2025 West Virginia Conservation Farm of the Year award in the Traditional Farm category.



Beverly and Hope Yankey received the 2025 West Virginia Conservation Farm of the Year award in the Non-Traditional Farm category.

CLASSIFIED ANNOUNCEMENTS December 2025

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January 2026...

Phone-In ads for the **January** issue must be received by **12 noon** on **Monday, December 8.**

Written ads for the **January** issue must be received by **1 p.m. on, Tuesday, December 9.**

February 2026...

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

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

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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, 304-844-0702.*

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

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

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@moncountybeekeepers.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.*

Upshur Co. Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting, 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Upshur Co. Farm*

Bureau Bldg. on Rt. 33 between Buckhannon & Weston, terriobennett@gmail.com.

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

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

Cattle Sales

Reg. Dexter 6/22 bull, red, polled, good disp., \$2,500/up. Susan Frick, 131 Stiles Fork Rd., Metz, 26585; 681-332-6128.

Irish Dexter 1/25 short legged bull calf, \$800/obo. Dana Gutton, 3089 Somerville Fork, Palestine, 26170; 304-991-6821.

Pure Simmental 2/25 bulls, \$2,000. Karen Hayhurst, 5224 Kincheloe Rd., Jane Lew, 26378; 304-997-9909.

Hereford 5/25 & 6/25 bull calves, 2, from reg. bull & purebred cows, \$1,800. Dwight Huffman, 7976 Blue Lick Rd., Greenville, 24945; 540-726-7577.

Reg. Polled Hereford: 6 cows bred back to a reg. Hereford, \$3,000-\$3,500/ea.; weaned heifer calves, \$2,200-\$2,500/ea.; weaned bull calves, \$2,500/ea. Vern Wengerd, 2949 Zenith Rd., Gap Mills, 24941; 304-772-4633; 304-661-0024.

Reg. Hereford calves, \$2,000/up. Caren Willie, 1478 Curtisville Rd., Smithfield, 26437; 304-290-0078.

Commercial Hereford 6/25 bull, weaned on grain, \$1,500. Don Witt, 349 Rohr Rd., Masontown, 26542; 304-864-3450.

Equipment Sales

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

JD '21 5055E tractor, 60 hp w/520M loader, excel. cond., garage kept, 170 hrs., \$30,000. Jack Cole, P.O. Box 173, Masontown, 26542; 910-379-5634.

JD 330 baler w/brand new belts, kept for a spare, \$5,000. Phil Haller, 29 Proudfoot Rd., Philippi, 26416; 304-457-1477.

3-pt. heavy duty scraper blade, good cond., \$300. Bob Howell, 1267 Goshen Rd., Morgantown, 26508; 304-612-2340.

JD 1070, 4 WD, ps, 39 hp, 500 hrs.,

grader blade, barn kept, excel. cond., \$15,000. Bruce Hunt, 202 Joy Lane, Culloden, 25510; 304-205-2483.

Woodmax FM 8600 backhoe, 3-pt. hitch, 2 buckets, \$6,500; bucket hay spear, \$100. Rusty Livingood, 3051 Little Sandy Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 304-692-9979.

King Cutter 7', heavy duty, scraper blade, multiple angle, \$1,000/firm/willing to trade for 6' box blade. Charlene Meadows, 3650 Pluto Rd., Shady Springs, 25918; 304-222-7847.

NH '07 TT60 tractor w/loader, 1,000 hrs., good cond., \$19,000. Homer Plumley, 351 Plumley Mtn. Rd., Shady Springs, 25918; 304-573-8799.

Bolens MC3540 chipper, 3-pt. hitch, PTO driven, best for compact tractor, \$500/obo. Lester Pritt, 367 Ryan Run, Mabie, 26278; 304-704-3856.

NH 452 disc mower, 7', \$1,900. Dan Seabolt, P.O. Box 1202, Craigsville, 26205; 304-651-3571; 304-742-3500.

IH Farmall '57 130, single pt. fast hitch, excel. cond./rubber/hyd., 2-way plow, good set of discs, will not separate, \$4,500/firm. Dave Sprouse, 1548 Thistlewood Dr., Hurricane, 25526; 304-539-1052.

Ford Dearborn 2 bottom plows, \$325; Oliver manure spreader, ground driven, \$500. Joe Starkey, 30 Badger Run Rd., Sistersville, 26175; 304-652-1945.

NI 400 side delivery rake, \$16,000; NH 224 hay conditioner, \$500, both excel. cond. R. Swisher, 1186 Berlin Rd., Weston, 26452; 304-871-0363.

Goat Sales

Saanen \$200/up. Jim Kirk, 2345 Hudson Branch Rd., Culloden, 25510; 304-743-6696; upahollow60@hotmail.com.

Plant Sales

Caster beans (mole killer-dog tick) \$5/24 seeds. Jerry McCauley, 5519 Seneca Trail, Valley Bend, 26293; 304-642-9737.

Plant Wants

Lockwood's Burley tobacco seed. Philip Chua. P.O. Box 490, Elkins, 26241; wvcrufler@gmail.com.

Poultry Sales

Barred Rock 7-mo. pullets, starting to lay, \$12/ea. Richard Campbell, 383 Ball's Branch Rd., Lake, 25121; 304-752-0258.

Bantam 6-mo. roosters, Sebright, Booted & English, \$10/ea.

Sheep Sales

Katahdin 10-mo. lambs, CD&T current, \$250/ea. Pam Bailey, 512 Shelter Rd., Fayetteville, 25840; 304-663-8621.

Katahdin ram lg., spotted, \$200. Jim

Kirk, 2345 Hudson Branch, Culloden, 25510; 304-743-6696; upahollow60@hotmail.com.

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, '25 2nd cut, mixed: 4x5 round bales, net wrapped, stored outside, \$35/bale; 4x5 round bales, net wrapped, stored inside, \$45/bale; sq. bales, \$5.50/bale. Bob Alexander, 5059 Plain Valley Rd., Letart, 25253; 304-544-7690.

Hay, 1st cut, sm. sq. bales, never wet, barn kept, clean horse & goat hay, \$6.25/bale/del. avail. within 25 miles of Talcott. Joe Arcangeli, 498 Stoney Crk. Rd., Talcott, 24981; 304-660-8253.

Hay, '25, 4x4 round bales, good mix, limed/fert., in barn, \$30/bale. Greg Arnett, 771 Henry Camp Rd., St. Mary's, 26170; 304-299-0455.

Hay '25 5x4 round bales: 1st cut, \$50/bale; 2nd cut, \$70/bale, avail. in Farmington. Danny Bainbridge, 104 Kennywood Dr., Fairmont, 26554; 304-288-1171.

Hay, '25 1st cut sq. bales, never wet, mixed grass, barn kept, \$4.50/bale. Roscoe Beall, 1648 Cortland Rd., Davis, 26260; 304-866-4188.

Hay, round bales, barn kept, never wet, easy load, off I-79, \$35/bale or \$100/3. Rick Campbell, 30003 Servia Elmira Rd., Duck, 25063; 304-644-4260; 304-881-1615.

CKC reg. Collie: pups, the old Lassie Collie, sable & white, vacc./wormed, \$250/ea.; female dog, \$200; AKC & CKC male, \$200. Kevin Cummings, 110 Walnut St., Evans, 25241; 304-372-8615.

Hay, 2nd cut, 4x5 round bales, orchard grass/timothy, net wrapped & stored inside, never wet, \$50/bale. Eric Cunningham, 2862 Stewartstown Rd., Morgantown, 26508; 304-282-5194.

Maple syrup equip., all you will need, located in Clay Co., \$1,200. Donald Good, 206 Kenna Dr., South Charleston, 25309; 304-590-2126.

Hay, '25, never wet, \$50/bale/out of barn, cheaper if you take all. Phillip Haller, 29 Proudfoot Rd., Philippi, 26416; 304-457-1477.

Maple syrup, pure WV: \$20/qt.; \$11/pt.; \$6½/pt.; \$3.25/100ml. Karen Hartman, 1761 Burgess Hollow, New Creek, 26743; 304-788-1831.

Hay, '25, 4x4 round bales, 50, \$25/bale. John Hoffman, 497 Mt. Alto Rd., Mt. Alto, 25264; 304-741-4011.

Trailers: '04 Sundowner 727 Stampede stock combo, 18' alum, kept inside, water tank inside dressing rm., bumper pull, 7' tall x 7' wide, new mats, excel. cond., \$8,000. Dwight Huffman, 7976 Blue Lick Rd., Greenville, 24945; 540-726-7577.

Hay, '25 1st cut, 4x5 round bales, net wrapped, \$40/bale. Eddie Jordan, 11276 Brandonville Pike, Albright, 26519; 304-698-6356.

Red/Blue Heeler 6-mo. pup, vacc./wormed, very energetic, \$200. Michele McCarty, 11455 Jerry's Run Rd., Apple Grove, 25502; 304-812-8013.

Hay, 1st & 2nd cut sq. bales, limed/fert., good horse hay, \$4.50/bale. Don Mollaghan, 4808 Servia Elmira Rd., Duck, 25063; 304-364-8707.

Hay, 4x4 round bales, wrapped in plastic, approx. 150, \$35/bale. Randall Moore, 956 Texas Mtn. Rd., Parsons, 26287; 304-478-2087.

Hay, '25 4x4 round bales, \$45/wrapped; \$40/unwrapped. Gary Morris, 151 Morris Hollow Rd., Rosemont, 26424; 304-612-6677.

Hay, sq. bales of quality mixed grass, fert., never wet, easy access, \$6/bale. Larry Parsons, 276 Maple Dr., Evans, 25241; 304-372-4575.

Red Aust. Heelers, 1½-yr. -2-yr., \$200, new litter in spring. Judy Saurbourn, 454 Cobun Crk. Rd., Morgantown, 26508; 304-288-1179.

Trailer, 14'x6' bumper pull, 2 axle, new tires, \$1,200. Kinzy Smith, 4268 Oshel Rd., Pt. Pleasant, 25550; 304-675-3564.

Sorghums syrup, \$20/qt.; \$12/pt.; \$7½/pt. Josh Yates, 866 Mill Branch Rd., Milton, 25541; 304-654-7762.

Miscellaneous Wants

Great Pyrenees or Maremma puppy, at least 8-wks., parents working stock. Charlene Meadows, 3650 Pluto Rd., Shady Springs, 25918; 304-222-7847.

Pasture & Hayfield Spraying

Herbicides, liquid fertilizers, lime & soil sampling
Dennis Burns, 304-646-2779



Appalachian Grazing Conference 2026

Event Locations & Dates

WVU Reymann Memorial Farm
1695 State Road 259 N, Wardensville, WV 26851
April 30, 2026

WV State Fair Grounds
947 Maplewood Ave, Lewisburg, WV 24901
May 1, 2026

WV State Farm Museum
1458 Fairground Rd, Point Pleasant, WV 25550
May 2, 2026




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GARDEN CALENDAR

DECEMBER

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HAPPY
Holidays



- DEC. 1** Protect shrubs from harsh weather.
- DEC. 3** Mulch hybrid roses.
Select cut Christmas tree with flexible needles.
- DEC. 4** Overwinter spinach and Swiss chard.
- DEC. 5** Mulch perennial herbs.
- DEC. 6** Harvest high tunnel carrots and lettuce.
- DEC. 8** Buy live Christmas tree.
- DEC. 9** Store leftover and saved seed in cool, dry place.
- DEC. 12** Participate in a seed swap or donate seeds to seed libraries.
- DEC. 17** Turn compost.
- DEC. 26** Plant live Christmas tree.

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