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Telling the story of
West Virginia Agriculture

▶ Ford Francke meets a dairy calf at the 2025 Dairy Night at the Ballpark celebration in Charleston. Join us June 12 for the 2026 Dairy Night Event at Gomart Ballpark!



WVDA NEWS

From the Commissioner

As agriculturalists and conservationists, the importance of a safe and reliable water supply cannot be overstated. As summer approaches and dry conditions continue to develop across much of West Virginia, I want to encourage everyone to stay connected with the Department's drought resources webpage and remain in close contact with your local FSA offices, Extension agents, and Conservation Districts, as assistance programs become available throughout the season.

Beyond drought monitoring and emergency response, it is also important to recognize the many state programs and partnerships already working year-round to protect and improve West Virginia's water resources.

One of those key partners is the West Virginia Conservation Agency (WVCA), which plays a critical role in protecting agricultural land and water infrastructure across the state. Through its dam safety and watershed protection efforts, the WVCA maintains 170 dams statewide to help reduce flooding, protect communities, and preserve water resources. Currently, 15 dams are undergoing rehabilitation projects, beginning with Brush Creek Sites 14 and 15. Routine inspections and repairs are also conducted monthly and following major rainfall events to ensure the structures continue operating safely and effectively.

The WVCA also administers the Agricultural Enhancement Program (AgEP), which provides technical and financial cost-share assistance to producers implementing voluntary conservation practices on their farms. These practices help improve soil health, protect waterways, conserve water resources, and strengthen long-term farm sustainability. Projects can include cover crops, exclusion fencing, heavy-use area protection, lime application, pasture improvements, water systems, and other conservation-focused efforts.

Another valuable resource available to landowners is the WVCA's Landowner Stream Access Permit Program. This program helps streamline the permitting process for certain stream-related projects while providing technical guidance to landowners seeking to complete approved work in and around streams on their property.

The WVDA also continues to support water quality and responsible resource management through its Nutrient Management Program. The program works with agricultural producers to encourage the proper handling and application of manure and other nutrients in ways that protect both soil and water resources. Nutrient management planning helps producers maximize the value of nutrients applied to fields while reducing runoff, improving efficiency, and supporting long-term environmental stewardship.

Water conservation and long-term resource management remain essential priorities for West Virginia agriculture. The WVDA will continue working alongside our partners to provide support, resources, and assistance to producers across the state.

Kent A. Leonhardt
Commissioner of Agriculture
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AG COMMISSIONER FOR A DAY!



Experience a day in the life of the Commissioner of Agriculture! The Honorary Commissioner of Agriculture for a Day program is back for the 2026 State Fair of West Virginia. Students ages 9-17 are eligible. Those selected will join Commissioner Kent Leonhardt to find out what his job is all about, get a behind-the-scenes tour of the State Fair of West

Virginia, and will be featured in the September issue of the Market Bulletin. To apply, send your name, address, and email address or phone number where you can be reached, along with the reason you'd like to be chosen, to jensmith@wvda.us. If you have questions, call 304-380-1081. The deadline to apply is July 10. Spots are limited!



PREPARING FOR FAIR, FESTIVAL, AND SHOW SEASON

As fair, festival, and livestock show season is underway, exhibitors are reminded to check with each event to confirm animal entry and health requirements, as well as livestock movement requirements. West Virginia's current requirements for exhibition can be found online at <https://agriculture.wv.gov/wp-content/uploads/Fair-and-Festival-Regulation.pdf>. If traveling out of state, always remember to check with the state of destination for additional import or testing requirements. To check import requirements for another state, please visit InterstateLivestock.com. If you have additional questions regarding animal movement, feel free to contact our Animal Health office at 304-558-2214.



MEET THE NEW FFA PROGRAM EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Nick Cox serves as the FFA Program Education Coordinator for the WVDA, where he coordinates FFA organization activities across the state, including competitions, conferences, conventions, and leadership events. He also serves as West Virginia FFA Executive Secretary, working alongside State Advisor Kari Sampson to support organizational operations and student programming. Cox works closely with agricultural educators through program visits, event planning, and professional development, while also partnering with the WVU Davis College and WVU Extension to strengthen agricultural education and FFA opportunities across West Virginia.



DAIRY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Mark your calendars! Join the WVDA for Dairy Night at the Charleston GoMart Ballpark on Friday, June 12, at 6:35 p.m. There will be dairy games, giveaways, and folks can get up close with a calf. Come early to enjoy all the fun while supporting your local dairy farms!

WV FREEDOM 250TH PAGEANT

Join us for the West Virginia Freedom 250 Pageant on June 19th at the West Virginia Culture Center in Charleston. This patriotic celebration honors the spirit, strength, and pride of the Mountain State as we commemorate America's 250th anniversary. Contestants from across West Virginia will compete for prestigious titles while showcasing confidence, leadership, community involvement, and love for their state and country. There is no entry fee, and 25 contestants per division will be accepted. Please contact Allie Smith at fsmith@wvda.us.



Growing a Better Tomorrow



THE MOUNTAIN STATE ART & CRAFT FAIR

Put on your walking shoes, grab a friend, and head to Cedar Lakes Conference Center July 2-4 for the annual Mountain State Art & Craft Fair. The outdoor, juried event draws thousands of visitors each year, as artisans from across Appalachia demonstrate and sell their unique items and WV Grown products. From blown glass to handspun wool, intricate beaded jewelry to traditional wooden toys, visitors can stroll the grounds, enjoy delicious food, and listen to authentic Appalachian tunes from some of the region's most talented musicians.

WEST VIRGINIA GROWN

Northern Panhandle



► **Join the WV Grown Movement!**

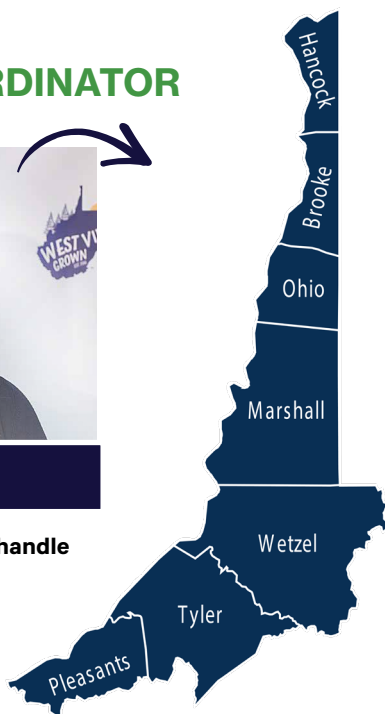
Since 1986, WV Grown has been the proud heartbeat of West Virginia agriculture, helping thousands of farmers, growers, and food producers share their products not only across our state, but nationwide. Nearly four decades later, our mission is stronger than ever: to showcase the incredible pride and 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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“Agricultural businesses do the best when they are working together. Whether it be locally, regionally, or nationally, when we brand ourselves collectively and find ways to help each other, our businesses will always be more successful.”

VALHALLA RANCH - MEMBER OF THE *Month*



Kara Garrett

Who: Matthew and Kara Garrett

Location: Sistersville (Tyler Co.)

Products: Honey, barbecue sauce, seasoning blend, jellies, freeze-dried fruits, free-range eggs, and grass-fed beef shares on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Where to Buy: Valhalla Ranch products can be found at several retail locations throughout the Ohio River Valley, including Hensler's Town & Country Market and Galaxy Food Center locations in both West Virginia and Ohio. The family also attends a variety of farmers markets throughout West Virginia, allowing them to connect directly with customers and share locally produced products with communities across the state.

► **How they got started:**

Valhalla Ranch began with a simple goal; produce more natural food for their own family. After Matthew was diagnosed with Celiac disease, the Garrett family was forced to take a much closer look at the ingredients and processing behind many of the foods they were consuming. While gluten-free products were widely available, many were heavily processed and loaded with salt, sugar, and artificial ingredients. Wanting a more natural alternative, they began focusing on whole foods including lean meats, fresh produce, and locally sourced ingredients without unnecessary additives. What started as a personal journey toward healthier food and better ingredients quickly grew into something larger. As friends, family, and members of the community became interested in locally grown whole foods, Valhalla Ranch evolved into an opportunity to share that passion with others throughout the Ohio River Valley.

► **Future plans:**

The Garrett family is focused on growth and continual improvement across every part of the farm. This year, Valhalla Ranch is completely redesigning its high tunnel operation, from soil management practices to updated water and power systems, with the goal of diversifying the types of produce grown on the farm. Rather than focusing strictly on large volume production, the family is shifting toward smaller quantities of higher quality specialty produce that can better serve their dedicated customer base. The farm also plans to continue expanding its grass-fed beef operation by increasing both herd size and available pasture throughout the property. Valhalla Ranch has also invested in a commercial freeze dryer to help preserve fruits and other farm products at peak freshness.

► **Why join West Virginia Grown?**

Matthew and Kara joined West Virginia Grown because they believe strongly in supporting local agriculture, strengthening West Virginia's food system, and helping consumers better understand where their food comes from. The mission of the program closely reflects the values behind Valhalla Ranch — producing high quality local products, supporting the local economy, and keeping food dollars within West Virginia communities. As demand for locally grown foods continues to increase, the Garrett family believes programs like West Virginia Grown play an important role in connecting consumers directly with farmers and producers throughout the state.



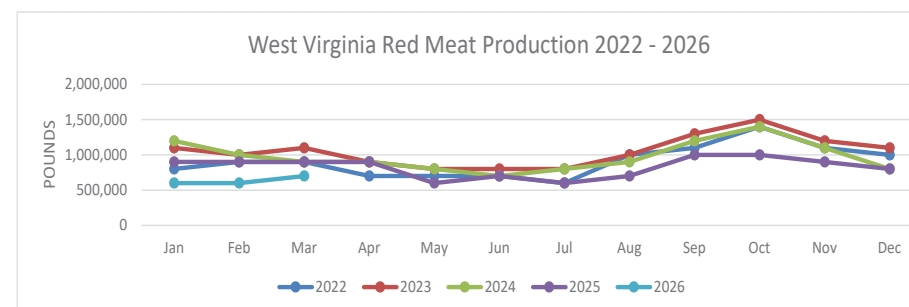
MOUNTAIN STATE Reporter

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

FARM NUMBERS AND LAND IN FARMS

Commercial **red meat production** in West Virginia during March 2026 totaled 700,000 lbs. This was down 16 percent from March 2025. Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 1,006,000 lbs. live weight, down 20 percent from March 2025. Cattle slaughter totaled 800 head, down 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 111 lbs. from the previous year, at 1,306 lbs. Commercial hog slaughter totaled 113,000 lbs. live weight, down 30% from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was down 77 lbs. from the previous year, at 230 lbs.

These numbers reflect the continued strain on agriculture following three consecutive years of drought conditions, combined with persistently high input costs for essentials such as fuel and fertilizer. Producers across West Virginia are facing increasing financial pressure as they work to manage rising expenses alongside the long-term impacts of challenging weather conditions.



To look for West Virginia Statistics, visit our webpage: [USDA - National Agricultural Statistics Service - West Virginia](https://www.nass.usda.gov/WV)

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OHIO RIVER WATERSHED

Improvement

Local partners reconnect to advance Ohio River watershed quality efforts for the region.

Jason Dalrymple and Matt Monroe of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, along with Scott Settle of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, recently attended an Ohio River Sub Basin Meeting, marking the first time this group has convened since 2010. The long-awaited gathering brought together representatives from multiple states within the basin to discuss ongoing nutrient reduction strategies, water quality trends, and collaborative opportunities aimed at improving the health of the Ohio River watershed. The meeting provided a valuable forum for state roundtable discussions, allowing each delegation to share updates on current programs and priorities. A highlight of the agenda included a presentation of long-term nutrient trends from Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission monitoring data, offering insight into progress made across the basin as well as areas still in need of focused attention. Additionally, participants received updates on interstate initiatives such as water quality trading projects and efforts to enhance basin-wide communication strategies.

For West Virginia, the timing of the meeting was especially significant. It coincided with recent action by the West Virginia Legislature to pass both House and Senate Resolutions supporting water quality restoration efforts within the state's portion of the Ohio River drainage. These legislative advancements underscore West Virginia's commitment to improving water quality and align closely with the collaborative goals discussed during the meeting.

Dalrymple and Monroe noted that reconnecting with basin partners after 16 years was both productive and encouraging. The renewed engagement among states signals a shared dedication to addressing nutrient impacts and advancing practical solutions. As momentum builds from both state-level policy and regional cooperation, West Virginia is well-positioned to play a meaningful role in ongoing efforts to restore and protect the Ohio River watershed.

JUNE WVU GARDEN CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Seed lettuce as a companion plant to tomatoes	Seed parsley Seed snap beans and carrots	Seed summer squash and corn for late crop	Seed cabbage, broccoli, Brussels sprouts and cauliflower for late crop	Plant tomatoes Seed pumpkins and winter squash
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Seed leaf and bibb lettuce Plant a late crop of Irish potatoes ● Last Quarter	Mulch garden to conserve soil moisture Plant celery	Monitor for garden pests Summer prune apples and peaches	Pinch blackberry canes	Begin control measures for squash vine borer	Seed sweet corn, beets, pumpkins and winter squash Begin bagworm control
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Flag Day ● New Moon	Seed basil as tomato companion plant	Side-dress sweet corn that is knee-high with additional nitrogen	Transplant thyme Deadhead annual flowers Turn compost	Prune spring-flowering shrubs Plant peppers	Juneteenth Control cabbage worms with DiPel® or row cover	Summer Begins West Virginia Day Renovate strawberries after last harvest
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day ● First Quarter		Seed dill Seed or transplant cantaloupes for fall	Treat lawn for white grubs End asparagus harvest	Prune pine trees Seed Brussels sprouts	Seed peppers Seed or transplant savory Harvest beet greens	Plant late tomatoes and peppers Fertilize asparagus
28	29	30	Tip: Succession plant sunflowers by sowing seeds every 2 to 4 weeks to provide a continuous supply of flowers through the summer months.			
	Stake peppers Transplant rosemary Plant cilantro and parsley ● Full Moon	Stake tall-growing flowers to prevent wind damage				

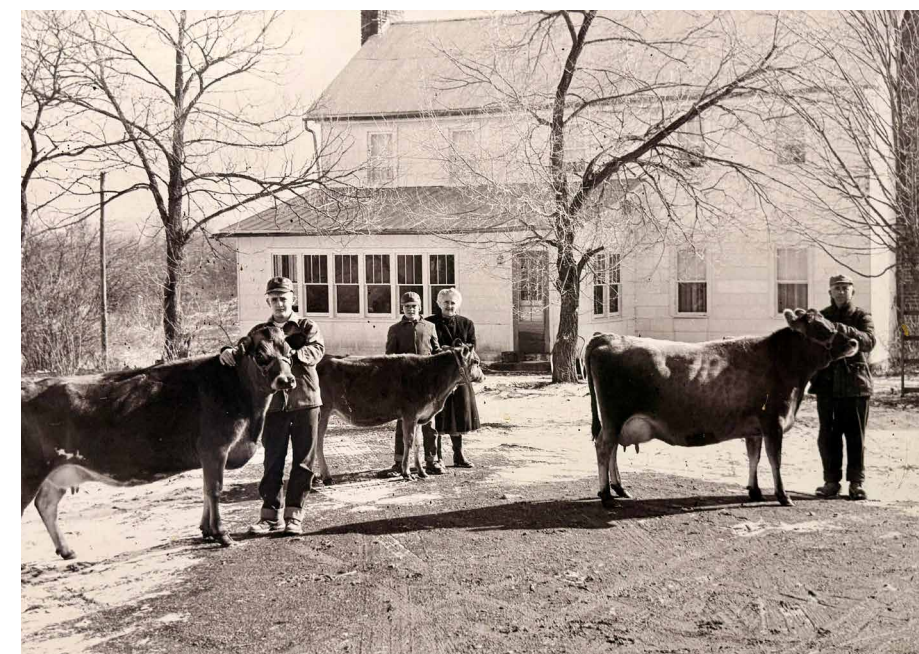
West Virginia University Extension creates and distributes free garden calendars each year. Stop by your local WVU Extension office to get a copy (while supplies last).



MILKING Momentum



▶ Perk Farm in Frankford, WV is part of the Organic Valley farmer-owned cooperative. They have recently transitioned to a 100% grass-fed operation and currently milk around 300 cows.



Perk Farm was started in 1942 by Mason Perkins with 25 dairy cows and 150 acres. Currently it is run by third and fourth generations.

Like her father, Rem, Lauren Perkins was born and raised on the family dairy farm.

Today, Perk Farm spans nearly 1,400 acres in Frankford, but its roots date back to 1942 when Lauren's great-grandfather, Mason Perkins, started with just 25 Jersey cows and 150 acres. Through decades of perseverance, innovation, and a willingness to adapt, the Greenbrier County farm has grown into a diverse agricultural operation. In addition to milking nearly 300 organic Jersey cows, the family also runs 50 crossbred commercial beef cows, owns four poultry houses, and has expanded into agritourism with an on-farm Airbnb.

That kind of growth didn't happen by accident.

"Perseverance and always looking for ways to improve runs in our family," Lauren said.

Still, returning to the farm wasn't always part of Lauren's plan.

As the oldest of five children in a farming family, life beyond the farm held plenty of appeal. Lauren attended North Carolina State University, where she earned a degree in poultry science. By graduation, she had four job offers on the table and was narrowing down her options when her father called with a simple request—come home for two weeks and help watch

the farm while her parents traveled.

It was 2019, and Rem and his wife, Mary, were preparing to set out for New Zealand for an Organic Valley Regional Understanding Tour, an on-farm educational experience where cooperative farmers visit operations in other regions and countries to learn from one another.

Lauren agreed to come home temporarily, and she never left.

Those two weeks gave Lauren something she hadn't expected—a renewed sense of purpose.

"I had worked for other people, but putting that work back into my own family meant more," she explained.

In many ways, Lauren had already fulfilled the three conditions her father had set for his children before returning to the farm, if they ever chose to: leave home and work for someone else, experience life beyond the farm through travel or education, and bring back something to the farm that wasn't directly tied to dairy. Those experiences not only shaped Lauren's personally but also gave her a deeper appreciation for the vision that had guided her family for generations.



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Lauren Perkins | Perk Farm

Lauren credits much of the farm's current success to the long-term thinking of both her father and grandfather.

"The way my grandfather set the farm up was always with the next generation in mind," Lauren said. "He believed in building what he could for us but also teaching us that any debt we brought onto the farm would be our responsibility. My dad has carried that same mindset—he's been meticulous in trying to make this farm thrive for whoever comes next."

One of the farm's most pivotal decisions came in 2009-2010, when Perk Farm transitioned from conventional to organic production. By then, Rem had taken over the farm from his father, Harry. While the decision may have seemed risky at the time, Lauren said Harry had built such strong soil and a solid foundation that the transition proved smoother than expected.

"When we went organic, we were finally able to get paid to be farmers again," Lauren stressed. "We could support the families



An on-farm Airbnb converted from grain bins has further diversified Perk Farm and offers guests a truly unique experience.

who worked for us, and for the first time, we had money to put back into the farm and invest in the future.”

After initially partnering with Horizon, the farm eventually joined Organic Valley, where they remain today.

Being organic also means constant accountability. Certifiers regularly visit the farm to evaluate herd health, nutrition, living conditions, and overall animal welfare. While those audits come at a cost, Lauren sees them as an important part of maintaining the integrity of their operation.

“Being organic makes us better farmers,” she said. “We’re constantly doing the checks and balances to maintain a healthy herd.”

Another major investment came in 2014, when the family upgraded to its current milking parlor—an improvement Lauren says paid for itself many times over and allowed the family to continue reinvesting in other parts of the operation.

That mindset continues to shape Perk Farm today. One of Rem’s recent innovations was building a wood boiler system that produces biochar—a carbon-rich material created from burned wood—that can be returned to the soil, added to livestock feed, or incorporated into legumes to improve soil health and productivity. The farm has also

invested in solar energy to help offset operating costs and improve long-term sustainability.

The last several years have seen some important changes.

In April of 2025, Lauren’s husband, Wyatt, returned to the farm full-time as lead mechanic. A year earlier, the family had also expanded into composting, using processed manure to create bedding and further maximize on-farm resources. Building on that spirit of innovation, Perk Farm took another bold step in October 2025 by transitioning its dairy herd to 100 percent grass-fed production. The move was driven by both economics and ambition.

“Grass-fed is really the highest tier of organic production you can reach,” Lauren said. “For my dad, my husband, and me, it felt like the next challenge—another way to push ourselves and the farm forward.

Grass-fed requires more high-quality feed, which isn’t always the easiest, but we felt like we had the resources to do it.”

Building the farm to become financially sustainable meant diversification, and to Lauren, that meant creating a new way for people to experience agriculture firsthand—through an on-farm Airbnb.

In 2024, the family opened The Grain Bin, an on-farm Airbnb created from a converted grain bin into a three-bedroom, two-bath farm stay. Surrounded by open fields and peaceful quiet, guests can fish in the stocked pond, watch daily farm activities, or explore the nearby river trail.

For Lauren, the project was about more than creating another source of income—it

Catch the Perk Farm at the State Fair of West Virginia! The Farm Credit Dairy Birthing Center offers fairgoers a unique opportunity to experience agriculture up close by showcasing live animal births and educating visitors about livestock production and animal care. The exhibit continues to be a favorite tradition for Fair families!



Lauren Perkins operates Perk Farm with her father, Rem, and husband Wyatt. Perk Farm milks 300 Jersey cows, runs a beef herd and maintains poultry houses.

was about creating a connection.

“I’ve really had fun with it,” Lauren said. “It made me happy to create a place where people can come to the farm, slow down, and hopefully better understand where their food comes from. It’s been a way to help bridge that connection.”

Today, Lauren’s perspective on the farm has taken on even deeper meaning as she and Wyatt raise their six-month-old son, Will, on the same land that has shaped generations of the Perkins family.

Balancing motherhood and farming have brought new challenges—but also a new perspective.

“The hardest part about farming and having a child is that you have to give away a lot of responsibilities on the farm,” Lauren said. “But it has also slowed me down in the best way and made me appreciate everything I was doing so much more.”

As a woman co-leading a multi-

generational farm, Lauren says one of the greatest gifts she was given was never being told running the farm wasn’t a place for her.

“No one ever told me ‘no’ when I was a little girl,” Lauren said. “No one told me I couldn’t come back and run the farm, and I think that made all the difference—especially having a dad who could see how much I loved it and appreciated it.”

That support helped shape Lauren into the operator she is today, though she’s quick to point out that farming isn’t easy.

“Being a farmer requires you to be an accountant, weatherman, and vet, sometimes all in the same day,” Lauren laughed. “But the reward is that you get to build a life and a lifestyle that you create for yourself, and not many people get to say that.”

For more information on the farm, visit <https://www.facebook.com/PerkFarmOrganicDairy>.

DILL PICKLE DIP

▶ AMERICAN DAIRY ASSOCIATION MIDEAST

[HTTPS://WWW.DRINK-MILK.COM/DILL-PICKLE-DIP/](https://www.drink-milk.com/dill-pickle-dip/)

Pickle lovers will go crazy for this Dill Pickle Dip! It combines the bold tang of classic dill pickles with a creamy base made with cream cheese and Greek yogurt. Perfect for summer snacking, it’s rich, refreshing and ready in under 10 minutes.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 Tbs. dill pickle juice
- 2 Tbs. chopped fresh dill
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- ½ tsp. garlic powder
- ½ tsp. onion powder
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- ¾ cup dill pickles, chopped

DIRECTIONS

1. In a mixing bowl, combine the cream cheese, Greek yogurt, dill, Worcestershire, garlic and onion powder, and pickle juice. Whisk together until smooth and well combined.
2. Add the chopped pickles and stir them in with a rubber spatula. Taste for seasoning and add salt and pepper, if needed.
3. Garnish with extra chopped pickles and dill. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve with potato chips or veggies.

TIPS

1. Store leftovers in the refrigerator for up to four days in an airtight container. The consistency is best the first two days; it becomes thinner the longer it sits as the pickles leak out their juices. Do not freeze.
2. Fresh dill, while highly recommended, can be substituted with two teaspoons dried dill.



NATIONAL DAIRY Month

► National Dairy Month is celebrated every June to honor the dairy industry, its producers, and the cultural and nutritional role of dairy.

National Dairy Month was established in June of 1937 to honor the dairy industry and the impact it has on the United States. The American Dairy Association Mideast represents Ohio's and West Virginia's dairy farm families, who work hard to care for their cows and land so they can nourish our communities with fresh, safe and nutritious dairy foods. Here are some fast facts about Dairy in the Mountain State:

- West Virginia currently has 25 Grade A dairy farms located across the state. The WVDA oversees and regulates the state's Grade A Dairy Program, helping ensure the safety and quality of milk and dairy products produced in West Virginia.
- In 2024, milk production in West Virginia totaled 59 million pounds. Average milk production per cow was 14,750 pounds or around 1,715 gallons.
- West Virginia has three Grade-A dairy processors. United Dairy Inc., (Charleston, WV), Mountain Top Beverage (Morgantown, WV) and Walnut Hill Creamery, LLC (Kearneysville, WV).
- Mountaintop Beverage opened a state of the art 330,000 square-foot manufacturing facility in Morgantown, WV in May of 2023, producing extended shelf life dairy and other beverage products.

- West Virginia also has one Grade A on-farm processor, Reel Udder Delight (Harrison County, WV).
- We have two cheese plants - Shepherd's Whey Creamery (Martinsburg, WV) and Spring Gap Mountain Creamery (Paw Paw, WV). Shepherd's Whey sells a variety of goat cheeses, goat milk, and goatgurt yogurt smoothies. Spring Gap Mountain Creamery sells a variety of pasteurized and raw cow's milk cheeses.
- West Virginia has one exempt on-farm processor - Jamestown Dairy, LLC (Mason County, WV).

►  **4,000+**
DAIRY COWS IN WEST VA.

► **ALL DAIRY COWS ARE FEMALE** 

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► **DAIRY COWS DRINK MORE THAN 50 GALLONS OF WATER A DAY** 


8 GRAMS OF PROTEIN CAN BE FOUND IN ONE SERVING OF MILK

Source: Farm Flavor

2026 WV Envirothon



The "Morgantown 1" Team took first place at the WV Envirothon.



Ravenswood FFA took second place at the WV Envirothon.



The Clay County Caddisflies took third place and will represent WV at the NCF-Envirothon due to post-secondary commitments from the top two teams.

A five-member team of students from Morgantown High School won the 2026 West Virginia Envirothon competition at Camp Caesar, in Webster County last week, just two years after a team first formed at the school and won the Rookie Team Award at the 2024 event.

The "Morgantown 1" team of Max Chen, Vic Chen, Ryan Chen, Larry Du, and Sunni Guppi topped the second-place Ravenswood FFA.

The Morgantown team has been on the rise over the last two years, finishing in fifth place overall during their inaugural competition and then in third place last year at the event held at Cedar Lakes Conference Center. Their advisor is Alex Godfrey.

The team will share a \$5,000 scholarship and qualifies to compete in the 2026 NCF-Envirothon competition at Mississippi State University from July 19-25. For finishing in second place, the Ravenswood FFA team will share a \$4,000 scholarship.

Rounding out the top five teams were the Clay County Caddisflies in third place (\$3,000 scholarship), the "Goopy Gars" team from Jefferson High School in fourth place (\$2,000 scholarship), and the Doddridge FFA team from Doddridge County High School in fifth place (\$1,500 scholarship).

Due to the Morgantown team's postsecondary commitments in July, the Clay County Caddisflies will represent West Virginia at the NCF-Envirothon this summer in Mississippi. Some members of Clay County's team have already had experience at the Envirothon, as they represented West Virginia last year for the international competition.

Teams in sixth- through 10th-placements were Moorefield High School, sixth; "Morgantown 2" from Morgantown High School, seventh; Upshur FFA from Buckhannon-Upshur High School, eighth; Blennerhassett FFA from Wood County Technical Center, ninth; and the "Ecomaniacs" from Oak Glen High School, tenth.

Teams who scored the highest in each of the five Envirothon "stations" also shared \$500 awards. The Morgantown 2 team won the Aquatics station; Ravenswood FFA won both the Soils and Wildlife stations; the Clay County Caddisflies won the Forestry station; and the Ecomaniacs team from Oak Glen won the Fifth Topic station award.

This year's fifth topic scenario was "Nonpoint Source Pollution Mitigation." Students explored a setting in which fish were not plentiful in a local creek, and they posed hypotheses about the problems that existed and what could be done to improve the aquatic environment. The students, acting as an environmental science club, used data collected by the state Department of Environmental Protection, ruled out some hypotheses, came up with a plan for interviewing neighbors, and developed a presentation about how the neighbors could help improve the creek's water quality.

Ravenswood FFA also won the Top FFA Team award, and members of the Spring Valley High School team won this year's Rookie Team Award.

Both the winning Morgantown 1 team and the Morgantown 2 team, the latter of which was also the top-scoring Aquatics station team, were sponsored by the Monongahela Conservation District.

Teams participating include: Clay, Doddridge, Hampshire, Hancock, Hardy, Jackson, Jefferson, Monongalia, Monroe, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, and Wood counties.

Sponsors for the West Virginia Envirothon include the Weyerhaeuser Foundation, Berkshire Hathaway Energy Gas Transmission and Storage, the West Virginia Conservation Agency, the EQT Foundation, the Northern Panhandle Conservation District, Toyota Motor Manufacturing of WV, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Hope Gas, the Western Conservation District, and the West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts.

Numerous volunteers make up the West Virginia Envirothon Committee, which includes representatives from the West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts, the West Virginia Division of Forestry, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, WVU Extension, the West Virginia Conservation Agency, the U.S. Forest Service, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, USDA-NRCS, and several of the state's 14 conservation districts.

JUNE 2026

CLASSIFIED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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July 2026 . .

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Written ads for the **July** issue must be received by **1 p.m.** on, **Wednesday, June 10**.

August 2026 . .

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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; lfornash1@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 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.*, Ronald P. Sharp Alumni Conference Center, WV Osteopathic School, Lewisburg, Contact Rick Forren, 304-539-1303.

Upshur Co. Beekeepers Assoc., *Monthly Meeting, 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.*, Upshur Co. Farm Bureau Bldg. on Rt. 33 between Buckhannon & Weston, terriobennett@gmail.com.

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

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

Cattle Sales

Reg. Polled Hereford bulls, \$3,500/up. Bobby Daniel, Box 214, Fairdale, 25839; 304-575-7585.

Reg. Polled Hereford 14-mo. -16-mo. bull, Hometown blood, \$2,500. Richard Dunn, 68 Tyrone Avery Rd., Morgantown, 26508; 304-594-2603.

Reg. Limousin, Lim-Flex & Angus 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.

Reg. Angus 3yr. bull, excel. EPDs & quality, all perf. data avail, \$6,000. Dwayne O'Dell, 829 Little Lefthand Rd., Amma, 25005; 304-565-9301; 304-565-3061

Micro mini Dexter/mid mini Jersey 10-mo. bull calf, \$1,400. Jerry Rhodes, 20 Java Rd., Alvin, 26254, 304-636-6850.

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: 570 sq. baler, \$5,000; 565 sq. baler, \$4,000; 848 round baler, \$3,000; 256 hay rake, \$2,000; Case Int'l 8450 round baler, \$5,000; Hoelscher accumulator, \$4,000 Robert Atkins, P.O. Box 124, Talcott, 24981; 304-445-8736; ratkins789@gmail.com.

Enorossi DM6 disc mower, 8' cut, \$3,500/obo. Dennis Burns, 282 Old Hickory Lane, Keyser, 26726; 304-788-5382.

Woods 52" tiller, 3-pt. hitch mount, approx., 20 hrs., excel. cond., \$1,000. H. Christian, 362 Crossroads Rd., Wana, 26590; 304-692-0756.

MF '18 1730E tractor, manual, 39.5 hp, 645.6 hrs., includes brush hog, standard forks & scraper attachments, ECU was replaced by AGCO 11/25, serviced 2/25 which included fuel & air filters, service kit, burner insert & glow plug, \$18,500. Kris Coburn, 86 Flat Top Lake Rd., Ghent, 25843; 971-275-3885.

Hay feeders: 7.5', \$150; 5.5', galvanized, 2-yrs., excel. cond., \$250. Darrell Cooper, 181 Cooper Hollow Rd., Hinton, 25951; 810-869-9215.

Int'l 430 hay baler, \$3,200; JD hay rake, 3-pt. hitch, \$1,000; MF 1307 mower, excel. cond., \$5,000; hay tedder, pull type, \$800; Land Pride seeder, \$5,000, all excel. cond. Jed Cottrill, 894 Peach Ridge Rd., Hurricane, 25526; 304-539-7743.

Farmall M, has loader w/bale spear, bucket,

pallet forks, ps, live hyd., good tires, shed kept, \$3,500; Towmotor forklift, gas engine, 5,000 lb. cap., \$1,500; AC loader, older model, 2 WD or manual 4 WD, \$2,000; 500 bu. grain cart, home-made or semi trailer running gear; farm tractor pull, hyd. breaks, \$1,500. Jim Davis, 149 Orchard Hill Lane, Masontown, 26542; 304-290-6773; 680-753-1903.

Grimm hay tedder, 10', good cond., \$450. Gary Jarrell, 157 N. Kimberly St., Shady Springs, 25918; 304-719-2490.

Ford 3000 tractor w/ps, 2-step clutch, live power, \$5,000. Jim Jett, 917 Vineyard Ridge, Looneyville, 304-565-4334.

NH 489 hay bine, has rubber missing on roller, good cond., \$1,500. Bill Johnson, 2957 Badger Run Rd., Sistersville, 26175; 304-652-2187.

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.

Int'l: TD9 w/dear wench, \$1,450; 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.

Ford 8N or 9N, good cond./paint/tires, \$3,000. James Pauley, 2049 Cottageville Rd., Davenport, 24239; 304-786-5812.

Ford 3000 tractor w/loader, diesel, needs some work, \$3,500. Royce Plaughner, 205 Anthill Lane, Petersburg, 26748; 304-668-4224.

Krone '15 Bellima F125 round baler w/elec. tie, excel. cond., \$14,000; JD 350 sickle bar mower, good cond., \$1,700. Allen Rush, 345 Friendship Ridge Rd., New Martinsville, 26155; 304-771-9565.

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.

MF '22 260H, \$35,000. Bonnie Taylor, Box 253, Montcalm, 24737; 304-952-5758.

Goat Sales

Boer doe & buck 4/26 kids, red dapple spotted, black paint, some all red, \$200/up. Justin McClain, 2853 Dry Fork Rd., Salem, 26426; 304-782-3983.

Pure 100% Boer 9-mo. -10-mo. bucks fully intact, dam & sire on the farm, good disp., \$165/ea. Charlene Meadows, 3650 Pluto Rd., Shady Springs, 25918; 304-222-7847.

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

Help Wants

Hay, 18-20 A. to cut, I keep a sm. amount & you keep the rest. Paul Leadmon, 3904 Trace Crk. Rd., Hurricane 25526; 304-562-9090.

Hay, 9 A. to cut, you keep all the hay. Bonnie Johnson, 2640 Trace Fork Rd., Hurricane, 25526; 304-562-5956.

Hog Sales

Pure reg. Kunekune wnlg. -2-yr. pigs, breeders, feeders & pets, \$200/up. Cat Kemmerling, 1960 Bloomery Rd., Charles Town, 25414; 612-703-3539.

Horse Sales

Miniature 1-yr. male donkey, \$500. Butch Marsh, 2073 Porterfield Rd., Philippi, 26416; 304-457-3130.

Poultry Sales

White Emden geese, \$15; '25 hatch, unsexed, some goslings, \$15; Pilgrim goslings, \$50/pr. D. Gall, 1367 Fields Crk. Rd., Independence, 26374; 304-864-6080.

Sheep Sales

Katahdin reg. & NSIP 4-yr. ram, \$800. Kayla Campbell, 18 Lapoe Village, Core, 26541; 304-288-4280.

Katahdin ram lamb, all white, black hooves, sired by 2025 Va Tech Ram Study 1st place ram #107, had 0 barber pole FEC during the study, highest ADWG, fastest growth, dam has not required worming for 2-yrs., \$750. Gene Glover, 1098 Terry Ave., Oak Hill, 25901; 252-230-8957.

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.

Trailer, '02 Gore 4 horse, excel. cond., \$10,000. Robert Atkins, P.O. Box 124, Talcott, 24981; 304-445-8736; ratkins789@gmail.com.

Hay, '25 80-100 4x5 round bales, \$30/bale. Robert Brownfield, 2864 Taylor Drain Rd., West Union, 25456; 304-266-7426.

Trailer, flatbed, 6½'x16', soft treated lumber on the floor, good cond., \$1,500. Darrell Cooper, 184 Cooper Hollow Rd., Hinton, 25951; 810-869-9215.

CKC Border Collie: 9-mo., \$500; pups, \$400/ea., parents on premise, both Old Lassie collie, sable & white. Kevin Cummings, 110 Walnut St., Evans, 25241; 304-372-8615.

Pure Border Collie pups, \$600/up. Christine Hage, P.O. Box 109, Culloden, 25510; 304-743-0163.

Draft horse harness, several sets, excel. cond., \$220/set/up. Jim Jett, 917 Vineyard Ridge, Looneyville, 25259; 304-565-4334.

Soaking booth to soak a horse, \$30. Marjorie Lewis, 3364 Arden Nollville Rd., Inwood, 25428; 304-229-5970.

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, single axle w/removable cattle racks, bumper pull, \$15,000; 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.

Trailer, homemade, 14'x7.6", duel wheels tilt bed, 12" side boards, head ache rack, 1 ½" wide hardwood floor, \$700. Richard Parsons, 735 Goshorn Woods Rd., Cameron, 26033; 304-281-2390.

Trailer, '06 Corn Pro, gooseneck, stock, 16'x80" wide, 6,000 lb. axles, gray in color, good cond., \$8,900. Randell Tribble, 5258 Beech Fork Rd., Leon, 25123; 304-912-8333.

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 management strategies 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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