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## Happy Hens



square foot a bird, and on the outside, they have 105 square feet. Actually, we have 90 fenced acres for our three houses. The hens are free to roam as far as they like during the daytime. Most of that is wooded. They love to explore, dig for insects, and scratch. They come and go as they please during the day.”

The ladies, as Hamilton refers to his hens, eat an all-natural diet of corn, soybean, limestone, and marigolds. All three houses are equipped with automatic litter control systems, a rarity in the commercial and organic business. A conveyor belt system underneath the indoor chicken perches runs three times a day, taking chicken waste outside, dramatically reducing pests like flies and rodents. He’s also installed laying boxes for his hens that are dimly lit, behind flaps for privacy, and filled with astro turf material which are comfortable and more sanitary for the hens.

There’s a reason why he calls his brand Hamilton’s Happy Hens – his birds aren’t stressed, have freedom to roam, and lay quality eggs on a regular schedule.

In late July, Hamilton and his family broke ground on what will be a major expansion for the Hamilton’s Happy Hens brand. Construction is underway on an egg processing facility, which will be located in Lost City, next door to the family-owned H&T Farm Market. Commissioner Kent Leonhardt was on hand to deliver a \$1.15 million check from the USDA Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure (RFSI) program. It’s a matching grant that will finance about a fourth of the cost to build the 15,000 square foot facility.

Hamilton reminisces.

“When I was young, I said I would never, ever, ever be a farmer! That’s the last thing I wanted to do. But today, here I am.”

When Hamilton returned to the farm, he initially thought he’d raise broilers. However, it made more sense and cents to go another route.

“At the time, everybody was building broiler houses for Wampler-Longacre, and they had all they needed. I talked to some folks, ran the numbers, and got into the layer business,” Hamilton explains.

He started off with two poultry houses and added a third in 1991. Hamilton eventually wanted to change his business model. Instead of raising birds that were owned by another company, he decided to go semi-independent and organic in 2016.

“We own our own chickens and have a contract to sell our eggs to Handsome Brook Farms out of New York. When we made that switch, we went from a commercial operation to a pasture-raised organic farm. Our eggs are sold in Costco stores under the Kirkland brand,” explains Hamilton.

Making the move from commercial to organic just felt like the right thing to do for Hamilton. His operation is American Humane Certified.

“My hens are cage-free,” Hamilton stresses. “On the inside, they have one

When Richard Hamilton lost his job as a probation officer in Virginia back in the 80s because of budget cuts, his grandfather made him an offer.

“Grandad said, ‘I’ll give you a piece of land. Why don’t you come back home and build a few chicken houses?’ I told him he was crazy,” laughs Hamilton.

But it was his grandad who had the last laugh because that’s exactly what Hamilton did. And today, he and his family own and operate Lonesome Ridge Farm/Hamilton’s Eggs, a semi-independent layer operation in Hardy County. Over the next year, the business will undergo some massive changes through the family’s hard work and a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Lonesome Ridge is part of an original 600-acre family homestead. Tucked in between two mountains near Mathias, the farm is home to Hamilton, his wife Karen, their daughter Joleah Tharp, her husband Brett (now the farm manager), grandson Kyler, and 30,000 laying hens.

“I come from a long, long history of poultry. My grandparents on both sides were growers for the old hatcheries that were located in Petersburg back in the 40s and 50s. I remember as a kid cutting wood for the stoves in the broiler houses to keep the birds warm. I carried buckets and buckets of water and feed, as well,”



## FROM THE COMMISSIONER:

## Forest Farming Potential Prime in WV



I am fortunate to speak with groups across West Virginia about the state of agriculture. While I often meet with farmers and agricultural professionals, I also welcome the chance to share with broader audiences the wide range of opportunities this industry provides. Too often, agriculture is viewed only through the lens of farms and feed stores. In reality, it is much larger and continues to grow.

Agriculture encompasses far more than crops and livestock. Careers range from food safety specialists and educators to veterinarians, chemists, and microbiologists—roles many people may not immediately associate with the field. These careers highlight how diverse, innovative, and essential agriculture is to the success of our state and its workforce.

One area that highlights this diversity is forest farming. Simply put, forest farming is the intentional and sustainable cultivation of edible, medicinal, and other non-timber forest products (NTFPs) beneath a forest canopy. It gives landowners the chance to generate income from their wooded property without turning to logging.

With more than 12 million acres of forestland, West Virginia is uniquely positioned to grow shade-loving crops such as ginseng, mushrooms, and medicinal herbs. In fact, maple syrup production is a perfect example of forest farming already at work in West Virginia. It uses existing trees to produce a

high-value product while keeping forests intact.

Forest farming makes sense for West Virginia for several reasons. Our forests are abundant, with many growing faster than they are harvested, which means we can increase production without reducing canopy cover. Our varied topography and climate also provide excellent growing conditions for a wide range of specialty crops. And perhaps, most importantly, forest farming helps preserve traditional Appalachian knowledge about how to use our native resources. If this wisdom isn't taught and shared, it can quickly be lost. For families who want to hold on to their property but also need ways to generate income, forest farming offers a sustainable solution.

Of course, like any agricultural enterprise, it requires planning and patience. Specialty crops can take years to mature, markets may fluctuate, and some plants—like ginseng and ramps—require careful management to avoid overharvesting. Even maple syrup production takes planning, proper tapping, and timing to produce a quality product. Success depends on careful site selection, knowledge of species, and sustainable practices.

If you are interested in exploring forest farming, here are a few steps to consider:

**1. Evaluate your woodland.** Walk your property to assess tree cover, soil type, and moisture conditions. Healthy, shaded forests with rich soils are often the best starting point.

**2. Identify suitable crops.** Shade-loving plants like ginseng, goldenseal, ramps, mushrooms, or maple trees for syrup all have unique requirements. Choose species that fit naturally with your site.

**3. Seek expert guidance.** Contact the WVDA, your local WVU Extension agent, Division of Forestry, or USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office for technical advice and potential cost-share opportunities.

**4. Start small.** Begin with a test plot and one or two crops rather than planting your entire woodland. This allows you to learn, adjust, and reduce risk.

**5. Plan for sustainability.** Use responsible harvesting practices, keep records, and consider long-term forest health as part of your management plan.

West Virginia's forests are one of our greatest assets. By encouraging forest farming, we can help landowners unlock that potential while also preserving the natural heritage we all share.

Kent Leonhardt, Commissioner of Agriculture

## Animal Health Bulletin: New World Screwworm (NWS)

The New World screwworm (NWS) is a parasitic fly that lays eggs in the living tissue of fresh wounds in warm-blooded animals such as livestock, pets, wildlife, people, and even birds. The larvae (maggots) feed on the host's flesh, causing severe wounds and often death, if untreated. The name screwworm refers to the maggots' feeding behavior as they burrow (screw) into the wound, feeding as they go like a screw being driven into wood. NWS is typically found in South America, Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and more recently Central America and Mexico. Adult screwworm flies are about the size of a common housefly. They have orange eyes, a metallic blue or green body, and three dark stripes along their backs. Producers should be on alert for possible signs associated with potential infestation including foul-smelling wounds with visible maggots, animals biting or licking at wounds, lesions in navels, ears, dehorning or branding sites, and unusual restlessness or lethargy. If you see maggots on an animal, contact your veterinarian. Do not try to remove any maggots yourself. Do not throw any in the trash or outside as this could result in NWS spreading in your area. If

maggots fall out of the wound, place them in a leak-proof container with rubbing alcohol and bring them with you to your healthcare provider or veterinarian. Veterinarians should report any suspicious cases immediately to their State Animal Health Official and APHIS office. Animals infested with NWS should be treated according to their veterinarian's recommendations. Currently, there are no animal drugs approved by FDA for the treatment or prevention of NWS myiasis in animals. Eradicating NWS is only possible through sterile insect technique. With this method, sterile male flies are released to mate with wild female NWS flies, which then lay unfertilized eggs. Because female NWS flies mate just once in their lifespan, the NWS population progressively reduces and ultimately dies out.

For more information, please visit the following links:  
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/cattle/ticks/screwworm>  
<https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/new-world-screwworm>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/new-world-screwworm/about/index.html>



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"In June of 2026, we're separating from Handsome Brook and getting into the business ourselves. My dad is coming with me and another local farmer, Ryan Kessler. We're teaming up to package our own eggs under Hamilton's Happy Hens," he explains. "We hope to be up and operating by this time next year as an independent processor. We won't be dependent on anyone to buy our eggs. We will control the supply for the demand necessary to fulfill the orders."

The processing facility, the first of its kind in West Virginia, will serve two purposes.

"First off, it's going to be a processing facility for shell eggs. That means we're going to be taking the eggs from our farm and our partners and putting them through a washer/dryer, candler, and grader. The eggs will be graded into different sizes, and those sizes will be packaged into our Happy Hens cartons and delivered to retail chains. That will give us flexibility," says Hamilton. "On the other side of the building will be a liquid egg processing plant. Mandy Curry, with Healthy Kids, Inc., will be handling that side. The eggs that don't go through our grading machine, we'll send down the line to a breaker. Those eggs will be broken into a liquified whole egg. From there, they'll go into a pasteurizer and then into a bag or carton. Those eggs will be sold retail where we hope to capture some state business (schools, hospitals, institutions) or for Mandy to use for the meals she prepares for her Healthy Kids food line."

Once the facility is operational, 70,000 eggs will move through the building on an average day. Hamilton plans to hire 8-12 full-time employees who will handle everything from working the line to delivering the eggs. The goal is to eventually reach maximum

production of a quarter-million eggs per day, with 25 full-time employees.

"I know what it is to be a farmer. At Lonesome Ridge, we don't just raise layers. We have cattle, grow produce, and own a farm market. For 30-plus years, I also worked off the farm. I was a flight paramedic, ran EMS with a ground crew, and was an EMS Director," says Hamilton. "Farmers have to do a lot to stay afloat. I want to help our local farmers. They'll have somewhere local to sell their product. They're going to get paid a fair, decent price for their eggs. Sometimes that doesn't happen. I know there are waves in the market, but we're going to try and level that out, not have those high and lows."

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**- Richard Hamilton  
Lonesome Ridge Farm / Hamilton's  
Happy Hens**



Richard Hamilton accepts a \$1.15 million RFSI grant check from WV Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt on the site of what will soon be the state's first egg processing facility.

Hamilton can't wait to see Happy Hen cartons in West Virginia store coolers.

"It will be a West Virginia Grown product from West Virginians. That's how all this started. We want to take care of West Virginia - West Virginia people taking care of West Virginia people. If someday we grow outside of that and hit some markets in surrounding states, that's a bonus. However, our main goal is to take care of West Virginia first!"

To learn more about Lonesome Ridge Farm and Hamilton's Happy Hens, go to <https://www.hamiltonseggs.com/>.

## FFA / 4-H SPOTLIGHT

ADALEIGH CURRY

**AGE:** 17

**GRADE:** SENIOR

**SCHOOL:** LEWIS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

**FFA CHAPTER:** LEWIS CO. FFA

**4-H CHAPTER:** YOUNG RIDER 4-H

**Adaleigh:** When I was little, we used to go to all the livestock shows. I would watch all the older kids show their animals. My mom was in 4-H growing up, and she used to show, as well. So, she led the way. Joining 4-H is a family tradition. I joined Cloverbuds when I was eight and started showing cattle. My first project was a Hereford named Katie. That was before we started our farm. We started raising our own animals shortly after that. Our farm is Cross Creek Farm. I joined FFA when I got to high school because it was the next step, and I wanted to open up my opportunities for college scholarships. I really like the people in FFA. I've learned about responsibility and how to help others. I'm a past-Secretary of our chapter. At camp, I was named Spirit of Camp, someone who embodies 4-H. That was really cool. I plan to attend Pierpont Community College and study to become a physical therapy assistant. One day, when I have my own kids, I want them to be in the barn just like me!



# WHAT'S COOKIN'?

## Tailgate Time!

Fall is in the air and so is football! Whether you're a die-hard football fan or just a casual observer, we've got some recipes that will have you cheering, "Let's gooooo...tailgating!" You can use ingredients found at any grocery store to whip up these dishes, but we urge you to shop local whenever possible and support West Virginia farmers and producers. Head to your local farmers market for cauliflower, onions, tomatoes, apples, and ground beef. Search our WV Grown Directory (<https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/west-virginia-grown/>) for salt, BBQ sauce, mustard, and pickles. That's a win/win for everyone!



### Buffalo Cauliflower Bites

(Serves 4-6)

#### Ingredients

- Head of cauliflower
- 1 cup buffalo sauce
- 2 tsp garlic powder
- ½ tsp salt
- Dipping sauces (ranch, blue cheese)

#### Step 1

Slice the cauliflower into bite-sized florets. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the buffalo sauce, garlic powder, and salt.

#### Step 2

Add the cauliflower florets into the bowl and toss until evenly coated in the buffalo sauce. Place the florets in a single layer in the air fryer basket and cook at 380°F for 10-13 minutes.

#### Step 3

Serve with dipping sauces.

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### Apple Cider

#### Ingredients

- 10 large apples, quartered
- Water
- ¾ cup white sugar
- 1 Tbsp ground cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp ground allspice

#### Step 1

Place apples in a large stockpot; cover with water by at least 2 inches. Stir in sugar, cinnamon, and allspice. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Boil, uncovered, for 1 hour. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer for 2 hours.

#### Step 2

Strain apple mixture through a fine-mesh sieve; discard solids. Drain cider again through a cheesecloth-lined sieve.

#### Step 3

Serve warm or refrigerate cider until cold.



### Bacon Jam Beef Sliders

#### Ingredients

- 1 lb. bacon, roughly chopped
- 1 ¼ lb. ground beef
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- ¼ cup plus 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar, divided
- 1 tsp black pepper, divided
- 1 cup finely chopped red onion
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 (12 oz.) pkg. savory butter rolls
- 6 extra-sharp Cheddar cheese slices
- 3 small, round tomatoes
- Hamburger dill pickles.

#### Step 1

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook bacon in a large saucepan over medium, stirring often, until mostly crisp, 8-10 minutes. Remove bacon from pan using a slotted spoon, and transfer to a plate lined with paper towels; set aside. Reserve 1 tablespoon drippings in pan.

#### Step 2

While bacon cooks, place beef, mustard, salt, 1 Tbsp vinegar and ¾ tsp pepper in an 11x7 baking dish. Mix using your hands until well combined. Press mixture into an event layer. Bake in preheated oven until browned (meat will not be fully cooked), 10-12 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes.

#### Step 3

Meanwhile, add onion to reserved drippings in pan; cook over medium, stirring occasionally, until tender, about 5 minutes. Remove pan from heat. Transfer bacon to a cutting board; finely chop. Using a long spatula, transfer beef patty from baking dish to a baking sheet lined with paper towels to drain. Wipe dish clean; coat with cooking spray.

#### Step 4

Add bacon, sugar, and remaining ¼ cup vinegar to onion in pan. Bring to a boil over high, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, stirring often, until almost completely reduced, about 5 minutes. Stir in thyme and remaining ¼ teaspoon pepper. Remove from heat; set aside.

#### Step 5

Without separating individual rolls, cut roll loaf in half horizontally, creating 1 top and 1 bottom. Place roll bottom in prepared baking dish. Cover with cooked beef patty; spread patty with bacon jam. Add cheese and tomato slices; cover with roll top. Bake at 350 until cheese is melted and rolls are golden, about 8 minutes. Slice into sliders before serving with pickles.



# WV AGRITOURISM FALL FARMS

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 Butcher Family Farm - **Washington**  
 Cherry Brook Farm - **Mount Storm**  
 Cody's Pumpkin Patch - **New Cumberland**  
 Cooper Family Farms - **Milton**  
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 Edge of Town Farm Market - **Bridgeport** 🍁  
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 Gritt's Farm - **Buffalo** 🍁  
 The Hanna Farmstead - **Sinks Grove** 🍁  
 Hazel Run Flower Farm - **Bruceton Mills** 🍁  
 Hollow Hills Farm - **Lewisburg**  
 Horseshoe Heaven On Smith Farm - **Scott Depot**  
 MJM Farms - **Stephenson**  
 MJW Farm - **Burlington** 🍁  
 Norman Farms - **Lost Creek**  
 Okes Family Farms - **Cool Ridge**  
 Old McDonald's Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze - **Inwood**

Visit: [www.agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/agritourism/.com](http://www.agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/agritourism/.com) for more information on these farms.

Want to be added to our list? Contact [Agritourism@wvda.us](mailto:Agritourism@wvda.us), [wvgrown@wvda.us](mailto:wvgrown@wvda.us) or 304-558-2210



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 Sunset View Farms - **Ballard**  
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 Weese Farm - **Fisher** 🍁  
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# ATTENTION!



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

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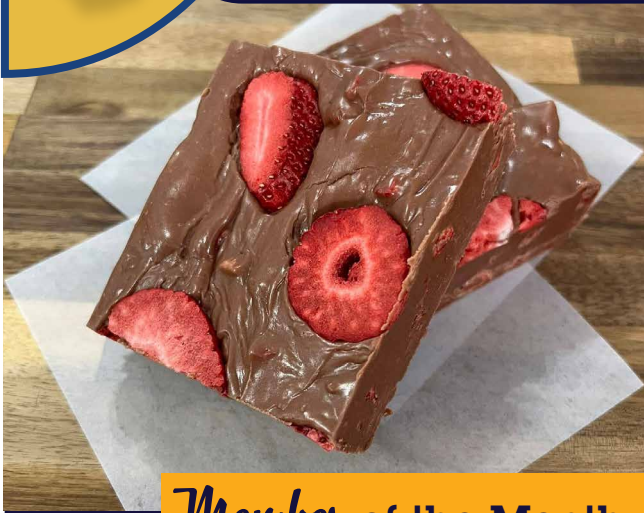


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# West Virginia Grown

## *Rooted in the Mountain State*



### Member of the Month

#### Gibson's Goodies, LLC

**Who:** Amanda and Richard Gibson

**Location:** Little Birch, Braxton Co.

**Products:** Fudge – ¼ lb. blocks, 1 lb. containers, variety boxes

**Where to buy:** Facebook, fairs and festivals

#### How they got started:

The fudge recipe is from my great grandmother. My mom made it every year for Christmas – chocolate, peanut butter and chocolate walnut. I would make it for friends, and they encouraged me to start selling it. Richard and I took 75 lbs. to the Fall Festival in Sutton in 2023, and we sold out. That's what got us started. We started selling 1 lb. containers and then moved to the ¼ lb. blocks, as well. We also have a variety box with 12 different flavors. Currently, we offer 30 different flavors of fudge.

#### Future plans:

Everyone told us we needed a brick and mortar store, but we're not in a high traffic area. So, our dream was a fudge truck. We added that this year. It allows us to go from city to city, festival to festival and set up shop. We're always trying out new flavors. Customers will suggest new flavors, as well. I will try anything once. If it sells, we'll keep it on the menu. We were in Nicholas County when a customer suggested tiger butter fudge. I'd never even heard of it. But I made a batch. It's white chocolate with peanut butter and semi-sweet chocolate swirls. Now, it's on our menu. People love it.

#### Why join West Virginia Grown?

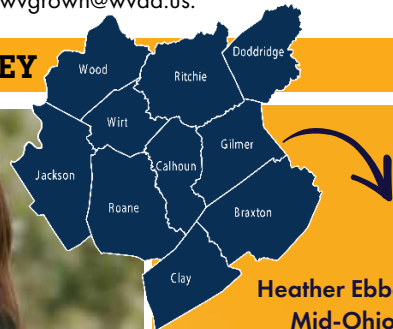
We had a booth at Winter Blues this year and we saw the benefits of being part of West Virginia Grown – getting our name out there, being part of the WV Grown Directory. We want people to be able to find our product, and joining WV Grown is the way to do that.

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](mailto:wvgrown@wvda.us).

#### MID-OHIO VALLEY



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"Invest in relationships and surround yourself with support. Connecting with fellow farmers, mentors, and your community can provide valuable knowledge, encouragement, and opportunities that help your business grow and succeed."

## In the News

**Trailhead Farm Meats & More** will be taking part in the 2nd Annual Braxton County Farm Crawl Saturday, October 4, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. They're one of two vendor hubs for this year's event. They're located just one block from the Elk River Trail in Gassaway.

New products are on the way from **Sol De Montani Chili Co.** Owner Javier Santelices has been growing a few new chili varieties this summer and is finalizing the recipes for new sauces he hopes to have available in early 2026. If you plan to place an order from the Sol De Montani website for Christmas, you're in luck. Shipping will be free

on orders of \$25 or more!

If you like your honey HOT, we've got the product just for you! **Sugar Bottom Farm** debuted their Hot Honey, West Virginia wildflower infused with Thai chili pepper, at the State Fair of West Virginia. It was a favorite of customers visiting the West Virginia Country Store. Hot honey is great in recipes that need a kick or straight from the bottle.



#### For More Information:

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# APPRENTICE & AUCTIONEER EXAM



**November 13th, 2025 | Guthrie Agriculture Complex**

➤ Please arrive by 8:30 a.m. on the day of the exam with a copy of your valid driver's license, and your exam fee, if not already paid.

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Tuesday, November 12, 2025 | 5:30 p.m. | Guthrie Agriculture Complex



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The WVDA Animal Health Division has received 840 RFID identification tags from the USDA for distribution to WV cattle producers. These tags are no cost and for use in cattle only. A producer must have a premise identification number to request tags.

This can be obtained by calling 304-558-2214 or completing a form online at: <https://agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/animal-health/premise-farm-id/>.



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**EXTENSION**

## OCTOBER GLCI EVENTS

### NORTHERN PANHANDLE GLCI DINNER

**GLCI Dinner October 10th at 6 PM**

742 Van Meter Way, West Liberty, WV

This educational dinner meeting will address different topics of drought resiliency, forage stand improvement, and rotational grazing water systems. These topics will be presented by Dr. Amanda Grev, University of Maryland Extension Specialist, Forage and Pasture.

### NORTHERN PANHANDLE FIELD DAY

**GLCI Field Day October 11 at 9 AM**

1544 Girty's Point Road, Wheeling, WV

This field day will address topics such as drought resiliency, forage stand improvement, rotational grazing, water systems, and drone-assisted services. These topics will be presented by Dr. Amanda Grev, University of Maryland Extension Specialist, Forage and Pasture, and Walter Veselka, owner of Drone Assist Services.

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EXTENSION SERVICE

## Sampson Vies for National FFA Office

WVU sophomore Michelle Sampson is headed to Indianapolis later this month to vie for a National FFA office. The 2024-2025 West Virginia FFA Northwest Region Vice President was selected back in May to represent the Mountain State at the 2025 National FFA Convention.

Sampson joined FFA when she was a freshman at Parkersburg South High School.

"I knew from day-one that state office was something that I wanted to achieve. As I went through high school, my love for FFA and agriculture grew. Now, I want to represent West Virginia at a much higher level. National office is that next step," she explains.

Sampson spent the summer brushing up on her FFA history and parliamentary procedure, as well as working with 2022 National Officer candidate Emily Yates to polish the presentation she'll deliver to the judges.

"My workshop is based on the phrase, 'So be it.' It's a phrase I heard a lot from my mom and my FFA advisors. It means whatever happens, happens. You can't change it. But you need to be able to work through the disappointments in your life. Don't look back and see it as something that has blocked you, but rather something that has pushed you forward."

Sampson says it's an incredible honor to represent West Virginia at the national level.



# CWD/EHD: What to Know

Hunting season is here in West Virginia. Whether you shoot with a bow, a muzzleloader, or a rifle, over the next three months, you'll have plenty of opportunities to bag a buck or a doe. While the Mountain State has an abundant white-tail population, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) has confirmed cases of both Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) across parts of the state. The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) Animal Health Division is involved with the WV deer farming industry for surveillance and mitigation measures for both diseases. Licensed deer facilities are required to test mortalities for CWD and imported deer must meet requirements for USDA's CWD Voluntary Herd Certification Program <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/cervid/chronic-wasting/herd-certification>. There is an experimental use EHD vaccine approved for use in WV by the state veterinarian that some licensed deer farms have utilized. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26086559/>.

One question we receive here at the WVDA quite often is, "Are CWD and EHD the same thing?" The answer is no. They are two different diseases, and deer are infected by those diseases in different ways. Here's what you need to know.



## Differences Between EHD and CWD in Deer

	CWD	EHD
<b>Type of Disease</b>	CWD is a disease of the central nervous system that causes brain deterioration.	EHD is a hemorrhagic disease that presents itself as a virus with rapid mortality.
<b>How are deer infected?</b>	CWD is spread from deer to deer through contact with saliva, urine, feces or blood.	EHD is contracted through the bite of a midge (insect) that carries the disease.
<b>Symptoms?</b>	CWD causes weight loss, excessive drinking/urination, disorientation, abnormal behavior.	EHD deer will show signs of swelling, difficulty breathing, drooling and internal hemorrhaging.
<b>Mortality?</b>	CWD is always fatal	Mortality rate of 90%, but deer can develop immunity to some strains.
<b>Speed of Death?</b>	Can take one to three years for disease to incubate and result in mortality.	Death can occur in as little as three days to a week after a deer is bitten by an infected midge.
<b>Human Impact?</b>	Cannot be passed from deer to human. The CDC encourages hunters who harvest deer in CWD zones to have them tested before consuming venison.	Humans can not be infected through insect bites or handling/eating infected deer meat.
<b>Infection Spread?</b>	CWD can be passed from deer to deer any time of the year.	Most cases occur during late summer through first frost when conditions are dry and deer congregate around limited water sources where midges are found.



# MOUNTAIN STATE REPORTER



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West Virginia's farm real estate value, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, increased from 2024. Farm real estate value for 2025 averaged \$3,520 per acre, up \$100 per acre from last year. Cropland value increased \$170 from last year to \$4,220 per acre. Pastureland, at \$2,330 per acre, was \$80 higher than the previous year.

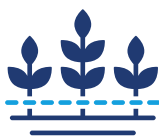
## WEST VIRGINIA FARM REAL ESTATE VALUE & CASH RENTS

Cash rents paid to landlords, in 2025, for cropland, averaged \$44.50 per acre compared to \$47.00 per acre from last year. Pastureland rented for cash averaged \$16.00 per acre compared to \$14.00 per acre from last year.

### Farm Real Estate Value



**2025 Farm Real Estate**  
**\$3,520 per acre**  
↑ \$100 from 2024



**2025 Cropland Value**  
**\$4,220 per acre**  
↑ \$170 from 2024



**2025 Pastureland Value**  
**\$2,330 per acre**  
↑ \$80 from 2024

### Cash Rents Value



**2025 Cash Rents Paid to landlords for cropland**  
**\$44.50 per acre**  
↓ vs. \$47 in 2024



**2025 pastureland rented for cash**  
**\$16.00 per acre**  
↑ vs. \$14 in 2024

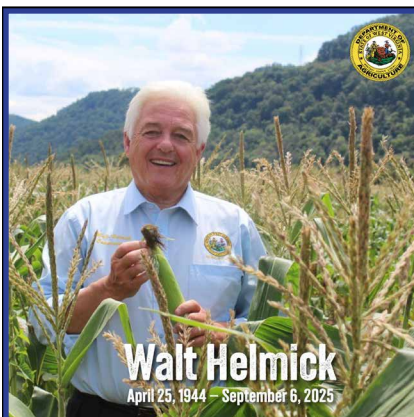
### West Virginia Cash Rents Expense per Acre

Land type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Change 2024-2025
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(percent)
Cropland	37.00	41.50	45.00	47.00	44.50	5.3%
Pasture	13.50	12.00	14.00	14.00	16.00	14.3%

### West Virginia Land Values, Average Value per Acre

State and land type	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Change 2024-2025
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(percent)
Cropland	3,390	3,700	3,920	4,050	4,220	4.2%
Pasture	2,180	2,200	2,220	2,250	2,330	3.6%
Farm real estate <sup>1</sup>	2,820	3,080	3,300	3,420	3,520	2.9%

<sup>1</sup> Includes value of all land and buildings.



The West Virginia Department of Agriculture mourns the loss of former Commissioner Walt Helmick who passed away on September 6, 2025.

Commissioner Helmick dedicated his life to public service, beginning with his work on the Pocahontas County Board of Education and continuing through his distinguished tenure in the West Virginia Legislature. He furthered that commitment as Commissioner of Agriculture from 2013 to 2017, steadfastly advocating for rural communities and the people of West Virginia.

On behalf of the entire WVDA, we extend our deepest condolences to his wife, Rita, his family, and all who were touched by his life and work.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones during this difficult time.

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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; [claycobeekkeepers@gmail.com](mailto:claycobeekkeepers@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](mailto:lforinash1@gmail.com)  
**Kanawha Valley Beekeepers Assoc., Bi-Monthly Meeting,** Contact Rick Armstrong, 304-553-1923.  
**Marion Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Meeting,** 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Eldora United Methodist Church, Contact Contact Nancy Postlewait, 304-612-9599.  
**Marion Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Introduction to Beekeeping,** Nov, 4th, 6th & 11th, Contact Nancy Postlewait, 304-612-9599.  
**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:secretary.phba@gmail.com).  
**Preston Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting,** 3rd Thursday, WVU Ext. Office, Kingwood, Contact Scott Lewis, 304-376-0453.  
**Southeastern Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting,** 1st Monday, 6:00 p.m., Ronald P. Sharp Alumni Conference Center, WV Osteopathic School, Lewisburg, Contact Rick Forren, 304-539-1303.  
**Upshur Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting,** 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Upshur Co. Farm Bureau Bldg. on Rt. 33 between Buckhannon & Weston, [terriobennett@gmail.com](mailto:terriobennett@gmail.com).  
**West Central Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting,** 4th Saturday, 1 p.m., Two Runs Community Bldg., Two Runs.

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

## Apiary Sales

**Bee hives,** Carniolan w/25 queen, 1 deep & shallow, complete/strong hives, ready for winter, must sell due to health, \$500/ea. Clarence Dawson, 436 Durham St., Sistersville, 26175; 304-402-3128.

## Cattle Sales

**Zebu** miniature cows, bulls & calves, \$1,000/ea. Roy Gibson, 1881 Dog Fork Rd., Kenna, 25248; 304-988-1532.

**Reg.** Hereford, 2-yr. bull, easy calving, good herd bull, \$3,000; Hereford calves out of him, 2 heifers & a bull, \$1,500. Dwight Huffman, 7976 Blue Lick Rd., Greenville, 24945; 540-725-7577.

**Reg.** Angus heifers, 2 granddaughters of Growth Fund selected for docility & calving ease, \$2,000/ea. or \$4,000/all/or trade. Robert Martin, 2569 Smoot Rd., Smoot, 24977; 304-445-5398; [greenbrierland@frontier.com](mailto:greenbrierland@frontier.com).

**Reg.** Black Angus 4-yr. bull, good disp., \$4,000. Richard Parson, 735 Goshorn Woods Rd., Cameron, 26033; 304-281-2390.

**Reg.** Black Angus yrlg.: GAR hometown & Rito blood, easy handling, calving ease genetics, bulls, \$3,000; heifers, \$2,800. J. Taylor, 875 Jim Kennedy Rd., Fairmont, 26554; 681-270-0763.

**Jersey** milk cows: 1 3-yr. artificially bred to have heifer calf 9/25, \$3,200; 1-yr. halter broke, bred to have heifer spring 2026, \$3,000. Carl Wilson, 274 Cutlip Lane, Parkersburg, 26104; 304-428-1890.

## Equipment Sales

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

**NH** 100 hp 4 WD tractor w/cab, loader, ac, 682 hrs., excel. cond., \$57,000. Brian Alt, 7140 Franklin Pike Rd., Petersburg, 26847; 304-668-5495.

**Tractor** '17 55 hp, 4 WD, 3 remotes, hydro, 1 remote to the front bucket, very lg. carry all, extended lift arms, 3-pt. lift rear control, 470 hrs., excel. cond., \$20,000. Gerald Balderson, 115 College Hill Rd., Washington, 26181; 304-863-9145.

**Rural King** L72 tractor, 24 hp, 15 hrs., 5' finish mower, 4' loader bucket, hydro static, \$14,500. Larry Blankenship, 90 Central Dr., West Hamlin, 25571; 304-840-2626.

**Craftsman** tiller \$400; Greenworks weed wiper, \$2,500; pasture drag, \$500; hay spear, 3-pt. hitch, rear, \$300, all excel. cond. Virgile Caldwell, 1462 Le Farm Rd., Lerona, 25971; 304-384-7426.

**NH** '07 TC30 4 WD tractor, front end loader & 6" finish mower, 564 hrs., garage kept, \$18,000. Clayton Casto, 2391 Summerlee Rd., Oak Hill, 25901; 304-465-5774.

**Kubota** '10 3400HFT-1S, 4 WD, 35 hp diesel, foldable ROPs, LA463-1 front loader, 350 hrs.,

5' blade, shed kept, ps, 1 owner, excel. cond., \$18,000. Guy Dillon, P.O. Box 547, Fort Gay, 25514; 304-417-5257.

**AC** '85 6070 4 WD turbo tractor, 70 hp, loader, roll bar, canopy, 7' FMC brush hog, needs rear tires & hyd. brakes, no DEF/regen, \$7,500. Mark Filipek, 3863 R. Mud River Rd., Milton, 25541; 304-955-1710.

**MH** tractor, continental motor, hydraulics not working replaced the pump & it went out in a few weeks, good cond., \$500. Richard Folley, 963 Short Run Rd., Pennsboro, 26415; 304-873-1834.

**Dirt** Dog quick attach hay spear off NH 75 Workmaster, \$350. Max High, 8508 Patterson Crk. Rd., Lahmansville, 26731; 304-851-0401.

**Farmall** '41 tractor, starts easy, runs good, good tires w/chains, pneumatic lift system runs off exhaust but does not work, equipped w/belt pulley, 2-way tractor plow unassembled, restore in '12 to excel. cond., owners manuals, \$3,000. Jim Hileman, 401 Park Ave., Middlebourne, 26149; 304-758-4345.

**Leveling** blade, 6', heavy grading for 3-pt hitch tractor, \$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.

**Kubota** '14 4 WD backhoe, front end loader, 54" belly mower, \$18,000; grader blade, 6', 3-pt. hitch, angle adjustments, barn kept, \$400, both garage kept. Norman Ketchum, 8 Mockingbird Dr., Milton, 25541; 304-544-1631; 304-544-6191.

**MF** 6' sickle bar mower, \$2,850; 5' bush hog, \$1,850; Int'l TD 9 w/gear wench, \$14,500; Int'l 6½' disc, 3-pt. hitch, \$3,750; horse drawn plow, corn planter & potato plow, \$325/ea.; Western 8½' plow, \$1,850. Ron Malus, 3446 Snake Run Rd., Alderson, 24910; 304-392-5231.

**Mowing** machine 501, 7', \$450; Ford pickup disc, \$800; MF 2 bottom plow, \$400; NH 256 hay rake, \$1,500; hay tedder, \$800. Danny Meadows, 1497 White Tree Hill Rd., Ballard, 24918; 304-753-4993; 304-646-0400.

**Ferguson** TO 35, live power, many new parts, \$1,800. D. Miracle, 3368 Bergoo Rd., Bergoo, 26298; 304-679-5659.

**NH** 644 Silage Special baler, will bale dry or wet, less than 100 bales since all new belts & bearings, \$11,750. Donald Miracle, 1189 Pumpkin Knob Rd., Waverly, 26187; 304-679-5659.

**Ford** 8 N tractor, good shape, \$3,000. James Pauley, 2040 Cottageville Rd., Cottageville, 25239; 304-634-1354.

**Tedder** 3-pt. hitch, good cond., \$600. Larry Parsons, 276 Maple Dr., Evans, 25241; 304-372-4575.

**Int'l** farm tractor w/loader, good tires, needs some work, \$3,500. Carl Plank, 63 Brush Run Rd., Durbin, 26264; 304-456-4675.

**JD** 870 4 WD tractor, 170 hrs., excel. cond., \$15,000. Homer Plumley, 351 Plumley Mtn. Rd., Shady Springs, 25918; 304-573-8799.

**JD** '14, 65 hp tractor w/loader, cab, air/heat, 400 hrs., \$50,000; '13 65 hp 4 WD, 132 hrs., excel. cond., \$32,000. Charles Smith, 94 Dogwood Trails, Napier, 26631; 304-452-8821; 304-765-9644.

**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.



**Rotary** lawn mower that mounts to the center of a Farmall tractor, \$150; Gravely tractor w/2 plows, sickle machine & many extra parts, non functioning, \$200; 3-pt. grader blade, 6' for farm tractor, \$250. Richard Stanley, 139 Oak St., Daniels, 25832; 304-716-6179.

**IH** 1086 tractor, shed kept, excel. cond., \$17,500. Jim Summers, 305 Centenary Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 304-379-3815.

## Equipment Wants

**McCormick** Deering #9 horse drawn mowing machine. Darrell Black, 4662 Hurricane Crk. Rd., Hurricane, 25526; 304-382-7073; squirrelhunter1956@gmail.com.

## Farm Sales

**Fayette** Co.: 78 A. w/house, lg. barn, 10 A. field, pawpaw trees, well, spring, 2 crks., \$250,000. Judy Spade, 354 Elysian Ave., Morgantown, 26501; 304-276-6954.

## Farm Wants

**Looking** to buy a sm. farm w/house, approx 3-4 A., water, elec., prefer sm. pond in Mingo, Logan, McDowell, Wyoming or Summers Co. Linda Fraley, 976 Cleveland Rd., Hacker Valley, 26222; 304-493-9411.

## Goat Sales

**Boer** 4-mo. billys, traditional, dapple & solid brown, 1 of ea., vacc./wormed, \$225. Sarah Bowers, P.O. Box 1199, Franklin, 26807; 304-668-2955.

**Nigerian** Dwarf 3-mo. black w/blue eyes, gray ears & nose, vacc./wormed, \$150. Patty Clevenger, 1030 Groves Rd., Canvas, 26662; 304-872-4519; 304-619-7171.

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

**Kiko**/Saanen kids, does, proven buck, guaranteed CAE/Johne's/CL/Brucellosis neg., \$150/up. Hope O'Toole, 595 Luther Heishman Rd., Baker, 26801; 304-897-7073.

**Kiko** 1/25 doelings, some w/colors, vacc./wormed, \$150. Tolly Peuleche, 259 Hidden River Farm Rd., Monterville, 26282; 304-339-6524.

**ADGA** Nigerian Dwarf 11-mo./up & older does & bucks, blue eyes, moonspots, quality no culls, clean, healthy, good disp., \$200/up. Mary Wolfe, 1430 Tribble Rd., Leon, 25123; 304-458-1992; leslie.wolfe@frontier.com.

## Hog Sales

**Crossbred** average 200 lbs., \$200/ea. Jeremy Loucks, 2272 Mackeyville Rd., Hambleton, 26269; 304-516-1872.

**York**/Hamp/Berk. cross pigs: 8, 2-mo., \$200; 5, 5-mo., \$150/ea. Nick Salvo, 611 1/2 Elk St., Gassaway, 26624; 304-853-0002.

## Horse Sales

**Miniature**: 1-yr. jack, \$500. John Fitchner, 1230 Allentown Rd., Gay, 25244; 304-373-5611.

**Jerusalem** donkeys, 2-7 yrs., 4 males, \$400/ea. Barbara Saunders, 719 Mapleview Lane, Shady Springs, 25918; 304-228-1741.

## Plant Sales

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

## Plant Wants

**WV 63** tomato seeds. Beverly Baker, 415 Big

Grave Crk. Rd., Moundsville, 26041; 304-845-9419.

## Poultry Sales

**Free** hens, 7. Noble Barns, 46 Quarter Horse Lane, Charleston, 25312; 681-313-9716.

**Guineas**, 6 prs., \$40/pr. Cecil Foster, 144 Rustic Rd., Summersville, 26651; 304-619-7951.

**Guineas**, 3-mo., \$10/ea. Dana Drowes, 3043 Cranesville Rd., Terra Alta, 26764; 304-789-5836.

**Barred** Rock 4-mo. pullets, \$15/ea. Max High, 8508 Patterson Crk. Rd., Lahmansville, 26731; 304-851-0401.

**White** Leghorn: cross 2-mo. chicks, \$4/ea.; pure, 4 roosters, \$6/ea. James McCarty, 11455 Jerry's Run Rd., Apple Grove, 25502; 681-237-2680.

## Sheep Sales

**Wiltshire**/Katahdin cross ram, \$350. John Fitchner, 1230 Allentown Rd., Gay, 25244; 304-373-5611.

**Katahdin** & Katahdin/Dorper cross 5-mo. lambs, CD&t current, parasite resistant, various colors, \$225/ea. Jeremy Vance, 827 Guy Dice Rd., Harman, 26270; 304-704-7667.

**Pure** reg. Suffolk lambs: rams, \$300; ewes, \$275. Ronnie Vance, P.O. Box 244, Seneca Rock, 26884; 304-567-2618.

## Miscellaneous Sales

**No riding habits or other clothes; appliances or furniture; antiques or crafts; hand power tools or equipment; food processing or preservation items or equipment; general wood working tools; firewood. Only dogs recognized by the AKC will be accepted.**

**Hay**, '25 mixed: 2nd cut, 4x5 round bales, net wrapped cover edge, 70, \$35/bale; sq. bales, in barn, \$5.50/bale. Bob Alexander, 5059 Plain Valley Rd., Letart, 25253; 304-544-7690.

**Hay**, '25 1st cut, 4x4 round bales, good mix, limed/fert., in barn, \$35/bale. Greg Arnott, 771 Henry Camp Rd., St. Mary's, 26170; 304-299-0455.

**Hay** '25 5x4 round bales: 1st cut, \$60/bale; 2nd cut, \$70/bale; 2nd cut sq. bales, \$7/bale, avail. in Farmington. Danny Bainbridge, 104 Kenneywood 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.

**Pioneer** Haflinger forecart, custom bench seat w/both shaft for a single horse and tongue for a team, \$1,000. Darrell Black, 4662 Hurricane Crk. Rd., Hurricane, 25526; 304-382-7083; squirrelhunter1956@gmail.com.

**Pure** Border Collie, non-reg. pups, black/white & tri color, 5 females, \$150; 3 males, 100. Bettina Cooper, 304 Sap Sucker Rd., Leon, 25123; 304-807-0597.

**CKC** reg. Collie pups, the old Lassie Collie, sable & white, vacc./wormed, \$400/ea./up. Kevin Cummings, 110 Walnut St., Evans, 25241; 304-372-8615.

**Copper** 20' apple butter kettle w/wooden ladle, \$350. Richard Friend, 2229 Harrison Ave., St. Albans, 25177; 304-545-3127.

**Hay**, never wet, \$50/bale/out of barn. Phillip Haller, 29 Proudfoot Rd., Philippi, 26416; 304-457-1477.

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

**Trailers**: '07 Shadow gooseneck w/elec. jack, weekender, new awning, slant load, walk

through door to the horse compartment, rear tack, swing out saddle rack, 7 1/2' tall, heat & air, fan in horse compartment, kept inside, \$13,500; '04 Shadow, slant w/drop down windows, \$7,500, both 2 horse, all alum. Dwight Huffman, 7976 Blue Lick Rd., Greenville, 24945; 540-726-7577.

**Trailer**, 15' single axle w/removable cattle racks, bumper pull, \$1,400. Ron Malus, 3446 Snake Run Rd., Alderson, 24910; 304-392-5231.

**Tractor** chains, 3'x11"6", excel. cond., \$250. Ron Maynard, 1755 Rock House Rd., Lester, 25865; 304-934-5980.

**Hay**, 4x5, 40, \$40/bale. Danny Meadows, 1497 White Tree Hill Rd., Ballard, 304-753-4993; 304-646-0400.

**Hay**, 1st cut, 4x4 round bales, mixed hay, barn kept, \$35/bale. Allen Miller, 946 Cuzzart Mtn. Dale Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 304-379-9717.

**ASDR** & CKC reg. Aust. Shep. 1 blue merle females, \$500/ea.; 2 black tri females, \$400/ea; black tri male, \$400, all tails docked, vacc./wormed. Vicki Mitchem, 229 Stoney Crk. School Rd., Alderson, 24910; 304-575-6036.

**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.

**Corn** Shellers: 1 wooden cabinet w/cast iron mechanisms, crank, flywheel & shoot, excel. cond., \$425; 1 JD, all cast iron, green & yellow, flywheel has been repaired, good cond., \$300. Byron Moore, 9168 Teays Valley Rd., Scott Depot, 25560; 304-543-1269.

**Free** bamboo, sm.-lg. Hope O'Toole, 595 Luther Heishman Rd., Baker, 26801; 304-897-7073.

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

**Free** German Short Haired Pointer, his name is Crockett, comes w/cARRIER & kennel. Jane Price, 1192 Laurel Crk. Rd., Moatsville, 26405; 304-457-3628; 304-677-9058.

**Hay**, sq. bales, good quality, barn kept, \$3.50/bale. John Queen, 914 Newman Branch Rd., Milton, 25541; 304-208-6321.

**Hay**, '25 1st & 2nd cut 4x5 round bales, \$25/bale. Douglas Randolph, 231 Ripley Rd., Leon, 25123; 304-674-5267.

**Fall** Apples, \$13/bu.-\$16/bu.; animal feed, \$6/bu., bring containers, call for avail. Paula Ruggles, 131 Ruggles Orchard Rd., Levels, 25431; 304-492-5751.

**Hay**, '25 1st cut, 48"x48" rolls, you haul, \$25/bale. Shane Ruggles, 131 Ruggles Orchard Rd., Levels, 25431; 304-492-5751.

**Hay**, 2nd cut, 4x5 round bales, \$35/bale. Bob Shaffer, 1788 Campground Rd., Tunnelton, 26444; 304-568-2579.

**Trailer** spring ramp, 12', excel. cond., \$3,000. Charles Smith, 94 Dogwood Trails, Napier, 26631; 304-765-9466; 304-452-8821.

**Copper** apple butter kettle, approx. 19" top diameter, 14" depth, includes bail & stand, \$550. Steve Spradling, 2602 Shadyside Rd., St. Albans, 25177; 304-727-0747; spradlingx2@yahoo.

**Hay**, 2nd cut, 4x5 round bales, never wet, in barn, \$40/bale; \$35/bale/outside tarp covered. Mary Wolfe, 1430 Tribble Rd., Leon, 25123; 304-458-1992.

### Pasture & Hayfield Spraying

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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## GARDEN CALENDAR

### OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

2025 WVU Extension Calendar content developed by WVU Extension,  
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| <b>OCT. 1</b> Plant winter cabbage in high tunnel.<br>Cure onions for storage.                 | <b>OCT. 10</b> Plant or transplant lilies that flower<br>July 15 to Sept. 15.       | <b>OCT. 23</b> Plant mache in cold frame.                                |
| <b>OCT. 2</b> Turn compost.<br>Dig canna, dahlia, gladiolas and tubular<br>begonias.           | <b>OCT. 11</b> Plant spring bulbs.  | <b>OCT. 25</b> Harvest fall Irish potatoes.                              |
| <b>OCT. 3</b> Harvest green tomatoes and gourds<br>before frost.                               | <b>OCT. 14</b> Top Brussels sprouts to size up sprouts.                             | <b>OCT. 27</b> Turn compost.   |
| <b>OCT. 4</b> Seed carrots for overwintering in high tunnel.                                   | <b>OCT. 15</b> Prepare landscape bed for spring<br>planting.                        |  |
| <b>OCT. 6</b> Harvest and cure sweet potatoes.   | <b>OCT. 16</b> Plant or transplant deciduous trees<br>and shrubs after leaves drop. | <b>NOV. 1</b> Plant leeks in cold frames.                                |
| <b>OCT. 7</b> Divide perennials.<br>Harvest pumpkins and winter squash.                        | <b>OCT. 17</b> Save wildflower seeds for spring planting.                           | <b>NOV. 3</b> Plant short-day onions in cold frames.                     |
| <b>OCT. 8</b> Remove old crop residue and seed<br>winter cover crop.                           | <b>OCT. 18</b> Mow lawn for last time.<br>Prune roses and root cuttings.            | <b>NOV. 4</b> Remove stakes and trellises.                               |
| <b>OCT. 9</b> Store winter squash in cool, dry location.<br>Plant multiplier or potato onions. | <b>OCT. 20</b> Plant garlic.  | <b>NOV. 5</b> Mulch carrots for winter use.                              |
|  | <b>OCT. 21</b> Seed spinach in cold frame or high tunnel.                           | <b>NOV. 6</b> Fertilize under deciduous trees and shrubs.                |
|  | <b>OCT. 22</b> Take a fall soil test.<br>Mulch greens (chard, collards, etc.).      | <b>NOV. 7</b> Water trees and shrubs thoroughly<br>if fall has been dry. |
|  |   | <b>NOV. 8</b> Remove diseased plant debris from<br>garden.               |

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