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Telling the story of
West Virginia Agriculture

▶ Nothing says summer in West Virginia like fresh, local tomatoes. Soon, farmers markets across the state will be overflowing with the season's best fruits, vegetables, and homemade goods. With more than 300 farmers markets statewide, it's easy to find fresh local produce, support West Virginia farmers, keep dollars in your community, and enjoy the flavors of summer at their peak.

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WVDA NEWS

From the Commissioner

Agriculture has always depended on knowledge passed from one generation to the next. Long before technology transformed the way we farm, families and communities relied on shared experiences and a commitment to teaching those who would follow. That tradition remains just as important today.

As we look toward the future of agriculture in West Virginia, one of our greatest responsibilities is ensuring that young people have the tools, opportunities and encouragement they need to carry this industry forward. The future of farming depends not only on the land we care for, but on the next generation prepared to lead it.

Organizations like National FFA continue to play an important role in developing future agricultural leaders. Through agricultural education, leadership development, and hands-on experiences, FFA helps students discover opportunities in production agriculture, conservation, business, science and technology. In addition, even if these students do not choose an agriculture-related path, we are developing educated consumers who can also continue to pass that knowledge along.

Recognizing the importance of investing in agricultural education, the WVDA recently created and filled a new FFA Program Education Coordinator position. In this role, Nick Cox supports FFA programs and agricultural educators across the state by helping coordinate competitions, conferences, and conventions; supporting agriculture teachers through program visits, partnering with WVU Agriculture Education and WVU Extension; and assisting with professional development opportunities.

That investment comes as West Virginia FFA continues to grow. Membership reached 7,101 students this year — an increase of 110 members over last year. Across the state, students are connecting classroom lessons with real-world agricultural experiences while building leadership, responsibility and problem-solving skills.

The impact is already being seen. This year, West Virginia submitted 106 applications for the American FFA Degree and achieved a 100 percent approval rate. To earn this distinction, students must demonstrate leadership and invest at least \$10,000 into their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects. Collectively, these students have invested well over \$1 million into agriculture in West Virginia.

By supporting agricultural education today, we are not only growing future farmers — we are growing leaders who will strengthen our communities and agriculture industry for generations to come.

Kent A. Leonhardt
Commissioner of Agriculture
Kent A. Leonhardt

WVDA STAFF TOURS EP ORCHARDS



A late freeze in April wiped out much of the apple and peach crops in the Eastern Panhandle, a devastating blow for our farmers. Deputy Commissioner Amie Minor-Richard and Assistant Commissioner Allie Smith visited with many of those farmers last month to talk about their losses and hear their concerns.

The WVDA is working

with the Governor's office, our Congressional Delegation, and FSA, and has requested assistance from U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins. WVDA has generated a survey for anyone affected by a freeze. For those affected, they must fill out the survey, as it will be used to gauge the overall losses for the state. For more information, visit <https://agriculture.wv.gov/>.



STATE FARM MUSEUM CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

The WV State Farm Museum celebrates its 50th Anniversary this summer! Whether you want to take a self-guided tour or attend one of the many scheduled events, the museum and grounds are a great place for the entire family to learn about the history of farming in the Mountain State. The museum is open Tues.-Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through October. Admission is free. The museum is located at 1458 Fairground Rd., in Pt. Pleasant. For more info, go to <https://wvfarmmuseum.org/>.

- **July 25** – Tractor Parade and Show
- **August 10-15** – Mason County Fair
- **September 5** – Antique Tractor Pull
- **September 19** – Mothman Festival Hayride



SASDA ANNUAL MEETING

Commissioner Leonhardt, along with members of his Executive staff, attended the annual Southern Association of State Departments of Agriculture (SASDA) meeting last month in Cambridge, Maryland. They joined agriculture leaders from across the region to discuss shared priorities, emerging issues, and opportunities impacting agriculture.



DAIRY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Dairy Night at GoMart Ballpark was a home run! Kids of all ages stopped by to meet a newborn calf and get their pictures taken with our cow mascot Besie. There were games, giveaways, and the opportunity to talk with Commissioner Kent Leonhardt and his staff about West Virginia's dairy industry.

NICHOLAS COUNTY LOCAL FOOD CRAWL

Gather the family, hop in the car, and head to the Nicholas County Local Food Crawl, July 11 to August 29. Visit 11 participating restaurants, coffee shops, and caterers, and try their featured specials. You'll receive a ticket to be entered into a special drawing for a grand-prize basket filled with locally made, WV Grown favorites and swag! Support WV agribusinesses by chowing down on some delicious meals and drinks.



Growing a Better Tomorrow



CEDAR LAKES ARTISAN WORKSHOPS

Cedar Lakes Conference Center has a full schedule of artisan workshops set for late summer/fall. Whether you're a novice or a returning student, these hands-on classes are the perfect way to expand your skills with instructors who are experts in their fields. Lodging, meals, and class packages are available. To learn more about the folk-art offerings, go to <https://www.cedarlakes.com/activities/craft-workshops/>. Class size is limited, so register early.

AUGUST 16-21 (WEEK)

- Bowed Psaltery – Tish Westman
- Clay Sculpting – Samantha Taylor
- Quilt Prints – Tone Haugen-Cogburn
- Ribbed Baskets – Debbie Martzall
- Stained Glass – Stephanie Danz
- Tinsmithing – Jeff Leister
- Woodturning – Harry Newman

AUGUST 28-30 (WEEKEND)

- Basketry – Elaine Sinclair
- Crocheting – Jeannine Sandora
- Oil Painting – Samantha Taylor
- Origami – Colleen Anderson
- Photography – Martin Unrue
- Quilting – Jackie Milliken
- Ukulele – Tish Westman

SEPTEMBER 6-11 (WEEK)

- Bowed Psaltery/Mountain Dulcimer – Tish Westman
- Natural Dyeing – Kate McComas
- Ribbed Baskets – Debbie Martzall
- Stained Glass – Stephanie Danz
- Tinsmithing – Jeff Leister
- Watercolors – Debbie Lester
- Woodcarving – Bob Barris
- Woodturning – Harry Newman

OCTOBER 25-30 (WEEK)

- All Instruments – Tish Westman
- Blacksmithing – Michael Young
- Creative Writing – Colleen Anderson
- Needle Felting – Debbie Martzall
- Stained Glass – Stephanie Danz
- Tinsmithing – Jeff Leister
- Watercolors – Debbie Lester
- Woodcarving – Bob Barris
- Woodturning – Larry Weese, Jr.

CEDAR LAKES
CONFERENCE CENTER

WEST VIRGINIA GROWN

Southwest Region



Join the WV Grown Movement!

Since 1986, WV Grown has been the proud heartbeat of West Virginia agriculture, helping thousands of farmers, growers, and food producers share their products not only across our state, but nationwide. Nearly four decades later, our mission is stronger than ever: to showcase the incredible pride and quality that is Rooted in the Mountain State. Whether you're raising cattle, growing cucumbers, or producing specialty goods, the WV Grown logo tells buyers one thing loud and clear: that this product was made with care, right here at home. Every purchase strengthens our local economy and keeps West Virginia thriving. Buying WV Grown makes each of our local producers stronger. With more than 600 members, retail partners, and supporting businesses already on board, now is the perfect time to add your name to the WV Grown family. Ready to grow with us? Contact our Business Development Division at 304-558-2210 or email wvgrown@wvda.us.

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I'm a big believer that repeat customers aren't just investing in products, they're investing in a farm's story. Anytime I'm working with an individual or a group of growers, I can't help but encourage them to think about, write out, and rehearse their story - the long and short versions. People do business with people, and making connections (through story) helps!”

J.Q. DICKINSON SALTWORKS - MEMBER OF THE

Month

J.Q. DICKINSON
SALTWORKS



Nancy Bruns

Who: Nancy Bruns (Co-founder/CEO)

Location: Malden (Kanawha Co.)

Products: Finishing salts, cocktail salts, spice blends, caramel sauces

Where to Buy: Headquarters (Malden), online (jqdsalt.com), retail locations across WV; and in 41 states, including the District of Columbia.

How they got started:

My ancestors seven generations back started making salt here in the Kanawha Valley in 1817. A few years ago, I started to dig into the history of that saltworks and it struck a chord with me. So, I moved back home and revived this important industry, and the history behind it, in 2013.

Future plans:

We want to educate people that there's a difference in salt that you buy at the grocery store and the salt we produce. Our product is a natural, mineral-rich salt that has a very different flavor. We're always looking for partnerships with other small businesses within the state and the region. For example, with our mushroom herb salt we partner with Hernshaw Farms and use their mushrooms. For our smoked salts, we use Smooth Ambler bourbon barrels.

Why join West Virginia Grown?

The WVDA does a great job of promoting WV products and events. It shines a light on our products. People need to know about products they can get locally, not just rely on going to the grocery store. It does make a difference if you buy a product from a small producer in WV. Seventy percent of that money stays local.

IN THE NEWS

- If you can't get enough of the World Cup, how about a World Cup cup of coffee? **Coal River Coffee Company** has a World Cup drink menu so that you can support your favorite team (or just your coffee habit). The drinks are inspired by participating countries and are available through July 19. Try a Brazil (coconut water iced Americano) or a Columbia (brown sugar cold brew with cream). Check out the full menu on their Facebook page.
- Tipsy Roo's** has officially trademarked their name and slogan (#itsnotabbqtiyagetsauced)! This veteran-owned small business is excited about this latest milestone. Congratulations!
- You can now find **Bean Theory Coffee** in Tamarack. That's no small feat! Food and drink items are juried before they're selected to be sold at the Marketplace. Way to go!



2026
AG & FORESTRY HALL OF Fame

The West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame (WVAFHOF) Foundation will recognize the 2026 class of inductees on July 11 at Jackson’s Mill. Each was selected for his outstanding contributions to the establishment, development, advancement, and improvement of agriculture, forestry, and family life in West Virginia.



Lloyd Earnest
Cameron (Marshall Co.)
Agriculture

Earnest grew up on a cattle farm in Marshall County. A graduate of WVU, with a degree in food science, he dedicated more than 30 years to agricultural and science education, spending 25 of those years teaching vocational agriculture at Cameron High School. He has held leadership roles in numerous agricultural organizations, including the West Virginia Farm Bureau and the West Virginia FFA Foundation.



Lynwood “Woody” Ireland
Pullman (Ritchie Co.)
Agriculture

Ireland is a lifelong farmer, public servant, and advocate for agriculture. He helped grow the family farm, a 1,200-acre beef cattle operation that is still in business. Ireland has served as the Vice President of the West Virginia Farm Bureau, led the West Virginia Arabian Horse Association and the West Virginia Horse Council, and served for a decade in the WV House of Delegates where he was a respected voice for agriculture.



Donnie Tenney
Tallmansville (Upshur Co.)
Agriculture

Tenney has dedicated his life to agriculture, conservation, and public service, including 18 years as an Upshur County Commissioner and five decades as owner and operator of Appalachian Acres, Inc., a 45-acre farm featuring managed timberland, high tunnels, and greenhouses. He currently serves as chairman of the Tygarts Valley Conservation District, where he has been a supervisor for 18 years, and is president of the West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts.



Edward Kraynok
Sharon, PA
Forestry

Kraynok’s distinguished career has spanned more than four decades in forest management, timberland operations, and natural resource leadership in West Virginia. Starting as a forester for Frazee Lumber in WV, he quickly advanced through leadership roles. He joined Coastal Lumber Company in 1977, and over the next 35 years, he helped grow the company’s land base and served as vice president. He also served as president of the West Virginia Forestry Association.



Dale Woody
Buckhannon (Upshur Co.)
Forestry

Since 1950, Woody has dedicated his life to the land and timber industry of West Virginia. He worked alongside his father at the family sawmill on Jenks Fork in Upshur County and was named company president in 1966. Woody helped expand the company internationally. He received the West Virginia Forestry Association President’s Award in 1989 and served for many years on the First Community Bank Board of Directors. At 88 years old, Woody still works daily caring for the forests he loves.



Dennis “Denny” Barron
Shepherdstown (Jefferson Co.)
Family Life

Barron’s passions have been 4-H and community service. Beginning as a 4-H member in 1961, he has devoted more than 65 years to the organization as a leader, mentor, fundraiser, and advocate. He played a pivotal role in integrating the West Virginia 4-H Foundation into the WVU Foundation. He also established endowments supporting 4-H youth and college students. He has been inducted into the West Virginia 4-H Hall of Fame and received the Distinguished Mountaineer Award.

NEW WORLD SCREWWORM

▶ WVDA Announces Interstate Movement Requirements Following New World Screwworm Detection in U.S.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) confirmed the detection of a New World Screwworm (NWS) in cows in Texas and New Mexico. NWS is a serious pest that affects livestock, pets, wildlife, people and birds. NWS larvae (maggots) burrow into the flesh of living animals, causing serious damage to livestock and economic losses. As a result, The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) has issued a special movement notice establishing additional interstate movement requirements for warm-blooded animals entering West Virginia from areas impacted by NWS.

These movement requirements are effective immediately and are issued under the Commissioner of Agriculture’s authority granted in West Virginia Code §19-9-2 to prevent, suppress, control, and eradicate animal diseases. The action is intended to protect West Virginia livestock, companion animals, and animal industries, while allowing for continued movement of animals under enhanced safeguards.

“West Virginia remains free of New World Screwworm, and these requirements are being implemented out of an abundance of caution to protect our producers and animal owners,” said Commissioner Kent Leonhardt. “Our goal is to maintain business continuity while reducing the risk of introducing this pest into our state.”



- Under the order:**
- All warm-blooded animals entering West Virginia from an identified New World Screwworm infested zone (NWS Confirmed Detections) must comply with national continuity of business movement guidance and obtain an entry permit from WVDA at least 48 hours prior to movement.
 - Animals entering West Virginia from outside an infested zone but within a designated surveillance zone or high-risk county must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), completed within seven days of movement, and certifying that the animals are free of screwworm larvae infestation.
 - Livestock producers should note that these requirements do not replace existing federal requirements related to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in livestock. Permit requests should be submitted during normal business hours (Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. ET) by emailing wvpermits@wvda.us. Animal owners, veterinarians and transporters can review state movement requirements at InterstateLivestock.com and determine current infested, surveilled, or high-risk areas at NWS Confirmed Detections. WVDA Animal Health staff are available to assist in determining shipment eligibility and movement requirements. For questions, contact WVDA Animal Health at 304-558-2214 or email wvpermits@wvda.us



MOUNTAIN STATE
Reporter

National Agricultural Statistics Service
West Virginia Field Office in cooperation with West Virginia Department of Agriculture
Kent Leonhardt, Commissioner | Alissa Cowell-Mytar, State Statistician

POULTRY INVENTORY

- ▶ The **number of chickens sold** for slaughter (excluding broilers) totaled 1.84 million head, up 3 percent from the 2024 total of 1.79 million head sold. The number of pounds sold was 15.0 million pounds, up 4 percent from the 2024 number of 14.5 million pounds sold. Value of sales totaled \$135.4 thousand, down from \$537.2 thousand in 2024. Prices averaged 1 cent per pound, down from the 2024 price of 3.7 cents per pound.
- ▶ **Egg production** in West Virginia totaled 273.4 million eggs during 2025, down 1 percent from the 2024 production of 275.4 million eggs. The average price per dozen was 283.4 cents, up from the 2024 average price per dozen of 268.6 cents. The total value of production was \$64.6 million, up 5 percent from the 2024 total of \$61.6 million. Most eggs produced in West Virginia are hatching eggs for broilers, not for table egg consumption.
- ▶ The **West Virginia combined value of production and value of sales** from turkeys, eggs, and the value of sales from chickens in 2025, was \$179.3 million, up 35 percent from the combined value of \$133.3 million in 2024. Of the combined total, 64 percent was from turkeys, 36 percent from eggs, and less than 1 percent from sales of chickens.
- ▶ **Turkeys** raised in West Virginia totaled 4.0 million head, up 3 percent from 3.9 million in 2024. Total live weight was 127.60 million pounds, up 1 percent from 126.80 million pounds in 2024. Value of production totaled \$114.6 million, up 61 percent from the 2024 value of production of \$71.1 million. The average live weight equivalent price was 89.8 cents per pound, up 33.7 cents per pound from the 2024 price of 56.1 cents per pound.

▶ To look for West Virginia Statistics, visit our webpage: [USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service - West Virginia](https://www.usda.gov/nass)
Telephone: 1-304-357-5123 | Email: nass-wv@nass.usda.gov





THE BEE HOUSE

Year of the
Woman
Farmer

► **Cindy Davis, of WV Hills & Hollows Bees, wanted to help veterans and first responders with PTSD. So, she and her husband built The Bee House.**

From a distance, the small wooden structure looks like any old outbuilding where you'd store your lawnmower, garden tools, and fertilizer. But once you get closer, you can see what the buzz is all about. Tens of thousands of honeybees come and go from hives built into The Bee House, a bee therapy space aimed at helping veterans and first responders who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder or PTSD. It's the passion project of Cindy Davis of WV Hills & Hollows Bees, in Ritchie County.

So, what is bee therapy, also known as apitherapy? It's the therapeutic use of bees to support health and healing. It's a relatively new concept here in the U.S., but it dates back to the ancient Greeks and Egyptians who harnessed the power of bees to cure all sorts of ailments. In the 1950's, bee therapy saw a surge in popularity in Eastern Europe. Over the past decade, it's made its way to the U.S. where apiarists like Cindy and her husband John have tapped into it.

But before there was The Bee House, there were the bee hives. Cindy and John got their first hives just four years ago.

"We have 10 acres of land and a lot of it is hillside," explained Cindy. "We knew it wasn't very good for any other type of agriculture. So, bees were a perfect fit. However, I found out our youngest son was allergic to bees when he was about six. We had to wait until he was grown and gone before we could get bees."

With their son out on his own, the couple decided to take a beginner's beekeeping class through the West Virginia Beekeepers Association in 2022.

"We learned a lot," stressed Cindy. "They prepared us for keeping bees and making sure they thrive. We learned about recognizing issues we'd face, potential problems, and how to fix them."

They also relied on experienced beekeepers from their local beekeeping club and mentor Bob Spencer, of Bearsville Bees, in Parkersburg.

"Bob would come out and help us when we needed it. If we called and asked him questions, he was really good about giving us the straight answer. He is so knowledgeable," said Cindy.

That first year, they started out with five hives. The next year, they added 15 more. Today, they have about 43 hives spread between their bee yard and The Bee House.

Here in the U.S., many beekeepers use bee boxes with horizontal frames, the structure that supports honeycomb construction. However, John decided to go with several Langstroth or traditional hives.

"Langstroth hives use vertical frames. We chose those because we're not young anymore, and we're only going to get older," quipped John. "Instead of lifting 80 lb. boxes

when you're using horizontal frames, we only have to lift a single vertical frame to see how the bees are doing or to collect honey."

Last summer, when Cindy was surfing the web, she came across a video of a beekeeper in Slovenia who had constructed bee houses and was touting the benefits of bee therapy. That sent her down a rabbit hole, researching the benefits of bees beyond honey production.

"They did a study in Russia where if you've had heart surgery, you will heal twice as fast by using a bee bed. I found that fascinating," explained Cindy.

Not long after, Cindy convinced John to add The Bee House to their already buzzing farm.

"We had never visited a bee house, but we did our research on the internet. We bought this building," Cindy pointed to the 10x16 wooden structure sitting on their property, just down the hill from their home. "We bought it from the Amish and then remodeled it to fit our needs."

They moved windows, replaced the garage door with a traditional door, and added insulation, flooring, and siding. Then they constructed two bee beds and an AZ hive.

"When you say bee beds, people think you're surrounded by bees and they're crawling all over you. That is not the case," stressed John.

A bee bed is actually a raised, wooden bed about two feet off the floor and six and a half feet long. There are ventilation slots on the bed with two layers of screen between you and the bee hives below.

"The Bee House is my passion. It's open to anyone who needs it."

— Cindy Davis | The Bee House



The sale of their honey helps support The Bee House.

"We have five bee hives under each of our two bee beds," explained John. "They enter the hives from the outside of The Bee House."

Cindy added, "There are no escapees. You don't have to worry about being stung. You simply lie down, get comfortable, and relax."

What's so relaxing about lying down above tens of thousands of bees? It's the smell, the sound, and the vibrations.

As soon as you walk into The Bee House, you can smell the bees. It's the aroma of honey, beeswax, pollen, and the wooden hives. Once you lie down on the bee bed, you can hear the buzz. It's not loud. It's almost a background noise. And once you've gotten comfortable, you can feel the vibrations of the bees busy at work below. A typical honeybee will flap its wings 230-240 times per second! That movement creates a low-frequency hum in the range of 150-300 Hz, acting like a mini-massage.

It helps relax the body, clear the mind, relieve stress, and, some believe, heal the body.



To get the most out of bee therapy, Cindy suggests at least an hour inside The Bee House.



“So many of our veterans and first responders suffer from PTSD. Bee Therapy works wonders.”

– Cindy Davis | The Bee House



Cindy and John Davis stand outside The Bee House where the hives are built into the building.

“So many of our veterans and first responders suffer from PTSD. Bee therapy works wonders,” said Cindy. You can see the difference from when they go in to when they come out. They’re less stressed, they’re not as anxious, and they feel at peace. One of our vets comes from Parkersburg. He says it has helped him tremendously.”

To get the most out of bee therapy, Cindy suggests at least an hour inside The Bee House to get the full benefits. If you’re not comfortable laying on one of the beds, there’s a comfy chair in the corner where you can sit and relax. The building is also air conditioned.

The Bee House also has indoor hives. They can be accessed by opening wooden doors along the wall with screens between you and the bees. Visitors can lie on the bee beds and watch the bees at work. Those hives can also be used in another way.

“The hives are at a height where those in a wheelchair can roll right in and work a hive. You can slide a frame out. We have three of those,” said Cindy.

Cindy and John spend between 20 and 30 hours each week, from working the hives to collecting honey, but they say it’s a labor of love.

“Our veterans and first responders have done so much for us. This is our way of giving something back. We want more vets and first responders to come visit and try out The Bee House. It is wonderful to see the people it helps,” stressed Cindy.

If you’d like to visit The Bee House, you can leave a message on their WV Hills & Hollows LLC Facebook page. Their phone number is also listed.

“We do this on a donation system,” explained Cindy. “If you want to leave something, that’s great. If you can’t afford to, that’s fine, as well. We just want to give back.”

You can also purchase WV Hills & Hollows honey to help support the work they do.

MICROGREEN SALAD WITH FRESH GINGER DRESSING

► APPALACHIAN GREENS

VANESSA SANTIAGO | [HTTPS://WWW.APPAGREENS.COM/](https://www.appagreens.com/)

Appalachian Greens is a small-batch microgreens farm in Shepherdstown. We keep it simple: clean soil, pure water, and good seeds, with no pesticides or added chemicals. We’re USDA GAP certified and harvest every week, all year long, so our greens reach your table fresh, with more flavor and better nutrition than the regular greens you find on most shelves.

Microgreens make the perfect summer salad because they’re light, crisp, and cooling, just what you want when it’s too hot for a heavy meal. They’re also packed with vitamins and antioxidants,

so a small handful gives you real nutrition without filling up the plate. They go great with summer produce. Toss them with fresh tomatoes, cucumber, stone fruit, or herbs and you get that just-picked taste straight from the garden.

INGREDIENTS

- 1.5 cups (2 oz.) microgreens of your choice (pea, broccoli, or a blend)
- 1 large carrot
- 1 Tbsp. oil (olive or preferred variety)
- 1 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 2 tsp. fresh ginger
- ½ tsp. pure WV maple syrup or honey
- ¼ tsp. sea salt

DIRECTIONS

1. Grate both the ginger and carrot. Add oil, vinegar, grated ginger, maple syrup (or honey), and salt to a jar. Shake until combined well.
2. Toss the microgreens and grated carrot in a large bowl. Drizzle the dressing over the salad, toss gently, and enjoy.

TIP

For the best flavor, grate your own ginger for a fresh kick. Add goat cheese or nuts for a creamy or crunchy texture (optional).



LYMANTRIA DISPAR SUPPRESSION

▶ Signups are underway for 2027 Lymantria Dispar Suppression Program

Program



The WVDA is urging landowners to sign up for the Cooperative State-County-Landowner (CSCL) Lymantria dispar (Spongy Moth) Suppression Program. The program is focused on protecting landowners’ forested acreage from devastating effects caused by the invasive Lymantria dispar (formerly known as gypsy moth). The sign-up period runs July 1-August 31.

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

Lymantria dispar is a non-native, invasive insect that feeds on hundreds of species of trees and shrubs, including West Virginia hardwoods. Spongy moth caterpillars can weaken trees, making them more susceptible to other pests and diseases. This treatment program helps safeguard West Virginia forests from further damage.

The CSCL Lymantria dispar program application forms and brochures are available at <https://agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/plant-industries/forest-health-protection/>. Landowners may also obtain applications at local WVU Extension offices and WVDA field offices in Charleston (304-558-2212) or New Creek (304-788-1066). A non-refundable survey deposit of \$5.00 per acre, not to exceed \$2,000, must be submitted with the application. This deposit will be applied toward payment for treatment, if the landowner qualifies.

The minimum acreage required to participate in the program is 50 contiguous acres of wooded land. Adjoining landowners may combine their properties to meet the acreage requirement. Once applications and deposits are received, a forest health protection specialist will visit the landowner’s property to determine if the level of Lymantria dispar infestation meets program guidelines. A final decision to participate in the program must be confirmed by signing a contract with the WVDA by early December 2026.

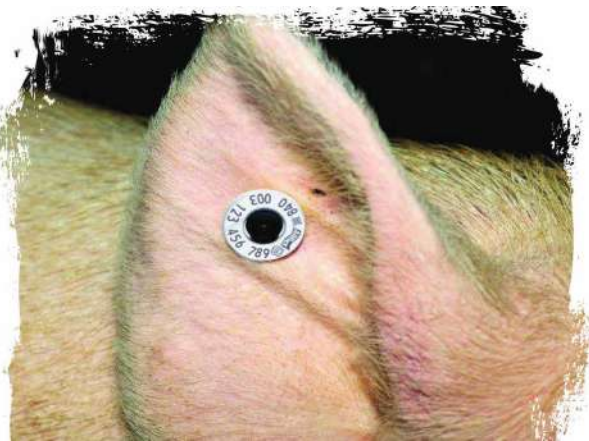
Homeowners Associations (HOA’s) must provide a complete listing of all property owners who want to opt in or opt out of the treatment program, and the HOA must also include this information on the map submitted. The WVDA will determine if the property owners who do not want to participate can be logistically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

For more information, contact WVDA Plant Industries Director, Andy Stotts at astotts@wvda.us or WVDA Lymantria Dispar Program Coordinator G. Scott Hoffman at ghoffman@wvda.us.

ANIMAL HEALTH

IDENTIFICATION (RFID) EAR TAGS

USDA-APHIS is offering no-cost radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tags to eligible swine producers. Modeled after the no-cost RFID cattle tag program, this effort will supply no-cost RFID tags to swine producers to boost national swine disease traceability, which is vital to supporting the safety and marketability of the U.S. swine herd. Although animal disease traceability does not prevent disease, an efficient and accurate traceability system reduces the response time involved in a disease investigation, limiting the number of farms and animals affected. This, in turn, reduces the economic impact on owners and affected communities. USDA-APHIS has awarded a contract to Merck Animal Health to supply up to \$20 million in RFID tags over the next 5 years. These tags are intended for use in the sow and exhibition swine sectors. What sets this program apart is its direct-to-premises distribution model. Tags will be shipped directly from the manufacturer to the producer, streamlining access and reducing delays. These RFID tags will need to be applied with a compatible tag applicator, which is not supplied through this program.



Before requesting tags, you must obtain a premises identification number (PIN). A PIN is a unique code that is assigned to a single physical location and should correspond to the location of your animals. This may be the same as your mailing address or may require contacting the local 911 director to verify the address where your animals are kept. A PIN can be obtained by calling 304-558-2214 or completing the online application at: <https://agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/animal-health/premise-farm-id/>.

To qualify, requesters must have a valid PIN, provide shipping and contact information, and report the number of sows or show pigs onsite. Please visit www.840swinetags.com to order the tags. For more information, please visit: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/swine/swine-identification>.

JULY WVU GARDEN CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Tip: Water flowers using drip irrigation or bottom watering to prevent water from damaging blooms.			1 Seed late cabbage and cauliflower Seed or plant endive	2 Seed late corn, snap beans, kale and broccoli	3 Watch for early and late tomato blight Seed carrots and Swiss chard	4 Independence Day Plant grape or cherry tomatoes for fall
5	6 Seed late sweet corn and beets Order garlic cloves for fall planting	7 Watch for Japanese beetles Order garlic seed ☾ Last Quarter	8 Plant napa Chinese cabbage Remove raspberry canes after fruiting	9 Harvest new potatoes with tender skins Seed borage	10 Pinch the top of black raspberry canes	11 For the largest flowers, remove side shoots from main stem
12	13 Seed dill Turn compost	14 Harvest summer squash frequently ☾ New Moon	15 Seed collards and kale for fall Don't let weeds go to seed	16 Transplant cauliflower, broccoli and Swiss chard	17 Seed fall cucumbers	18 Seed wildflowers as beneficial insect and pollinator attractant around perimeter of garden
19	20 Plant peppers for fall crop Seed summer squash for fall crop	21 Take cuttings from herbs ☾ First Quarter	22 Mulch garden to conserve soil moisture	23 Water young trees and shrubs during dry periods	24 Pinch basil to retain four pairs of leaves per plant	25 Transplant Brussels sprouts
26	27 Add non-seed-bearing weeds to compost	28 Seed beets	29 Tip or pinch dahlia plants to encourage more branching ☾ Full Moon	30	31	

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NATIONAL LAND, RANGE AND HOMESITE

2026

JUDGING

Winners

FFA Team Homesite Judging

Taylor Co. – First Place

Individual FFA Team Homesite Judging

Noah Uhl (Taylor Co.) – Second Place

Paetyn McGinnis (Taylor Co.) – Eighth Place

Carley Pittman (Pine Grove) -Ninth Place

FFA Team Land Judging

Taylor Co. – Second Place

Pine Grove – Sixth Place

FFA Individual Land Judging

Noah Uhl (Taylor Co.) – Sixth Place

Cheyenne Bolyard (Taylor Co.) – Eighth Place

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2026

JUDGING

Winners

4-H Team Homesite Judging

Barbour Co. – Fifth Place

4-H Team Land Judging

Barbour Co. – Third Place

FFA Individual Land Judging

Lillian Hymes (Barbour Co.) – Eighth Place

Braelyn Rezielli (Barbour Co.) – Tenth Place

JULY 2026

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Charleston, WV 25305

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Apiary Events

Barbour Co. Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting*, 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Barbour Co. Fairgrounds in metal quonset hut, Contact Dave Hunt, 304-844-0702.

Cabell/Wayne Co. Beekeepers Assoc., *Bi-Monthly Meetings*, 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Jan/March/May/July/Sept./Nov., Contact John Marra, 304-617-6981.

Clay Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Contact Mark Davis, 304-651-3002; claycobeekeepers@gmail.com.

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

Harrison Co. Beekeepers, *Discussion Group*, Contact Larry Forinash 304-669-5410; lfarinash1@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 Deb Hockenberry, 304-612-4327.

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@monocountybeekeepers.org.

Mountaineer Beekeepers Assoc., *Bi-Monthly Meeting*, 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., City Bldg. on School Rd, Contact Patrick O'Connell, occonnellpatrick0370@gmail.com.

Mountaineer Beekeepers Assoc., *Discussion Meeting*, 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Doddridge Co. Library, downstairs meeting room, Union, Contact Patrick O'Connell, occonnellpatrick0370@gmail.com.

Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting*, 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m., Romney Firehouse Center, High St., Downtown Romney, Contact Kirby Vining, 202-213-2690; secretary.phba@gmail.com.

Preston Co. Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting*, 3rd Thursday, WVU Ext. Office, Kingwood, Contact Scott Lewis, 304-376-0453.

Southeastern Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting*, 1st Monday, 6:00 p.m., Ascend Bldg., 744 Court St., Lewisburg, Contact Rick Forren, 304-539-1303.

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

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

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

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

Cattle Sales

Reg. mini 6-mo. bull, dark red, polled, good disp., \$2,000. Jay Bierce, 6516 Waynesburg Pike Rd., Moundsville, 26041; 304-780-8033.

Reg. Hereford 8-mo. heifer, Revolution 4R blood, \$2,200. Roger Casto, 837 Radcliff Run Rd., Mineral Wells, 26150; 304-489-1696.

Reg. Polled Hereford heifers, 7, \$3,000/ea. or you pick, \$3,500/up. Bobby Daniel, Box 214, Fairdale, 25839; 304-575-7585.

Reg. Limousin, Lim-Flex breeding age bulls, passed BSE, vacc., GE EPD's & pref. info avail., good disp., \$5,000. Kim Getz, 122 Dolly Hill Rd., Scherr, 26726; 304-749-8043.

Pure Black Angus 23-mo. bull, #78A, easy calving, \$3,000. Clark Humphreys, 7217 Indian Mills Rd., Peterstown, 24963; 304-753-9990.

Pure Black Angus 2-yr. bull, easy calving, \$4,500. Randy Montgomery, 3276 Beaver Run Rd., Burlington, 26710; 304-289-5544; rmontgomery58@hotmail.com.

¾ South Poll yrlg. bull, registrable ½ South Poll, forage raised, \$2,800. Mike Moran, 336 Flat Mtn. Rd., Alderson, 24910; 304-667-7188.

Reg. Polled Hereford bull, \$4,500/up. Caren Willie, 1478 Curtisville Rd., Smithfield, 26437; 304-290-0078.

Bull calves, spring '26: 2 crossbred; 1 Black Baldy; 1 Hereford cross; 1 pure commercial Hereford, \$1,500/ea. Don Witt, 349 Rohr Rd., Masontown, 26542; 304-698-6180.

Equipment Sales

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

Hay spears: 2, 3-pt. hitch & 1 mounts on the bucket of a tractor, \$150/ea.; heavy duty pig pole for a tractor, 3-pt hitch, \$150. Darrell Cooper, 181 Cooper Hollow Rd., Hinton, 25951; 810-869-9215.

King Kutter 6' finish mower, excel. cond., \$1,000. Russell Cyrus, P.O. Box 965, St. Albans, 25177; 304-951-2349.

NH 311 sq. baler, \$1,400; Gehl 95 grinder mixer, \$1,300, both stored inside last 25 yrs. Stephen Dilley, 8351 Browns Crk. Rd., Dunmore, 24934; 304-919-8360; 304-646-2441.

Ford '50 8N tractor, rear seals need fixed, \$1,900. Galen Ellis, 800 Sunrise Ridge Rd., Charleston, 25302; 304-610-1327; galencpaman@gmail.com.

JD 5520 w/full cab, approx. 7,000 hrs., 1 owner, 542 loader, bucket & dual hay sears included, \$19,800; McCormick-Deering Farmall Cub '49 tractor w/manure spreader, reconditioned 10-yrs. ago, new tires at the time for parades, \$2,500.

Betty Hendrick, 4048 War Ridge Rd., Wayside, 24985; 304-573-1008; bjhpvfarm@aol.com.

Farmall A tractor w/original manuals, restored in 2012 to excel. cond., good tires w/chains, pneumatic lift system run off exhaust but doesn't work, belt pully, unassembled 2-way tractor plow, shed kept, \$3,000. Jim Hileman, 401 PRK Ave., Middlebourne, 26149; 304-758-4345.

Hit & miss engines: Whitt 4 hp, 2500 fuller Johnson 1½ hp, good cond., \$1,800; McCormick governor engine, \$800; JD 1½ hp 2200 & a Meadows corn mill belt driven, \$1,400; more. Mason Hugart, 2021 Holliday Run Rd., Smoot, 24977; 304-445-5198.

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

Finish mower, 7', excel. cond., \$850. Danny Jones, 1877 5 Mile Rd., Charleston, 25312; 304-965-5527.

Int'l 57 diesel, \$1,500; JD 60 Cancan, 4-cyl., gas, good tires/paint, \$2,500; NH 56 side delivery rake, \$750; pull behind tedder, \$750; Ferguson dbl. plow, \$350. Robert King, 325 Robert Lane, Evans, 25241; 304-532-4790.

Int'l: TD9 w/gear wench, \$14,500; 6½' disc, 3-pt. hitch, \$2,750; MF 6' sickle bar mower, \$2,850; bush hog, 5', \$1,450; horse drawn plow, corn planter & potato plow, \$325/ea.; Western 8½' plow, \$1,850. Ron Malus, 3445 Snake Run Rd., Alderson, 24910; 304-392-5231.

Bucket 6', fits on a tractor, excel. cond., \$1,175. Lonnie Martin, 219 Sinsel Lane, Independence, 26374; 304-265-2764.

Ford: '70's 3000 tractor, 1 rake w/it every yr., \$4,000; pickup disc from 4610 tractor, \$1,000; Blue 7' mower machine, \$500; MF 2 bottom plows, \$300; tedder, \$500. Danny Meadows, 1497 White Tree Hill Rd., Ballard, 24918; 304-753-4993.

Quick attach round hay spear, excel. cond, \$425. Charles Neff, 310 Dry Fork Rd., Heaters, 26627; 304-641-4472.

JD '40 57 tractor hit & miss engine, set of dbl. plows & set of discs, \$4,500/all. Ralph Pritt, 2355 Bucks Garden rd., Summersville, 26551; 304-872-5532.

NH '24 5050 4 WD tractor, \$50,000; Kuhn 7' disc bine, excel. cond., \$12,000; Vermeer WR 20 dbl. rake, \$5,000; Ford 6' side mowers, 2, \$500; Kuhn 7' grader blade, \$500; NH 269 sq. baler, \$2,000, shed kept. Donald Seckman, 7105 Jefferson Run Rd., Alma, 26320; 304-758-2955.

JD 335 baler, 4x4 round bales w/elec. tie, new belts, barn kept, \$8,000; Superior dbl. sickle, 6½' bar, rear mower, new belts, barn kept, \$1,000; Int'l 35 side delivery rake, \$350; hay tedder, 12' reach, \$350, all good cond. M. Shupp, 1651 Stalnaker Rd., Phillippi, 26416; 304-457-1063.

JD '94 455 diesel, \$1,500. Mike Thompson, 189 Sandy Crk. Rd., Washington, 26181; 304-482-2232.

Equipment Wants

Complete loaders, for 4010 or 4510, good cond. Harold Farnsworth, 38 Trainer Rd., Buckhannon, 26201; 304-940-0994.

Goat Sales

Brush goats, \$50. Betty Hurd, 672 Dorsey Rd., Nettie, 26681; 304-846-2712.

Boer doe & buck 4/26 kids, red dapple spot-

ted, black paint, some all red, \$200/up. Justin McClain, 2853 Dry Fork Rd., Salem, 26426; 304-782-3983.

Kiko 3/26 bucklings after weaning, \$200/ea. Wade Stiltner, 213 Short Cut Branch Rd., Fort Gay, 25514; 304-272-5049.

ADGA '26 Nigerian Dwarf 2/26 bucklings, disbudded, blue eyes, tri-colors, vacc./wormed, broke to lead, good disp., \$250/up. Mary Wolfe, 1430 Tribble Rd., Leon, 25123; 304-458-1992; leslie.wolfe@frontier.com.

Horse Wants

Jenny 2, breeding age, reasonable price. Carter Miles, 346 Sugar Tree Rd., Griffithsville, 25521; 304-524-9117.

Plant Sales

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

Sweet potato pumpkin seeds, 1/20/seeds, **plus** SASE. J. B. O'Dell, P.O. Box 211, Mt. Lookout, 26678; 304-872-3441.

Jerusalem Artichokes/Sunchokes, 8 oz., approx 6 tubers for planting, \$15, **plus** SASE. Kevin Poe, 3016 Fairmont Rd., Morgantown, 26501; 304-376-1180; rocketpoelabs@gmail.com.

Poultry Sales

Pullets, various ages, all are high production breeds, \$6/up. Butch Crews, 191 Carmellia St., Mt. Hope, 25880; 304-575-0304; 304-575-0217.

Sheep Sales

Reg. Suffolk rams: yrlg. \$375; 2-yr., \$300. Ronnie Vance, P.O. Box 244 Seneca Rock, 26884; 304-567-2618.

Katahdin, commercial use, yrlg. & older ewes, \$150. Dalen Witt, 211 Carroll Hill Rd., Lewisburg, 24901; 304-497-2425.

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, sq. bales baled 5/26, horse hay, \$5/bale. Bob Alexander, 5059 Plain Valley Rd., Letart, 25253; 304-544-7690.

Hay, '25 1st cut sq. bales, never wet, mixed grass, barn kept, \$4/bale. Roscoe Beall, 1648 Cortland Rd., Davis, 26260; 304-866-4188; 304-290-2160.

CKC Collie: 10-mo., \$500; pups, parents on premise, \$400/ea.; adult dogs, \$200, all Old Lassie collie, sable & white. Kevin Cummings, 110 Walnut St., Evans, 25241; 304-372-8615.

Anatolian Shep./Great Pyrenees pups, both parents are active working dogs, \$200/ea. Hannah Easton, 1724 Staunton Turnpike, Petroleum, 26161; 681-588-7009; 304-494-5108.

Trailer, Featherlite '00 8120, 20' cattle w/rubber mats, 7x20. 1 owner, excel. cond., \$16,800. Betty Hendrick, 4048 War Ridge Rd., Wayside, 24985; 304-573-1008.

Trailer, '16 4 Star 2 horse all alum., bumper pull, rear tack, dressing rm., excel. cond., \$11,250. Dwight Huffman, 7976 Blue Lick Rd., Greenville, 24945; 540-726-7577.

Hay, '26 1st cut round bales, \$75/bale. Tim Huffman, 5816 Straight Fork, Hamlin, 25523; 304-553-3072.

Hay, 4x5 round bales, orchard/timothy/clover, limed/fert., stored inside, \$45/bale. Rusty Livingood, 3051 Little Sandy Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 304-692-9979.

Trailer, 16' single axle w/removable cattle racks, bumper pull, \$1,700; crock, 10-gal., \$135. Ron Malus, 3446 Snake Run Rd. Alderson, 24910; 304-392-5231.

ASDR & CKC reg. Aust. Shep. pups: black tri males, \$400; blue merle male & females, \$600/ea., tails docked, vacc./wormed, \$100 non refundable deposit. Vicki Mitchem, 229 Stoney Crk. School Rd., Alderson, 24910; 304-575-6036.

Hay, lg. sq. bales, easy access, fert., good for all livestock, \$6/bale. Larry Parsons, 276 Maple Dr., Wvans, 25241; 304-372-4575.

Border Collie/Texas Heeler/Aust. Shep. mix pups, \$250/up. Greg Raines, 170 Mercy Lane, Ripley, 25271; 304-372-7630.

CKC Blue & Red Heeler pups out of working stock, health guaranteed, \$500/ea.; older red males, \$200. Judy Saurbourn, 454 Cobun Crk. Rd., Morgantown, 26508; 304-288-1179.

Aust. Shep. 3/26 pups, tails docked, vet checked, dew claws removed, wormed & eating on their own, \$350. Karen Westfall, 352 Orchard Lane, Sutton, 26601; 304-644-2858.

Great Pyrenees 10-wk. pups, \$300. Jamie Wilson, 188 Sizemore Rd., Ronceverte, 24970; 304-667-4513; 304-667-4403.

Miscellaneous Wants

Want to buy sifter for a 14" Williams Stone Burr mill; handle for a JD 1B floor model corn sheller w/ a round hole in the handle. Harold Farnsworth, 38 Trainer Rd., Buckhannon, 26201; 304-940-0994.

Wanting to rent 20 A+ w/fencing for cattle in Monongalia, Marion & Preston Co. Terry Saurbourn, 454 Cobun Crk. Rd., Morgantown, 26508; 681-331-8831.

Want to buy 10-gal. crock. Dorris Walls, 1697 Little Coal River Rd., Alum Creek, 25003; 304-756-2128.

Pasture & Hayfield Spraying

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

UPCOMING GLCI EVENTS

GREENBRIER VALLEY GLCI FIELD DAY

Pasture Management Workshop - June 20th - 10 a.m. - 2p.m.
Master's Farm - 635 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Ronceverte, WV 24970

Learn practical pasture and land managment stragies to improve productivity and sustainability. Food and free raffles will be available at this event.

SOUTHERN GLCI FIELD DAY

The SCD Farm Field Day - September 12, 2026, at Ron Testerman's Farm, located at 2438 True Road, Hinton, WV 25951.

The field day will feature presentations from agricultural professionals and partners, including NRCS representatives and industry specialists. Planned topics include soil health, grazing techniques and forage management, nutrient management, and high tunnel production.

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