Walt’s View

The WVDA passed an exciting milestone October 16 and ushered in an exciting new era in West Virginia agriculture with the opening of an automated potato cleaning, sorting and bagging line at the WVDA farm in Huttonsville. We held a press conference there and if the coverage of the event is any indication, there is great interest in seeing an expansion of commercial agriculture in the Mountain State.

We harvested approximately 250,000 pounds of potatoes on the farm this year with the assistance of inmates from the adjacent Huttonsville Correctional Center. They are being processed and sold to institutions, senior centers, schools, farmers markets and are available direct to the public at select retailers.

Our goal is not for the WVDA to take over the potato business in the state, but rather to promote commercial production by providing private farmers with the means to efficiently package and market potatoes and other root crops. The processing line can also be set up to run onions, turnips and similar produce. Our ultimate goal is for the entire production chain – from seed to distribution – to be under private control, and to keep more of the $7 billion we spend every year on food inside our state.

We want this project to become a model for others throughout the state. We’ll be researching locations that can serve as regional hubs for food processing, aggregation and distribution so that farmers throughout West Virginia will have another route through which to market their products on a year-round basis.

On the same day that we kicked off our potato production we announced the opening of a lime plant at Mill Point that will provide an economical and nearby source of agricultural lime for improving soil quality across that region.

WVDA potato project to serve as model for food aggregation and distribution in the State

Boxley Aggregates opened the Pocahontas County plant and I was very honored to cut the ribbon on the facility along with local officials and company representatives. Besides agricultural uses, lime will be used by the Division of Natural Resources to optimize water quality for trout in rivers throughout that part of the state, including the Williams, Cranberry, Gauley and Shavers Fork. Construction of the plant, that produces a minimum of 50 tons of lime per hour, was made possible by a $500,000 loan provided to Boxley through the Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation. The funds came from the West Virginia Department of Commerce.

Another area we continue to focus on is developing current students into future commercial farmers. Of course, I realize that many of today’s students ARE today’s farmers, but a relatively new program will help students prove their agricultural expertise to potential employers.

The WVDA has endorsed the state Department of Education’s Ag Certificate Program, which establishes curriculum in a variety of agriculture, food and natural resource clusters. Students that complete a particular sequence will receive an official “Certificate of Completion” that they can show to employers, many of whom are seeking qualified workers.

The curriculum was developed with input from the WVDA, subject matter experts, and representatives of agriculture industries. The idea was to create courses of study that develop the knowledge and skills sought by employers. We want employers to know that this is a statewide program with real substance behind it, and not just a meaningless piece of paper.

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Walnut Twig Beetle and Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnut Updates

Jill A. Rose, FHP Manager/Forest Pathologist, WVDA Plant Industries Division

Thousand cankers disease (TCD) is a progressive disease complex that kills various species of walnut, particularly black walnut. The disease-causing fungus (Geosmithia morbida) is transmitted by a walnut twig beetle (Pityophthorus juglandis). Branches and trunk tissue are killed by repeated infections of the fungus, as beetles carry the fungus into new bark. The eastern range of the disease was thought to occur along the Front Range of Colorado, but in August of 2010, TCD was detected on urban trees in Knox County, TN. This was the first detection of this disease complex east of the Mississippi River and was the first find in the native range of eastern black walnut. In July and August of 2011, TCD was detected in Henrico and Chesterfield Counties, VA on urban trees and Bucks County, PA on black walnut at an artisan woodworker’s residence. In 2012, North Carolina only detected Geosmithia morbida from a black walnut tree and has not detected walnut twig beetle (WTB) in traps or black walnut trees. In 2013, the WTB was trapped outside a wood processing business in Butler County, Ohio. In 2014, G. morbida was detected in Indiana and in Maryland. Maryland has only detected WTB from traps and not detected WTB and Geosmithia morbida from urban trees.

The most likely pathway for movement is raw wood such as firewood, logs and wood packaging material. Other potential pathways include nursery stock, scion wood for grafting and natural spread. The beetle/pathogen complex is likely to enter the East via movement of untreated walnut such as firewood, stumps and burls across country from the west into Eastern states. Campsites and sawmills in the Great Plains states may facilitate the eastern movement of TCD. To date, there have been no reports of infected trees in walnut production nurseries, however, if nurseries do become infected, this could become an important pathway.

Due to the detrimental effects of TCD on walnut, particularly black walnut, and the fact it has been confirmed in North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia there is a need to continue to survey for this beetle/pathogen complex. Thousand cankers disease may have the potential to destroy black walnut in its native range in a manner previously demonstrated by introduced species such as the emerald ash borer (affecting all ash species) and pathogens that produce Dutch elm disease (affecting American elm) and chestnut blight (affecting American chestnut). Black walnut is a valuable timber and nut species in the East. Production sectors that face negative impact include timber, furniture, nut and nursery stock. Exports could be affected. Homeowners may face the cost of tree removal. Additionally, black walnut is a hard wood producer so wildlife could be negatively impacted. Early detection and outreach is the best line of defense. Loss of the black walnut timber industry could have a large economic impact as well as significant ecological consequences. Black walnut in the eastern United States has an estimated value of over $500 billion. West Virginia has one of the highest populations of native black walnut in the eastern US.

The WVDA has been surveying for TCD since 2011 and moved away from the ground survey to trapping for WTB in 2013. Early detection of the vector is vital to the potential local eradication or effective management of the disease. The most efficient way to accomplish this is to set four-unit black plastic multiple-funnel (Lindgren) traps with a wet cup that has a molded solid-plastic bottom that contain a male-produced WTB aggregation pheromone in a bubble cap. Areas of emphasis would be sawmills and log yards that process and store green walnut wood, other wood products industries, black walnut plantations, campgrounds, and urban areas. To date, TCD has not been detected in West Virginia.

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This item would probably fit better in our employee newsletter, but I think it’s important to share it with all the people of West Virginia because it’s something we can all be proud of. James McCormick is the WVDA’s Veterans to Agriculture coordinator, and he has been working to develop programs to help military veterans find meaningful, therapeutic careers in agriculture.

As you might expect, he is a military veteran – a decorated military veteran who received the Bronze Star with Valor earlier this year for his service in Iraq in 2004. Turns out that he will now be awarded the Silver Star, the third highest award presented exclusively for valor in combat. My sincere thanks to James for his service in Iraq, and my continuing thanks for his work helping many of our state’s veterans.
Agricultural Researchers to Receive Quarter Million in Grant Funding

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) will award nearly $250,000 in 2014 Specialty Crop Block Grants to 14 recipients throughout West Virginia. The awards are part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. They are administered in West Virginia by the WVDA. The grant program encourages cooperative efforts to integrate technology at the farm level, improve marketing and promotion of locally grown specialty crops, and increase production efficiency through research projects.

Specialty crops include fruits, vegetables, herbs, horticulture goods, nursery stock and value-added products.

1. “Assessing Opportunities for Maple Syrup Production on Abandoned Mine Lands” – West Virginia University Research Corporation, $17,350, Monongalia County. This project will examine sap quality from maples on mine lands and create demonstration areas to showcase new potential sap extraction techniques and increase West Virginia production of maple products.

2. “Cryopreservation of Honey Bee Germplasm” – West Virginia Queen Producers Association, $9,500, Jefferson County. Cryopreserved honey bee germplasm can provide a resource for the preservation of diversity and recovery of endangered populations. The project will preserve and improve honey production by acquiring a complete system for cryopreservation of honeybee germplasm, along with the appropriate knowledge to implement this technology.

3. “KISRA Farm Expansion” – Kanawha Institute for Social Research & Action, Inc. (KISRA), $10,000, Kanawha County. This Specialty Crop Block Grant will provide a scientific study assessing the productivity and profitability of two growing systems of specialty crops (hydroponics and vertical towers) while imparting valuable job skill sets in urban and alternate growing systems. KISRA will partner with West Virginia State University for this study and conduct the comparative analysis.

4. “Maple Syrup Producers Association” – West Virginia Maple Syrup Producers Association and West Virginia Department of Agriculture, $7,200, statewide. With more than 1 million estimated untapped trees in the state, according to a recent Cornell report, the inventory and industry potential for maple syrup is just beginning to be uncovered in West Virginia. The specialty crop block grant for this group will be used to develop basic organizational development, create brand awareness for maple syrup, and develop educational tools for the newly formed Association.

5. “Maximizing Profitability and Productivity for Sustainable Multiple Vegetable Crop Production in West Virginia High Tunnels” – West Virginia State University Research and Development Corporation, $16,000, Kanawha County. The project will undertake research with four growers to investigate crops, production and economic returns on vegetables grown in high tunnels to develop recommendations for high tunnels in West Virginia. Draft production schedules and enterprise budgets will be produced as well as grower training sessions for new and developing high tunnel producers.

6. “Mobile Vegetable Post Harvest Project” – West Virginia Department of Agriculture with assistance from Potomac State University, $43,231, statewide. This project will develop a prototype mobile wash unit that can be transported to farmers’ markets and other crop aggregation sites in West Virginia, connected with municipal and approved water sources and allow access to farmers for safe post-harvest washing. The building blueprint will focus on an economical design and be made available for replication in the form of a how-to manual and will feature a unique partnership with the Agriculture Mechanic students at Potomac State University.

7. “Pecan Production and Demonstration in West Virginia” – West Virginia State University, $14,000, Kanawha County. After the 1940s, commercial production of pecans ceased in West Virginia. This represents a huge opportunity for West Virginia small farmers and small forest landowners to become the first to look at the re-introduction of pecan production. The project will educate landowners on the steps they would need to take to begin pecan production and how to care for and maintain the pecan trees and the development of pecan groves.

8. “Ritchie County Farmers Market Association Specialty Crop Production and Market Storage Improvement Project” – Ritchie County Farmers Market Association, $10,000, Ritchie County. Grant funds will be used to purchase a bed shaper/mulch layer, transplanter, mulch lifter, and portable cooling trailer for local producers to use on a shared basis and with a nominal fee. At the completion of the project, the market will experience increased sales and provide additional specialty crop resources for the community.

9. “Sage II - Perennial Produce” – CADCO Foundation dba Charleston Area Alliance, $16,000, Kanawha County. Due to market demand from the past year, SAGE II will explore the growing of asparagus, strawberries, arthichoke, and horseradish at five different urban sites. The program will determine which varieties grow the best as well as what conditions produce the best produce for use at market. Varieties will be evaluated on ease of planting and tending, amount of produce produced, ease of sale at market and market value.

10. “Techniques for Increasing the Supply of Fresh, Locally Grown Produce in the Tygarts Valley District” – Eastern West Virginia Community Action Agency, $12,000, Tucker County. The Tygarts Valley District has many small farmers who seek to supplement their income by growing produce for resale. Since farming is often an additional enterprise for these individuals they often do not have the tools to maximize their return, nor is it feasible for them to invest in equipment at such low levels of production. This project will attempt to help with these problems by providing some community equipment (i.e. water wheel planter) to be used to local growers to improve their efficiency in transplanting bedding plants. The other major component is a partnership with WVU Extension Service and Tucker County High School to provide the education to the growers to help them improve yields and efficiency.

11. “Vineyard Hills Orchards” Grow Ohio Valley, Inc., $25,000, Ohio County – Through an innovative land-use partnership, this project will transform a highly visible brownfield into a fertile bramble and fruit tree orchard and intends to fill a gaping demand for local fresh fruits in the Wheeling area. The project will also provide a venue for vocational skills and farming techniques training for new farmers and economically and socially disadvantaged populations.

Grant Funding, cont. on page 12
Fall is here, the holidays are just around the corner and 4-H programs are in full reorganization mode. National 4-H Week was October 5-11, and all counties throughout the state celebrated the 4-H youth and adult volunteer leaders who make an impact on the community and who are stepping up to the challenges of a complex and changing world. Also during National 4-H Week, youth from all around the state and nation completed a single, innovative experiment on 4-H National Youth Science Day held on October 8. This event sought to spark an early youth interest and leadership in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers in an effort keep America competitive in these fields. This year, the National Science Experiment was – Rockets to the Rescue! Designed by the University of Arizona Extension, the set of activities explored the field of aerospace engineering.

Twenty-three senior 4-H competitors from six counties throughout the state competed in the State 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Match September 11, at the West Virginia Sportsmen & Firearms Association, Inc. Club Range in Fairmont. The second annual event was co-sponsored by the Club in cooperation with the WVU Extension Service and served as a statewide shotgun competition. The winning county senior 4-H team will represent WV at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational in June 2015. The competition consists of 50 Trap targets, 50 Skeet targets and 50 Sporting Clay targets. The senior team scores in their respective order were: Monongalia County A (361), Wayne County (324); Wood County (280); and Marshall County (264). The top three Senior individuals and their respective order were: Monongalia County A (361), Wayne County A (332), Monroe County A (324); Wood County (280); and Marshall County (264). The top three Senior individuals and their respective order were: Brady McMaster (135), Monongalia; Zachary Preston (264), Wayne County A (264). The senior team scores in their respective order were: Monongalia County A (361), Wayne County (324); Wood County (280); and Marshall County (264). The top three Senior individuals and their respective order were: Monongalia County A (361), Wayne County A (332), Monroe County A (324); Wood County (280); and Marshall County (264).

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Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

For more information on other WVU 4-H Programs, contact your local WVU Extension Office or visit www.ext.wvu.edu.
Plenty of purpose for Pumpkins!

Jean Smith, Director, WVDA Marketing & Development Division

Pumpkins provide many purposes! They are colorful, great for decorating and especially they are nutritious! It is is low in calories, high in fiber and high in antioxidants such as vitamins A, C and E! An added bonus for many is that the seeds are easy to roast and very nutritious!

The majority of the following recipes are winners from the 2014 WV Pumpkin Festival Bake Off! – Happy Cooking!

Mason Jar Pumpkin Cheesecake Trifle
Mary McClure, Barboursville, WV

1 loaf pumpkin bread
8 ounce cream cheese, softened
1 cup canned pumpkin
½ cup sugar
½ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
2 cups whipped topping, thawed
Pecan halves

Cut pumpkin bread into slices and then into bite size pieces. Set aside. In a large bowl, whisk softened cream cheese, pumpkin, sugar and pumpkin pie spice until combined. Fold in whipped topping until just combined.

Fill the bottom of 4 mason-style half pint jars with a few pieces of pumpkin bread. Spoon a layer of pumpkin cheesecake filling on top. Repeat layers until jars are full. Top with additional whipped topping if desired and pecan halves.

Chocolate Chip Pumpkin Biscotti
Claire Morrison, Hurricane, WV

5 cups flour
1 ½ tablespoons baking powder
1 cup water
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
½ cup chopped pecans

Filling:
8 ounces cream cheese
½ cup sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla

Coating:
½ cup sugar
1 teaspoons cinnamon
½ teaspoons ginger
Dash allspice

In a bowl whisk flour, baking powder, cinnamon and nutmeg. Set aside. Beat butter and sugars until fluffy. Blend in pumpkin, beat in eggs and add vanilla. Slowly add dry ingredients. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and place in refrigerator for 1 hour.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper. In a medium bowl, mix flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, ginger and cloves until well blended. In a large bowl, combine sugar and butter and beat with an electric mixer until fluffy. Add pumpkin and water and beat until well blended. Add flour mixture slowly with mixer set on low speed. With a spoon stir in chocolate chips and pecans. Divide dough into two equal parts and shape into logs about 12 inches long and 4-5 inches long. Place on parchment paper covered cookie sheets.

Bake at 375°F for 30-35 minutes until firm to touch. Allow logs to cool on wire rack for approximately 20 minutes. Slice logs into 1 inch diagonal slices and lay them with cut side down on the cookie sheets. Return to 375°F oven and bake for approximately 20 minutes until they are brown and dry. Cool completely and drizzle with melted chocolate chips. Makes 2 dozen biscotti.
Farm groups appeal EPA rule for Chesapeake Bay Watershed

The American Farm Bureau Federation announced Oct. 8 that it will appeal a federal district court’s decision to uphold a stringent set of rules by the U.S. EPA that would determine the total amount of nutrients that can enter the estuary and set new land use restrictions within the 64,000 square-mile watershed.

The EPA’s rule, known as the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load, or simply “pollution diet,” was formed over the past decade and broadly seeks to reduce the amount of nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment entering the Chesapeake Bay, while imposing new restrictions on crop and animal agriculture, as well as municipalities.

The Middle District Court of Pennsylvania upheld the EPA’s TMDL in a Sept. 13 decision. The American Farm Bureau and Pennsylvania Farm Bureau announced this month they are appealing, saying the current decision gives federal government “wide latitude” to dictate local land use decisions.

“This is a wrongly decided case that has dangerous implications for farmers and many others in the Chesapeake Bay area and nationwide,” said AFBF President Bob Stallman, in a released statement.

Stallman said the appeal is not over whether to protect the bay.

“We all share that goal,” he said. “This case is about whether EPA can dictate where farming will be allowed, where homes can be built, and where businesses can be established.”

Other parties

The National Corn Growers Association is also appealing.

“Our organization understands and supports the need to protect water quality but we don’t support a wrongfully decided case when it has a profoundly negative impact on agricultural production and innovation,” said NCGA President Martin Barbre.

By comparison

The EPA says more than 40,000 Total Maximum Daily Load limits have been approved across the nation, but this one is the largest and most complex.

It limits nitrogen in the bay to 85.9 million pounds, phosphorus to 12.5 million pounds, and sediment to 6.45 billion pounds, per year.

Comparatively, that means a 25 percent reduction in nitrogen, 24 percent reduction in phosphorus and 20 percent reduction in sediment.

These limits are also divided by jurisdiction, and by major river basins.

The many pollution controls in the TMDL are to be in place by 2025, with practices in place by 2017 to meet 60 percent of the necessary pollution reduction.

State governments and farmers within the watershed have been pursuing conservation measures for many years, including adopting new Best Management Practices.

But over time, federal oversight has increased. In May of 2009, President Barack Obama signed an executive order which directed the federal government to lead a “renewed effort” to restore the watershed.
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November

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APIARY SALES
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Spring NUC's w/open mated queen, comes w/3-4 frames brood & bees.

CATTLE SALES
Sim-Angus 4/14 bull, black, polled, sired by SOS, Dam, Plainview Lutton, $2,000. Jeff Allen, 2398 Dowler Rd., Moundsville, 26041; 845-7549.
Miniature Jersey 8-mo. heifer, lead, ties, $1,500. Sam Arbogast, P.O. Box 164, Hillsboro, 24946; 653-4964.
Reg. Simmental & Sim-Angus bulls, AI sired BC Lookout, Mo Better, Steel Force, Hoc Broker, SAV Brilliance, Grandmaster, Upgrade, First Rate, $2,500/up. Jim Bosley, P.O. Box 5, Old Fields, 26845; 530-6636.
Simmental & Sim-Angus bulls, black & red, $1,750/up. Chris Brown, 430 Levels Rd., Fairmont, 26554; 290-0383; classicism@aol.com.

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Barbour Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
4th Thursday, 7 p.m.
Barbour Co. Fairgrounds
Belington, W.Va.
Contact David Proudfoot 823-1460; dp-foot@hotmail.com.

Monthly Meeting
1st Monday
Braxton Co. High School, Vo-Ag Rm.
Contact Susan Bullion, 452-8508; billandsuebullion@frontiernet.net

Barbour Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
2nd Monday, 6 p.m.
Clay County Senior Center
Contact John Pruitt, 587-2451; jpruitt@frontiernet.net.

Corridor G Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
1st Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Chapmanville Middle School
Chapmanville, WV
Contact Tony Meadows, 524-7690; Fastrakbhounds@outlook.com.

Gilmer Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Gilmer Co. Public Library
Glenville, W.Va.
Contact Bobbi Cottrill, 462-7416; bcottrill119@hotmail.com.

Highlands Apiicultural Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
4th Monday, 6:30 p.m.
WVU Ext. Office Meeting Rm.
Contact Ben McKean, 227-4414; hiapas@yahoo.com.

Jackson County Beekeepers Assoc.
Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-Noon
McDonald Bldg.
Jackson Co. Jr. Fairgrounds
Cottageville, W.Va.
Contact Jeff Crum 531-0018.

Kanawha Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
St. Albans, W.Va.
Contact Steve May, 727-7659; kanawhavalley.beekeepers@yahoo.com.

Marion Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
4th Thursday, 7 p.m.
Pleasant Valley Municipal Bldg.
2340 Kingmont Rd.
Fairmont, W.Va.
Contact Tom Kees, 366-9938; lpostlethwait@yahoo.com.

Nicholas Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Summersville Public Library
Summersville, W.Va.
Contact Joe Strickland, 649-4717.

Monthly Meeting
3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Harrison Co. 4-H Center
Clarksburg, W.Va.
Contact Michael Staddon, 782-9610.

Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
3rd Thursday
Bank of Romney Comm. Center
Romney, W.Va.
Contact Elvin Rose, 434-2520; emrose0206@yahoo.com or potomachighlandsbeekers.weebly.com

Preston Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
3rd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Preston Co. Ext. Office
Contact Don Cathell, 454-9695.

Southeastern Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
2nd Thursday, 7 p.m.
Osteopathic School-Alumni Center
Lewisburg, W.Va.
Contact Mary Holesapple, 772-3272; mary.holesapple@frontier.com.

Tri-State Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
3rd Friday, 1 p.m.
Good Zoo Bldg. - Oglebay Park
Wheeling, W.Va.
Contact Steve Roth, 242-9867; sroth29201@comcast.net.

Upshur Co. Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Roane Co. Committee on Aging Bldg.
Pleasant Valley, W.Va.
Contact Dale Cunningham, 354-6916; jaringh46@yahoo.com.

West Central Beekeepers Assoc.
Monthly Meeting
4th Saturday, 1 p.m.
Roane Co. Committee on Aging Bldg.
Pleasant Valley, W.Va.
Contact Dale Cunningham, 354-6916; jaringh46@yahoo.com.

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Black Angus 9-mo. bull, out of reg. cow & bull, easy calving, 25+ milk, $1,200. Randall Burns, 397 Sunnybrook Dr., Hurricane., 25262; 562-6938.

Angus 14-mo. bulls, New Design blood, low birth EPDs, good disp., $1,800. Cliff Crane, 143 Spiker Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 579-4482.

Reg. Hereford yrllg. bulls, $2,000/ea. Bobby Daniel, P.O. Box 214, Fairdale, 25939; 575-758.

Heref black w/white face & 1st 9/14 heifer calf, $2,300/up. Shannon Daniel, P.O. Box 214, Fairdale, 25939; 575-758.

Maine Angus 18-mo. light wt. bull, $2,000; Sim-Angus bred heifers, due in spring, $2000/ea. Paul Dixon, 70 Carnation Dr., Mannington, 26582; 825-6421.

Reg. Lim-Flex 4-yr. bull, $3,000; Limousin & Lim-Flex bulls, heifers & heifers w/calf by side, w/ or w/o papers, $1,500/ea.; Terry Dobbs, 8328 Fork Ridge Rd., Glen Easton, 26309; 845-1627.

Dexter 4/14 calves, both female, 1 black & 1 dunn, $750/ea. Robyn Dorsey, P.O. Box 148, 312 John Johnson Rd., Nettie, 26681; 846-2861.

Black Angus heifers, 6- 13-mo., Daybreak, T.O.F In-Line, Mitty in Focus blood, $1,100/up, bulls; 11- 15-mo., Daybreak, T.O.F In-Line, Con- nealy blood, $1,800/up, all bulls complete. Fred Edgell, 1471 Bingamon Rd., Worthington, 26374; 790-2999.

Hereford bull, good disp., $1,500. Bob Evans, 205 Herb Harsh Rd., Horse Shoe Run, 26716; 735-3121.

Hereford 2-yr. bull, dark red, disp. eccl., $1,600. Steve Feaster, HC 84, Box 58A, Keyser, 26726; 790-2999.

Reg. Polled Hereford bulls, cert./accred. herd, Sons of Trust, Revolution, Masterpiece, Can-Am & Wrangler blood, $2,000/up, yearlings have perf. & ultrasound data avail. upon request. Derek Haught, P.O. Box 85, Smithville, 26178; 477-3818; derek@fivestarherefords.com.


Reg. '14 Angus & commercial Sim/Angus bull calves, $1,500-$1,800. Dave McCordile, 153 Black Angus Lane, Moundsville, 26041; 845-1199; dcmccordile@cs.com.

Reg. Black Angus 10-mo. bull calves, SAV Final Answer blood, weaned, grain fed, halter broke, & good disp., will make excel, herd sire bulls, $1,800/up. Justin McClain, 2853 Dry Fork, Salem, 26726; 790-7023.

Reg. '13 Angus bulls, most were fed/evaluated at Wardensville Summer Bull Test, AI sired by Consensus, Ten X, CC&7, Objective, Trust, Power Tool, easy calving, EPDs, $2,250-$3,500. Greg Moore, 828 Maple Lick Rd., Bridgeport, 26330; 842-6210; gmooreangus@gmail.com.


Reg. Storthorn bulls, 1 red/white, 1 roan, polled $1,350/ea. Larry Roberts, 368 Sugar Run Rd., Littleton, 26581; 775-2778.

**45TH ROCKING P FARM & GUEST PRODUCTION SALE**

Nov. 7, 7 p.m.
Contact Don Peterson, 269-3877; rockingp@shentel.net.

**All equine require a negative one year Coggins test.**

**All out-of-state equine require a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**

**Monthly Meeting**
Nov. 4, 7 p.m.
Sponsored by: Jackson County Horse Club
Kenna Orangeder (beside Kenna Elementary)
Brittani Harrison, 531-2524; brit1027.wix.com/jhc
Kendra White, 542-5229.

**Jackson County Horse Club Banquet**
Nov. 8, 6 p.m.
Sponsored by: Jackson County Horse Club
Ripley Middle School
Ripley, WV
Karen Harbin, 532-3339; brit1027.wix.com/jhc

**Contest Show**
Nov. 15, Exhibition 10:00 a.m.
Show 1:00 p.m.
Sponsored by: Turn and Burn Arena
Turn and Burn Arena
Glen Easton, WV
Patty Bungard, 845-1765.
pbungard2@hotmail.com

Way, West Liberty, 26074; 336-7496.

**Boom**pig pole, $195; bale spears, 2, 1,500 lb. capacity, $200/ea.; bale fork/carrier, 50' arms, $300, all 3-pt. category 1 D. Gooding, 2219 Indian Fork Rd., Orlando, 26412; 462-7075.

Int.-1 row corn picker, $100; NH 404 hay crasher, 100. Ronald Hoffman, 9 McNeech Lane, Glen Easton, 26309; 854-7088.

**NH 472, 7', hay bine, exccl. cond., $4,500; Vermeer 504, Super 1, 4x5, round baler, $9,500; Int. 3-pt. slip scoop reversible, 350, R. Kinnard, 7516 Huntington Rd., Gallipolis Ferry, 25525; 675-3034.

**455 tractor, 230 rebuilt eng., 2 WD, multi power, wet lines, 600 hrs., needs clutch, $4,500/ as is; $6,500 w/new clutch. Aaron Kinsinger, 1393 Gibbstown Rd., Letart, 25253; 892-8246.

JD 1520 tractor, 48 hp, as, 2-stage clutch, roll bar w/canopy, middle & rear PTOs, spin out rims, remote hyd., front end loader, $5,500; JD 350 sickle bar mower, $1,325. Lewis Martin, 26412; 472-7453; cmpttests2@gmail.com.

**3-pt. hitch fert. spreader w/PTO shaft, $300. Ed Norman, 89 Sieler Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 379-5353; enorman222@gmail.com.
JD 5205 tractor, 4WD in/or loader, quick detach, bale spear that goes on when the in-loader comes off, approx. 1,600 hrs., barn kept, $22,000. Elmer Nixon, HC 67, Box 538, Renick, 24966.

JD 4540 tractor, 540 PTO, Service station up trans., provides 8 forward & 2 reverse speeds, good con., $2,700. Orland Parks, 232 Union Hwy., Scherr, 26726; 749-7653.


NH 451 sickle bar mower, 7', good con., barn kept, extra sickle, $1,200. J Rice, 9448 Rt. 20 South, Rd., French Creek, 26218.

Kubota, BX1500 tractor, 4 WD, 500 hrs., excel. cond., 48" mower deck & snow blade, $7,500. Tom Rogers, 111 Vector Avenue, Enklin, 26241; 636-9868.

Corn picker, 323, 1-row, barn kept, $2,500; 3-pt. hitch scoop w/ manure fork & dump bucket, $300; Pasture Dream seeder, $600. James Rowe, 5196 Malcolm Rd., Barboursville, 25504; 690-0126.

NH 451 sickle bar mowers, 3, w/extra blades, $750/extra. Pam Skotnicki, 204 Ridgeview Dr., Ripley, 25271; 372-7720.

JD 55 hp tractor w/loader, 4 WD, 185 hrs., $28,000. Charles Smith, 94 Dogwood Trails, Napiер, 26631; 452-8821.

IMCO 2 bottom, 3-pt. hitch plow, coulters, new shears, good con., $600; Int. Harvester corn separator, hand crank, $600; carry-all, 3-pt., category 1 hitch, 2' deck, $150. Robert Smith, 1586 Beech Run Rd., Albright, 26519; 965-6370.

MF 71, 180 tractor, machine able, body in good con., needs some new tin & paint, $5,500. Roy Smith, 2751 Little Sandy Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26710; 625-2234.

MF 750 chopper w/ 2-NR Corn Head & PU, shed kept, £6,000; 10-3.5' spring tooth harrow, £5,000. Cloyce Sowers, RR 1, Box 31, Augusta, 26726; 749-7653.


Gravel tractors: Professional 5665, 12 hp, Kohler 8 speed elect. start, dual wheels, turf tires w/40" deck, riding sulky w-steering wheel; Super Convertible, 7.6 hp, elec. start w/30" HD brush hog mower, both good cond., $2,400/obo. Charles Watson, 4256 McClennan Hwy., Brandenburg, 25506; 778-5533.

JD 24T, sq. baler, good con., $2,000. Mary Webb, 716 Rocky Ford Rd., Orlando, 26412; 462-4281.

Equipment Wants


Corn planter, 2 or 4 row, no till. Gary Elmore, RR 2, Box 50E, Sinks Grove, 24967; 502-4974.


Int. Harvester 1206 or 1266 farm tractor. Don Stacy, 7872 Alta Dr., Alderson, 24910; 647-5264.

Trailer, 3-1/2 horse. David Wells, 380 Park Ridge Rd., Sisterville, 26175; 652-2234.

Farm Sales

Advertisements for land must be about farm land that is at least five (5) acres in size & located in West Virginia. Farmland ads must include accommodations in house, barn, hayfield, garden, etc., but no specifics, i.e., new kitchen, family room, etc. Ads for the sale or rental of farmland are acceptable from individuals, but MUST include the above. Advertisements for hunting land, commercial or city properties CANNOT be accepted.

Mason Co.: 17.5 A. w/house, public water, fence, 400' frontage, 1,000 ft. access. Purchase price could be reduced. George Strauss, 1732 Wesley Rd., Milton, 25541; 840-5446.

Belgian mare, approx. 1,800 lb., green broke, $2,500; Haflinger 5-yr. mare, $1,000, both bred to Belgian stud. Bob Evans, 205 Herb Harsh Rd., Horse Shoe Run, 26716; 735-3211.

Terr. Wlr. mare, bay w/no markings, 13.5 h, now being trail ridden, has excel. papers, $1,500; other top bred mares, $1,000/obo; stud service, $150. Bill Harper, 513 Kent Rd., Kenova, 25248; 372-4179.

Reg. Mn. Pleas. mare/2 geldings, natural gait, good conf./disp., $1,000/obo. Sharon Haught, 225 Peacock Lane, Davyville, 26142; 679-2097; gold-enrofarm@hotmail.com.

Miniature donkeys: 10-mo. stud, $150; 9-mo. jenny, $200, all w/cross on back. Jeff Jeffrey, 1499 Annamorial Rd., Creston, 26141; 354-7439.

Belgian mare & gelding draft horses, 10-yr. & 11-yr., broke to all farm machinery, road safe, $5,000/obo; Morgan pr., Amish broke to pull buggy, work or ride, $1,500/obo; 2-yr. Qtr./Morgan cross mare, $1,000/obo. Carl Spessert, Rt. 1, Box 216-1, Montrose, 26710; 704-8276.


WCMHR Miniatures: 4-yr. stud, $500; AMHR appy stud, $600; 2-yr. stud, $300; mare, $350; Mary Webb, 735 Rocky Ford Rd., Orlando, 26412; 462-4281; rockyfarm@hotmail.com.

 plant sales

No medicinal plants, nursery stock, common agricultural seeds unless tested for germination.


Bean seeds: black, cut, short turf, crack, German, & Chinese red noodle, grows up to 18" long, bright red, rattle snake, all $100/seed, SASE. Frank Cantrell, P.O. Box 13, Ethel, 25076.
Bean seeds: old-time Logan Giant & Pink Annie half runner, both $12.50/100 seed, shipped post post. Terry Daniel, P.O. Box 27, Fairdale, 25839; 934-5471.

Pole bean seed: old-time fat man, Logan Giant & rattlesnake, turkey crow, Oct. tender hull & bushy, green & white pole, brown half runner, more, $11/100 seed; elephant garlic bulbs, $13/lb.; all ppd. Betty Flanagan, 467 Ritchie Farm Rd., Summersville, 26651; 880-0135; allen.flanagan@gmail.com.

Tabacco seed: W.Va. Mtn. grown burly, organic, germination tested, incl. growing instruction, $4.50/1 lb. $89/3 lbs.; all plus first class SASE. Bill Hailer, 2031 Hinir Mill Rd., Sugar Grove, 26815.

POULTRY SALES

No ornamental, wild or game birds; eggs.

Red Star pullets, ready to start laying, $8/ea. Victor Bridges, Rt. 1, Box 10F, Greenville, 24945; 832-6847.

Blue Slate turkey, $35; 11-wk. pullets, brown egg layers, $4.80/ea. Lynne Joyce, 257 Snow Rd., Gap Mills, 26807; 934-5471.

Roosters: various proven heritage stock, naturally raised, truly free-range w/no chemicals, GMO-free, purebred No. 11, 3-roller, $550. Andrew Cintron, 2780 Rocky Knob Rd., Upper Tract, 26666; 358-7256.

AKC reg. Shetland sheepdog, blue merle female, $500/ea.; tri-colored, females, $250; black/white, male, $200, tails docked, dew claws removed, vacc., deposits required. Chenita Bennett, 1848 Haslacker Rd., Maysville, 26833; 703-4334.

Hay, 14, 1st cut, bales, mixed grass, barn ket, $3.25/bale. Roscoe Beall, 1648 Cortland Rd., Canaan Valley, 26260; 866-4188.

Christmas trees: Premium White Pine grade 1, 7-11’, beautifully trimmed, $12/1p; Bill Beatty, 408 Rocky Knob Rd., Upper Tract, 26666; 358-7256.

Acreage: Ritchie Co. 6-1/2’A. near Parkersburg, mostly wooded hillside, $9,000; Webster Co. 44 A. w/woods, near Camden on Gauley, $99,500; ‘07 Challenger box trailer, 6x12’, single axle, drop tail gate w/size door, $1,900. Donna Barger, Rt. 1, Box 300, Elkins, 26241; 636-7673.

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Sheep sales

ACR reg. Coopworth eves & rams, $175-300. Betty McGrath, 178 Lough Rd., Franklin, 26807; 358-2239; info@DeerRunSheepFarm.com.

ACR reg. Christmas trees, $35/bale; tri-colored, females, $250; black/white, male, $200, tails docked, dew claws removed, vacc., deposits required. Chenita Bennett, 1848 Haslacker Rd., Maysville, 26833; 703-4334.

Hay, never wet, $3.50/bale. Ray Blake, 1400 Johnson Ave., Ste. 1A, Bridgeport, 26330; 842-2795.

Amish buggy, 1-horse, excel. cond., $800. Frank Bolyard, 2326 S. Mountaineer Hwy., Thornton, 26330; 842-2795.

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Founded in 1928, the National FFA Organization’s mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Although West Virginia isn’t in the same league as the country’s agricultural powerhouse states, membership is over 5,000 for the first time in many years and programs are active. The Greenbrier East Chapter grew more corn than the local school system could use and wound up selling corn as far away as Lewis County.

FFA operates at the local, state and national level. Students belong to FFA chapters organized at the local high- or middle-school level. Agriculture teachers serve as chapter advisors. Chapters are organized under state FFA associations headed by a state advisor or executive secretary, often an employee of the state’s department of education. For more, visit FFA.org.

**Acreage:** Mason Co. 32 A., mostly wooded hillside, utilities avail., $38,400; hay wagons, 2, $16,400; $40/ea.; drainage pipes, carbon steel, 1, $20, $50; 1, 20’x12’, $75. R. Kinnard, 7516 Huntington Rd., Gallipolis Ferry, 25515; 675-3034.

**Eggs,** brown, $2.50/doz. Abner Kinsinger, 3128 Little Stoney Ck Rd., Ballard, 24918; 466-4840.

**Hay,** 13, 4’x5’, $30/bale; ‘14, 200 rolls, $35/bale, horse quality. Robert Lee, 90 Box, 33, Levels, 25431; 492-5373.

**Hay,** 4x5 round bales, mixed grass, limed/fer., stored inside, $45/bale. James Livingstone, 3053 Little Sandy Rd., Bruceton, 26525; 379-0102.

**Roving:** Cooperworth, Jacob, Alpaca (natural black only), Cooperworth/Alpaca 2-way swirld, natural, dye 2-way swirl (some over-dyes), $28/blb./$46/lb. Debbie Martzall, 2576 Laurel Crk. Rd., Tanner, 25765; 880-6066.

**Trailer,** ‘06, enclosed, tandem axle, ramp door, 6’ doors, mobile home side door, awning, escape window, black & alum., $3,750. Todd McKinstry, 1228 8381 Parkersburg Rd., Sandyville, 25275; 767-1228.

**Rabbits:** Giant & American Chinchilla breeding stock, strong lines, does/bucks, naturally raised on pasture w/no chemicals, $50/ea. Quincy McMchael, General Delivery, Renick, 24966; 992-2922.

**Hay,** 20’x7½’, 1 cut gate, spare tire, $10,950. Carl Spes, 316 WPA Rd., Walker, 26180; 679-3670.

**Apples:** Staymen & York, $7- to $10/bu.; animal feed apples, $4/bu., bring containers/call ap- pointment. Kenneth Ruggles, HC 60, Box 36, Levels, 25431; 492-5751.

**Acreage:** 50 A., 5 cleared, pond, nut trees, good garden spot, elect, well, woods, $150,000. Austin McComas, P.O. Box 6, Hico, 25584; 880-6066.

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12. “West Virginia Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Producer Education 2014-2015” – West Virginia Department of Agriculture on behalf of state specialty crop growers, $51,500, statewide. This project continues several ongoing programs and introduces new trainings to provide West Virginia specialty crop producers with the most recent training and business development to increase their production and footprint on the state’s economy. Courses and programs include GHP/GAP training (8 hour introductory course), FSI: Food Safety Investigation curriculum (for high school agriculture instructors), Recall/HACCP training, a new Food Safety Plan Writing workshop, support of the specialty crop segment of the new agritourism course, Better Process Control School (BPCS), and MarketReady™ curriculums available to agriculture and agriculture service providers throughout the state.

13. “West Virginia Veterans to Agriculture Honey Production Project” – West Virginia Veterans to Agriculture Program, $15,000, statewide. Agriculture and agribusiness enterprises have become popular activities for veterans re-entering the workforce after their service commitment. The West Virginia Veterans to Agriculture Program has been created to address the needs of these farmers and boosts more than 100 active participants throughout the state. To meet the demand for local honey and interest generated by veterans in this enterprise, the project will train, provide basic processing resources and increase participation in beekeeping throughout the state.

14. “Wildflowers for Honeybees” – West Central Beekeepers Association with the Calhoun County Commission, $3,100, Calhoun County. West Central Beekeepers Association (WCBA) is made up of beekeepers from Calhoun, Roane, and surrounding counties in West Virginia. The project will seek to increase and stabilize the honey bee population in their geographical area in an effort to produce more honey for sale and local crop pollination. This will include the introduction of Honey Bee Wildflower Seed Mix to be sown as an additional food source to expand the number of honey bees and help stabilize their environment by providing appropriate food sources, enabling them to survive.

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