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Telling the story of  
**West Virginia Agriculture**

► Now that March is here, we'll see honeybees buzzing about on warm days. In 2025, West Virginia had 1,147 registered beekeepers tending more than 15,000 hives across the state.

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# WVDA NEWS

## WV SPAY & NEUTER PROGRAM



The WV Spay & Neuter Assistance Program, or WVSNP, (administered by the WVDA) received a check for \$450,000 from the Federation of Humane Organizations (FOHO) of WV. The gift is part of a multi-year grant from the Mug-Z-Moo Foundation to reduce shelter populations and euthanasia rates. In 2025, WVSNP handed out \$983,673 in grants to help sterilize more than 13,000 dogs, cats and community cats.

Pictured: Andy Yost, WVD Program Specialist; Alan Clemans, WVD Exec. Dir. Administration & Operations; Laryssa Hoskins, WVD CFO; Commissioner Kent Leonhardt.



## WVDA & EPA TEAM UP

Commissioner Kent Leonhardt and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Amy Van Blarcom-Lackey put pen to paper to reaffirm their partnership through a renewed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to protect agricultural and environmental health and promote agribusiness for the next five years. The agencies will also produce an annual report to highlight collective achievements.

Commissioner Leonhardt says, "By continuing our collaboration with EPA Region 3, we can strengthen communication, expand education and outreach, and ensure agricultural practices that are both productive and environmentally responsible."



## CEDAR LAKES WEBSITE

You'll want to check out the new Cedar Lakes Conference Center website ([cedarlakes.com](http://cedarlakes.com)). You'll find photos of all the lodging options and meeting spaces, a full list of upcoming events and workshops, on-site amenities, and online reservations for six or 600. Cedar Lakes has long been a relaxing haven for visitors, and now accessing information or making reservations is just as easy. We hope you'll consider Cedar Lakes for your next family reunion, office retreat, wedding, or any event where you need space to meet amidst a beautiful setting.



Commissioner Leonhardt signs the Year of the Woman Farmer proclamation surrounded by WVDA staff and female farmers/producers from across the state.

## WONDER WOMEN

Governor Patrick Morrisey and Commissioner Kent Leonhardt signed a proclamation on Feb. 18, Ag Day at the Capitol, declaring 2026 the Year of the Woman Farmer. Currently, women make up about 33% of agribusiness owners and operators in West Virginia. Thank you, ladies for all your hard work!



Natasha Zoe of Jarhead Farms (left) tops off a parfait with her Blackberry Fruit Syrup during the Ag Day at the Capitol breakfast.



## VETS TO AG PITCH COMPETITION

Come out and cheer on our Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture members as they compete for \$60,000 in prize money at the annual Vets to Ag Pitch Competition. The event takes place March 7 at Cedar Lakes Conference Center, in Assembly Hall. The competition gets underway at noon. Last year, seven Vets to Ag businesses shared the prize money. Who will win this year? The finalists are: Valhalla Ranch, Trillium Family Farm, Three Suns Micro Farm, Red Sulphur Springs Apiary, Middle Mountain Farmstead, Jarhead Farm, Four Arrows, and Blue Thistle Fibers.

*Growing a Better Tomorrow*

## AG DAY

The WVDA invited WV Grown members from around the state to take part in Ag Day at the Capitol, Feb. 18. The event started off with a breakfast for lawmakers. All the products for the meal were provided by WV Grown members. Lawmakers and visitors to the Capitol were also able to visit the WVDA displays in the rotunda, learn what's happening at the Department, and ask questions from how to join our WV Grown program to identifying invasive pests (we're looking at you spotted lanternfly).

## From the Commissioner

Agriculture in West Virginia has never been defined by sheer scale. What defines us is resilience, ingenuity, and the willingness of our producers to build opportunity from the land they steward. A majority of our farms are smaller, diversified, and rooted in niche markets — and that makes hands-on learning not just valuable but essential to the future of our industry.

Agriculture cannot be learned solely from a textbook. It must be experienced in the field, barn, and marketplace. Whether someone is a student exploring career paths or an adult stepping into agriculture for the first time, planting crops, caring for livestock, or developing value-added products builds understanding that lasts a lifetime. Programs such as those offered through FFA and 4-H give students early exposure to leadership, responsibility, and practical skills that shape tomorrow's producers and professionals. At the same time, workshops, mentoring, and producer networks create pathways for individuals entering agriculture later in life.

As individuals look toward careers or new ventures, institutions across the state prepare them for modern agriculture — especially the entrepreneurship required in smaller-scale systems. Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College provides applied agribusiness training tied directly to regional agriculture. Future Generations University engages participants in sustainability and community-centered agriculture. And at West Virginia University and West Virginia State University, agricultural programs and Extension partnerships bridge research with real-world application.

Hands-on learning matters because agriculture in West Virginia depends on adaptability and initiative. Agritourism, specialty production, local food marketing, and value-added enterprises continue to expand opportunities and give us small wins and building blocks to strengthen our ag industry. When people work alongside farmers and agribusiness owners — or connect through initiatives like WV Grown and the Small Farms Conference — they gain tools that strengthen both their futures and our state's agricultural economy.

Investing in experiential education means investing in the next generation of producers, regardless of when their journey begins. By supporting opportunities that place people directly into agricultural settings, we ensure the values, skills, and work ethic that defines West Virginia agriculture continues to move forward — strong and prepared for the future.

*Kent A. Leonhardt*

Commissioner of Agriculture  
Kent A. Leonhardt



# MAPLE DAYS RETURNS

Mark Saturday, March 21 on your calendar! Mountain State Maple Days returns. It's a chance to visit a sugar shack(s) near you for a tour, tasting, and lesson on how pure West Virginia maple syrup is made. It's a great opportunity to see up-close how sap is collected, boiled down into syrup, and bottled. From the Potomac Highlands to the Ohio Valley, the Northern Panhandle to Southern West Virginia, go to <https://wvmspa.org/events/maple-days.html> to find a map of participating maple producers. You'll also find participating restaurants cooking up maple syrup-themed meals, desserts, and drinks; lodging options, if you plan to stay overnight; and syrup makers tapping other trees (sycamore, walnut). The event is sponsored by the WV Maple Syrup Producers Association and Future Generations University.



# CEDAR LAKES ARTISAN

## Workshops

Cedar Lakes Conference Center has a great lineup of artisan workshops open to the public this spring. Whether you're a novice or advanced, there's always something new to learn. Lodging, meals, and class packages are available. To view all price options, download the catalog, apply for a craft class or visit <https://www.cedarlakes.com/activities/craft-workshops/> or call (304) 372-7860.

### MARCH 29-APRIL 3 (WEEK)

- Autoharp – Tish Westman
- Clay Sculpting – Samantha Taylor
- Old Time Fiddle – Dave Bing
- Quilting – Jackie Milliken
- Stained Glass – Stephanie Danz
- Woodturning – Harry Newman

### APRIL 19-24 (WEEK)

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

### MAY 3-8 (WEEK)

- Basketry – Elaine Sinclair
- Oil Painting – Samantha Taylor
- Quilting – Kathy Schaller Saunders
- Soft Soldering Jewelry – Stephanie Danz
- Woodturning – Larry Weese, Jr.

### May 7th BOWED PSALTERY SYMPHONY

Symphony at Assembly Hall



# WVU GARDEN CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Seed globe artichokes (indoors) Order rhubarb crowns ☉ Full Moon	4 Order specialty seed potatoes Plant or seed shallots	5 Seed leeks as transplants Seed microgreens	6 Plant broadleaf evergreens Turn compost	7 Plant onion sets Remove dead leaves from overwintered strawberries
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9 Take cuttings from herbs Seed chives	10 Seed leaf lettuce and spinach (indoors)	11 Seed tomatoes (indoors) ☾ Last Quarter	12 Seed peppers (indoors)	13 Seed Swiss chard (indoors) Divide old rhubarb planting	14 Seed peas (outdoors) Plant nonflowering trees and shrubs
15 Seed radishes, spinach and leeks (outdoors)	16 St. Patrick's Day Seed parsnips Plant roses	17 Seed salsify Set head lettuce ☀ New Moon	18 Seed celery as transplants Seed celeriac	19 Spring Begins Seed eggplant (indoors)	20 Fertilize spring-flowering bulbs Plant asparagus (outdoors)	21
22 Transplant strawberry plants Plant figs	23 Divide old rhubarb plants	24 WVU Day of Giving Begin dogwood anthracnose control ☽ First Quarter	25 Use row covers for freeze protection	26 Seed lavender (indoors) Seed cutting celery (indoors)	27 Sow rosemary seed Plant table grapes	28
29 Plant horseradish	30 Plant rhubarb	31	<p><b>Tip:</b> It's time to spring forward safely! The beginning and end of Daylight Saving Time are great opportunities to change the batteries in your smoke alarms.</p>			

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).

# FFA HAM BACON & EGG *Gale*

March 9th | 6:30pm  
Assembly Hall at Cedar Lakes Conference Center

Come out and support our WV FFA members!



# BULL TEST SALES

## Wardensville Bull Test

March 26 | Sale begins at Noon  
Reymann Memorial Farm at Wardensville

For more info: [www.facebook.com/WardensvilleBullTest](http://www.facebook.com/WardensvilleBullTest)

## Southern Bull Test

March 20 | Sale begins at 6:00 PM  
Jackson Regional Livestock Market, Ripley

For more info: [www.southernwvbulltest.com](http://www.southernwvbulltest.com)

# ONE WOMAN SHOW

Year of the  
Woman  
Farmer



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***Buying the farm was the best decision I've made in my life. I've been here going on 35 years. When you're living on the land and working it every day, the land becomes you. You are the land. You and the land become inseparable.” - Pamela Bailey***

■ Bailey has 18 (and counting) Katahdin sheep, 8 belted Galloway cattle, 4 dogs, 2 horses, and a coop full of laying hens.

About six miles outside of Fayetteville, up a narrow gravel road, you'll find a little slice of Almost Heaven – Five Springs Farm. The welcoming crew is there to greet you – two very large Great Pyrenees named Cora and Casey, Hazel the German Shepherd, and Gigi the Golden Retriever. It's not long before Pamela Bailey, the owner and force of nature, gives you a shout from the barn and a wave to come join her.

Inside her 36x36 barn, hewn from timber harvested off her land, you'll find her flock of sheep with several new additions, including a white lamb with black spots born just the day before. The Katahdins are her pride and joy and great ambassadors for the farm and a favorite of all the kids who come to visit.

Pamela purchased the farm in 1992 and has used every ounce of knowledge and skill she's learned working as an environmental scientist, landscape architect, botanist, and researcher to make it a sustainable home among the hills.

“I grew up in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. My grandfather was an outstanding gardener. He had about five acres. I'd go over there as a kid and help pull bugs off his roses. He had about an acre of corn and lots and lots of vegetables, berries, and fruit trees. He would pick produce and take it over to the lake and sell it to summer people. That was my intro to agriculture,” she smiles.

When she was in 7th or 8th grade, she planted a garden of her own. By the time she was in high school, she was growing much of the vegetables that went on the family's dinner table. After graduation, she bounced around a bit.

“I did a couple years of community college studying environmental science. But after I learned all the ways we were polluting the world and doing bad things to the earth, I stepped away from school. I had saved up some money and went cross-country, visiting all the National Parks. That was a great year!”

Once she earned her bachelor's degree and her first master's from UMass, she began working as a landscape architect. Unfortunately, the country was in the middle of a recession. She was hired and then laid off from several jobs before she was offered a position with the National Park Service in West Virginia

in 1991.

“I was working with a real estate agent in Fayetteville, and I told her I wanted to buy a farm. She kept showing me one-acre properties,” Pamela says as she shakes her head. “Then I heard about this farm through another agent. I came up here to see it. It was owned by an older woman whose husband had died. Her children wanted her to sell. She took it off the market at one point, but I offered her the full asking price, even though I wasn't making all that much money at the time. She accepted, and it was the best decision I ever made.”

That was 35 years ago and the start of Five Springs Farm. But before she could fully settle into farm life, she made another job change, moving to Mississippi to conduct research, earning her doctorate in Pollination Biology. However, every chance she had, she traveled back to West Virginia to spend time on the 171 acre farm and dream about the changes she would make.

“I had a barn that was in the process of falling down and a shed that was bowed in the middle. People told me they weren't worth saving. The original farmhouse (built in the 1860's) and my house (built a century ago), were in rough shape but definitely worth saving,” she says. “While I was working in Mississippi, I decided I would turn the old farmhouse into an Airbnb. Slowly, piece by piece, I would sink my money into different projects across the farm.”

She used wood from trees logged on the property to build a new equipment shed with solar panels on the roof that powers the whole farm. She also hired a crew to come in and put up a 24x48 high tunnel. By the time she was ready to retire, she had the infrastructure in place to start farming.

“I retired in 2016 and moved back to the farm full time. When I came back, I was driven! I started working on the Airbnb. The original farmhouse got a total redo. It never had water. It never had electricity. All of that had to be done. I hired a good carpenter to do the carpentry work, and I did the finishes. I hand-sanded every inch of the original oak floorboards. I also ripped off the old cupped exterior siding and replaced it with new sheet material and cedar shingles. The second year, I wanted to build a barn – stalls

on one side, hay storage on the other and an aisle in between. By 2017, the Airbnb went online, I got two Great Pyrenees, and purchased my sheep.”

She also put her high tunnel into production, growing greens she continues to sell at the Fayette County Farmers Market. She also had a small herd of cattle of varying breeds but soon decided she had a specific breed in mind.

“I ended up trading for my first Belted Galloway with a guy who lives over the hill. He got my big old Limousin and her calf, and I got one of his Belties and \$600 in cash. Slowly, I've taken all the other types of cows out of the herd, except for that one,” she points to a half Beltie, half shorthorn. “And he's going next. All I want are pure bred Belties.”

Why Belted Galloway?

“Belties are a heritage breed from Scotland. Most people don't consider raising them here because they are smaller and take longer to grow. If you're going to an auction with cows, you want them to put on weight and get as much money at the auction as you can,” Pamela explains. “I'm doing something totally different. I'm raising high-quality animals. Their meat is highly muscled, low in fat, and low in cholesterol. They're also good on my property. They will graze on other plants besides grass. They're super hardy animals. They sail through West Virginia winters.”

Up in the barn, her flock of sheep is growing by the day with four newborn lambs and more on the way.

“I love my sheep! They're all Katahdin. I try to keep a nice flock of ewes from year to year until they get older. I have a lot of rams, too. They go to the meat processor, and I sell the meat at the Fayette County Farmers Market and Fresh Start Market in Summersville. The money I earn goes into keeping the flock – paying for hay, the little bit of food I give them, and vetting.”

Besides cattle, sheep, and horses, Pamela also has laying hens and honeybees, which was a happy accident.

“I had someone's honeybee swarm, and they went to old hives that I had stored in my shed for the last 20 years. They decided to move in,” she laughs. “I was like, ‘OK! I guess I'm into bees now.’ I moved

them out of the shed and closer to the high tunnel. They help pollinate my plants. I also have many native bees around the farm. That's because I don't use pesticides or herbicides. I DO NOT put chemicals on my pastures and fields. I try to keep the land as clean as possible."

In fact, that's been her vision all along.

"I try to be really conscience about my resources here on the farm. I'm careful with them because I'm trying to improve my land," explains Pamela.

For energy, she uses the solar panels on the shed roof to power the houses and equipment shed. In the winter, she heats her home with wood gathered from fallen trees on the property. For water, she has a spring at the top of the hill and two large tanks that flow to the Airbnb and her house. She collects rainwater in tanks and uses that to water the plants in her high tunnel. Her landscape architecture, botany, and pollination biology degrees come in handy on the farm.

"I started reading Mother Earth News a long time ago, and that's shaped how I think about farming. My fields are a constant challenge because I have a lot of grazers. But I believe if you grow good grass, you grow good animals. I have been frost seeding every single year with clover. It's making a difference. I have a seed mix that I've been using to create more diversity. I really want to plant some warm season grasses, on some parts of the farm. I have a patch of Big Bluestem that I mow around in the field, and it's spreading. I want to try and interplant that hill," she points to a pasture across from the shed. "It's really thin up there. When I moved back from Mississippi that was covered with autumn olive (an invasive species). I had someone come and bulldoze that. I've been trying to grow back grass and clover. It's a challenge. It's going to take a few years."

Her next project is one to educate visitors to her Airbnb.

"I love native plants and medicinal plants. I'd like to create a trail featuring native and medicinal woodland plants. My project this winter is to create a brochure that I can leave in the Airbnb, featuring 10-12 plants that guests can see in the back garden and on the woodland trail. That's for this year."

As for the Airbnb, it's a busy place. Open six months of the year (it doesn't have central heating), it's a favorite place for guests to come and un-plug. Pamela offers a free farm tour to each guest. Visting the sheep barn is always the highlight.

Since she moved to the farm full-time a decade ago, she's been on her own. Pamela admits it's been a rough road to travel at times.

"There's not a lot of single women out here farming. Don't get me wrong, there are a lot of women farmers, but most are in

couples, and they have support. I have no support. It's just me," she says. "It's been a challenge because I've funded the whole venture. It's been my energy and my money. Everything about this," she says as she surveys her farm, "...I'm heavily invested. And I'm not from West Virginia. So, working my way into this farming community has taken me a long time.

"Sam Boardwine, my neighbor, was probably the first person I connected with.



■ Bailey runs all 171 acres of Five Springs Farm, in Fayette County, on her own.

He's taught me all about my tractors. If I have a question or issue, I go over there and talk with him about it. He lets me borrow any piece of equipment I need and shows me how to use it. He has been so supportive.

One day, someone else's cow wandered over to my farm. Turns out, it belonged to Brandon Boles who lives a couple hollows over. He brought his trailer over and left it. That cow eventually got in the trailer, and I closed the door," Pamela chuckles. "Meeting him gave me another farmer connection."

Pamela is a proud member of West Virginia Grown.

"I joined the program because it's an opportunity to get your name out there. Even though my products are limited, my

Airbnb is not. Agritourism is a great thing. The more I develop a following, the more people come."

As for the future, Pamela would like to teach others about farming sustainably.

"But then I think, when am I going to fit that into my schedule?"

And she plans to keep on doing what works best for her, her animals, and the environment.

"This is my little piece of heaven. I have

become this place physically, mentally, and spiritually. It has taught me resilience and many other lessons. It has given me so much joy. When things get tough, I stop and look at something that is beautiful – the ever-changing light across the landscape, birdsong, the plants – and be grateful for that. I am at peace here. I am not going anywhere else."

You can find Five Springs Farm beef, lamb, and eggs at the Fayette County Farmers Market, in Fayetteville, and Fresh Start Market, in Summersville. To book a stay at the Five Springs Farm Guesthouse, go to [https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/17347492?source\\_impression\\_id=p3\\_1770741333\\_P3mI8vE6K39ABTL7](https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/17347492?source_impression_id=p3_1770741333_P3mI8vE6K39ABTL7).

# MAPLE MUSTARD GREEN BEANS

## ▶ THE VAGABOND CHEF/VAGABOND KITCHEN

MATT WELSCH | WHEELING

[WWW.THEVAGABONDKITCHEN.COM](http://WWW.THEVAGABONDKITCHEN.COM)

"I grew up on fresh green beans, and nothing beats them. I also grew up with a chestnut tree in the side yard, and I loved flipping those delicious suckers out of their prickly protectors. Usually, they wouldn't make it anywhere near the oven to roast, but once I had them roasted, I knew a whole 'nother level of culinary delight. The final element that really defines this dish is the unbelievable maple mustard made by my friends over at **Ronk Family Farm**. It didn't take a lot of effort on my part to realize all three of these components would do a happy little

dance on the plate and on your tongue.

I love working with local products, especially when I get to know the people and the stories behind them. The flavors and quality are unbeatable, but the folks making this their passion are the true spirit behind it all. This dish is a step back in time for me, and I hope it becomes a new favorite for you. Just think, as you're enjoying this delicious dish, how much of West Virginia's story, our story, went into its creation."



## INGREDIENTS

- ¼ cup Ronk Family Farm Maple Mustard
- 2 lbs. green beans, trimmed
- 8 oz. shallots, thinly sliced
- 1 clove garlic, thinly sliced
- 2 Tbsp. bacon fat
- 1 Tbsp. Butter
- 8 oz. roasted chestnuts
- Salt and pepper to taste
- White wine

## DIRECTIONS

1. Cut a small cross into the base of each chestnut and roast at 325 degrees for 45 minutes or until they start to open. Remove from oven and cool. Chop roughly.
2. Trim green beans. Blanch beans in boiling, salted water for approximately two minutes or until they start to brighten up. Drain beans.
3. Sauté shallots and garlic in butter until they start to caramelize, then deglaze with a splash of white wine and add maple mustard. Simmer until thickened.
4. Heat bacon fat in heavy bottomed skillet and cook green beans on high heat until they start to get a little color. Turn heat down and add thickened mustard sauce. Cook for a couple minutes, tossing the beans around in the sauce.



# ANIMAL HEALTH



## BOVINE THEILERIOSIS

Bovine theileriosis is caused by the blood-borne parasite *Theileria orientalis*. *T. orientalis* is primarily transmitted by the Asian longhorned tick but can also be spread via re-use of needles and blood transfusions. Cattle, sheep, water buffalo, yaks, and other bovids can all be infected. There are several types of *T. orientalis* found in the United States; however, to date, only *T. orientalis* Ikeda has been shown to cause severe illness in animals. Signs of infection include anemia, yellowish or pale mucous membranes, weakness, fever, reluctance to walk, loss of appetite, difficulty breathing, reduced milk production, foamy nasal discharge, and abortion. Symptoms often mimic bovine anaplasmosis. Infections have been known to cause mortality in an average of 1- 5% of infected cattle and can be as high as 50% in some herds. Pregnant heifers and calves are particularly susceptible to the infection. Once infected, cattle can be lifelong carriers. In the United States, there is currently no approved treatment for bovine theileriosis. Ways to help control the spread of bovine theileriosis includes keeping grass cut short, restricting cattle from

grazing heavily tick-infested pastures, implementing approved tick management practices, and regularly inspecting cattle for ticks especially before introducing new animals to the herd. Ticks are often found in the ears, under the tail, between hind legs, and in udder skin folds. In the U.S., bovine theileriosis has been found in 15 states: New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. If you are concerned about bovine theileriosis in your herd, contact your local veterinarian for management advice and appropriate testing.



# MOUNTAIN STATE

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

Reporter

## CATTLE INVENTORY

- ▶ **Cattle inventory** in West Virginia as of January 1, 2026 totaled 365,000 head, unchanged from the January 1, 2025 inventory.
- ▶ **All cows and heifers** that have calved totaled 192,000 head, down 1,000 head from January 1, 2025.
- ▶ **The 2025 calf crop** totaled 183,000 head, down 3,000 head from the 2024 calf crop.

## SHEEP & LAMB INVENTORY

- ▶ **All sheep and lamb inventory** in West Virginia as of January 1, 2026 was 37,000 head, up 1,000 head from January 1, 2025.
- ▶ **Breeding sheep and lamb inventory** totaled 31,000 head on January 1, 2026, up 1,000 head from 2025. Ewes totaled 26,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2025. Rams totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from 2025. Replacement lambs totaled 4,000 head, unchanged from 2025.
- ▶ **Market sheep and lamb** on January 1, 2026 totaled 6,000 head, unchanged from January 1, 2025. Market sheep totaled 1,200 head, up 200 head from the previous year. Market lambs totaled 4,800 head, down 200 head from the previous year. Of these, 2,200 were under 65 pounds, 1,000 were 65 - 84 pounds, 700 were 85 - 105 pounds, and 900 were over 105 pounds.



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

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# WEST VIRGINIA FEEDER CATTLE & CALF SALES

## 2026 SPRING SCHEDULE

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WEST VIRGINIA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION | WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Buckhannon Stockyards Phone #304-472-5300						
Date	Time	Est. Head	Graded	Farmer Groups	Yearlings	
3/24/26	9:00 AM	500	Y	Y		
4/14/26	9:00 AM	500	Y	Y		
5/2/26	6:00 PM			Closed Consignment		
5/6/26	2:00 PM			Cow/Calf Pairs		
Jackson County Regional Livestock Market Phone #304-373-1269						
Date	Time	Est. Head	Graded	Farmer Groups	Yearlings	
3/14/26	11:00 AM	250	N			
3/28/26	11:00 AM	250	N			
4/11/26	11:00 AM	300	N			
4/25/26	11:00 AM	350	N			
5/9/26	11:00 AM	200	N			
5/23/26	11:00 AM	200	N			
6/13/26	11:00 AM	150	N			
7/18/26	11:00 AM	150	N			
8/8/26	11:00 AM	300	N			
8/22/26	11:00 AM	350	N			
4/24/26	6:00 PM	200		Bred Cow Sale		
5/22/26	6:00 PM	150		Bred Cow Sale		
8/28/26	6:00 PM			Bred Cow Sale		
6/11/26	6:00 PM			Goat & Sheep Sale		
Pocohontas Producers Phone 540-499-2718 or 304-799-4852						
Date	Time	Est. Head	Graded	Farmer Groups	Yearlings	
3/28/26	2:00 PM					
4/11/26	2:00 PM					
5/16/26	2:00 PM					
6/13/26	2:00 PM					
4/10/26	7:00 PM	300	Y	Y	Yearlings	Special Graded Sale
Preston Farmers Market Phone #304-789-2788						
Date	Time	Est. Head	Graded	Farmer Groups	Yearlings	
4/17/26	2:00 PM	400	N	Y	Yearlings	
5/1/26	2:00 PM			Bred Cow Sale		
4/4/26	6:30 PM			Mountaineer Genetic Alliance		Contact: Dave Shriver (304)677-7850 or Jamie Kinsey (304)288-9529

South Branch Valley Livestock Exchange Phone #304-538-6050						
Date	Time	Est. Head	Graded	Farmer Groups	Yearlings	
4/4/26	10:00 AM	500	Y	Y	Yearlings	
4/11/26	10:00 AM	1,500	Y	Y	Yearlings	
4/18/26	10:00 AM	1,500	Y	Y	Yearlings	
4/25/26	10:00 AM	500	Y	Y	Yearlings	
3/14/26	12:00 PM			State Graded		
3/7/26				Rudolph Angus Bull Sale		Contact: Jeremy (540)550-0063
3/14/26				Genetic Alliance Bull Sale		Contact: John McCoy (304)668-1751
3/21/26				Fairview Farm Bull Sale		Contact: Mitch Moran (304)668-3998
Weston Livestock Market Phone # 304-269-5096						
Date	Time	Est. Head	Graded	Farmer Groups	Yearlings	
3/7/26	1:00 PM	300		Y	Yearlings	
3/21/26	1:00 PM	300		Y	Yearlings	
4/4/26	1:00 PM	500		Y	Yearlings	
4/18/26	1:00 PM	500		Y	Yearlings	
4/25/26	1:00 PM	500		Y	Yearlings	
4/11/26	3:00 PM			All Breed Bull Sale		
5/16/26	3:00 PM			All Breed Bull Sale		
4/11/26	4:00 PM			Bred Cow & Cow/Calf Sales		
5/9/26	4:00 PM			Bred Cow & Cow/Calf Sales		
First Saturday of each month - Sheep & Goat Sale						

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**Phone-In** ads for the April issue must be received by **12 noon** on **Tuesday, March 10.**

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## Apiary Events

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

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

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

**Harrison Co. Beekeepers,** *Discussion Group,* Contact Larry Forinash 304-669-5410; lforinash1@gmail.com

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

**Marion Co. Beekeepers Assoc.,** *Monthly Meeting, 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Eldora Methodist Church,* Contact Debbie 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, oconnellpatrick0370@gmail.com.

**Mountaineer Beekeepers Assoc.,** *Discussion Meeting, 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m.,* Doddridge Co. Library, downstairs meeting room, Union, Contact Patrick O'Connell, oconnellpatrick0370@gmail.com.

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

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

**Southeastern Beekeepers Assoc.,** *Monthly Meeting, 1st Monday, 6:00 p.m.,* Ronald P. Sharp Alumni Conference Center, WV Osteopathic School, Lewisburg, Contact Rick Forren, 304-539-1303.

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

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

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

## Apiary Sales

**Honeybee** nucs: 5-frame, \$140; 4-frame, \$150, Carniolan queens, treated for Varroa mites; complete hives, deep & shallow \$500. Clarence Dawson, 436 Durham St., Sistersville, 26175; 304-401-3128.

**Honeybee** Equip.: extractor, 4-frame, non-reversible, extracting bucket & gate, \$250; smoker, bee jacket, veils, gloves, bee brush & grip, strainer, decapper, \$150. Kittie Lee, 105 Helmsdale Rd., French Creek, 26218; 304-472-7176.

**Honeybees:** '26 3# package w/Carniolan/Italian cross queens, \$140/ea., avail. 5/30 & 5/31, locally avail. queens avail. 4/26-8/26; 1-9, \$140; 10-19, \$135; 20+, \$130, full payment must be received by March 15th, Princeton, Beckley, Lewisburg, Charleston, Summersville, Weston & Ripley locations. Mark Lilly, 252 Daisy Trail, Cool Ridge, 25825; 304-860-9638.

**Honeybees,** 3# package, scheduled pickup up 4/4/26 in Lost Creek, \$140. Jordan Stout, 288 Riverdale Rd., Clarksburg, 26301; 304-677-4308.

## Cattle Sales

**Full** reg. Limousin 3½-yr. bull, easy calving, good dips., excel. muscling, NALF tattoo JW-JL-172K, \$4,000. Zachary Bowling, 30 Henry Lane, Jumping Branch, 25969; 304-877-8837.

**Reg.** Hereford 3/25 bulls, Churchill blood, \$3,300. Ron Brand, 794 Sugar Grove Rd., Morgantown, 26501; 304-983-8004.

**Black** Angus, Sim/Angus, Balancer bulls, sired by Growth Fund, Regiment, Iron Horse, Teamwork, Rise Above, Black Label, Tahoe, \$4,000; Angus heifers, \$2,650. Cody Crook, 4048 War Ridge Rd., Wayside, 24985; 304-660-6944.

**Reg.** Polled Hereford bulls, \$3,000. Bobby Daniel, Box 214, Fairdale, 25839; 304-575-7585.

**Reg.** Hereford 12-mo.- 15-mo. bulls, \$2,500. Richard Dunn, 68 Tyrone Avery Rd., Morgantown, 26508; 304-594-2603.

**Reg.** Hereford 6-mo. calves: bull & heifer, \$1,500/ea. or \$2,800/both. Ken Gillespie, 1567 Hatcher Church Rd., Princeton, 24739; 304-712-1865.

**Reg.** Polled Hereford 3/25 bulls, dark red, Leader 6964 & KCF Bennett Encore Z311 blood, halter broke, \$3,000. David Knotts, 63 Henderson Ridge Rd., Fairmont, 26554; 304-612-3795; dnsk0603@gmail.com.

**Reg.** Hereford yrlg. bulls, low BW EPD's & ready for spring, \$3,000/up. Ken Scott, 2586 Grandview Rd., Beaver, 25813; 304-573-0844; kmscott337@gmail.com.

**Reg.** Black Gelvbieh bulls, good disp., \$2,800/up. Roger Simmons, 309 Coaxley Ridge Rd., Harrisville, 26362; 304-628-3618.

**Reg.** Polled Hereford yrlg. bull, Revolution 4R blood, moderate BW w/good growth rate, \$2,500. Vern Wengerd, 2949 Zenith Rd., Gap Mills, 24941; 304-661-0024.

## Equipment Sales

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

**Rural** King '24 tractor, 24 hp w/bucket on the front, hydrostatic, 3-pt. hitch, 20 hrs., \$11,500. Larry Blankenship, 90 Central Dr., West Hamlin, 25571; 304-840-2626.

**Mayrath** 24' hay elevator w/3 hp gas motor, stored inside, \$1,000. Ed Carr, 4339 Triplett Fork Rd., Gassaway, 26624; 304-364-8233.

**JD** 5055E, 4 WD, canopy, 1,900 hrs., 70% front tires, 60% back tires, excel. cond., \$29,000. Steve Feaster, 44 Buckhannon Lane, Keyser, 26726; 304-790-2999.

**Worksaver** round bale unroller, excel. cond., made in the USA, \$1,600. John Feather, 122 Pine Run Rd., Terra Alta, 26764; 304-789-6390.

**Tar** River 165 drum mower, 5.5' cut, excel. cond., \$2,800. Adam Hunt, 294 Stonewall Rd., Beckley, 25801; 304-731-9924.

**Kubota** '24 BX25B, 54" belly mower, front end loader, backhoe, low hrs., garage kept, \$17,000. Norman Ketchum, 8 Mockingbird Dr., Milton, 25541; 304-544-1631; 304-544-6191.

**Baltimatic** 80 fert. spreader for 3-pt. hitch tractor, \$400; Tarter box blade, 5', \$750, all equip. shed kept. Kittie Lee, 105 Helmsdale Rd., French Creek, 26218; 304-472-7176.

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

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

**Zetor** tractor w/bucket, grader blade & hay kick, \$13,000/cash only. Donna Samples, 1272 Green Knoll Dr., South Charleston, 25309; 681-385-8126.

**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.

**DMD** 520 6.9" disc mower, Ford 530 sq. hay baler, MF side del. rake, \$4,800/all; scraper blade, 7', mounts on the front w/front mounts & winch unit, \$400. Harold Treadway, 208 Crooked Run Rd., Fayetteville, 25840; 304-574-6300.

**Kuhn** 2- spool tedder, \$500. Jack Watson, 3197 Holly Grove, Rock Cave, 26234; 304-924-5608.

**NH** 256 side delivery hay rake, \$1,000. Vern Wengerd, 2949 Zenith Rd., Gap Mills, 24941; 304-661-0024.

**JD,** 4 WD, ps, 39 hp, 500 hrs., grader blade, barn kept, excel. cond., \$13,999. Bruce Hunt, 202 Joy Lane, Culloden, 25510; 304-205-2483.

## Equipment Wants

**Want** NH 850 round hay baler for parts, need tailgate sheet metal. Richard Collins, 2684 Leading Crk. Rd., Big Springs, 26137; 304-354-7744.

## Goat Sales

**Buckling** born 1/26, parents on premise, \$125. Jamie Dickenson, 2165 Zion Mtn. Rd., Hinton, 25951; 304-660-5685.

**Nigerian Dwarf:** males, \$150; female, \$200. Jeremian Witt, 5195 Tarpin Ridge Rd., New Martinsville, 26155; 304-266-6597.

## Plant Sales

**Bean** seeds: brown ½ runner & fat man pole, \$10/100 seeds plus SASE. Dave Furby, 222 Williams Rd., Roanoke, 26447; 304-452-8487.

**Heirloom** seeds: Amish Pink Sweetmeat tomato; Kellogg Breakfast yellow tomato, both, \$3/35 seeds, plus SASE. Max High, 8508 Patterson Crk. Rd., Lahmansville, 26731; 304-851-0401.

## Plant Wants

**Wanting** to purchase Salem seed potatoes. Jessie Dolly, 17004 Allegheny Hwy., Bowden, 26254; 304-636-4969.

## Miscellaneous Sales

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

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

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

**Hay,** round bales, barn kept, never wet, off 1-79, \$35/bale or \$100/3; mulch hay, \$20/bale, both easy load. Rick Campbell, 3003 Servia Elmira Rd., Duck, 25063; 304-644-4260; 304-881-1615.

**Hay,** 2nd cut, 4x5 round bales, net wrapped, never wet, barn kept, \$65/bale. Bobby Daniel, P.O. Box 214, Fairdale, 25839; 304-575-7585.

**Hay,** sq. bales, quality grass, good horse hay, \$6/bale. Robert Dorsey, 691 Eli Fork Rd., Sumerco, 25567; 304-342-5712.

**Barrels,** 55-gal w/lids, \$15/ea. Max High, 8508 Patterson Crk. Rd., Lahmansville, 26731; 304-851-0401.

**Hay,** '25 1st cut, 4x5 round bales, mixed grass, never wet, net wrapped, \$40/bale. Eddie Jordan, 11276 Brandonville Pike, Albright, 26519; 304-698-6356.

**New Zealand** rabbits: 5 does & 8 bucks, 10/ea. Dillon Leif, 386 Cold Spring Rd., Moorefield, 26836; 304-851-4326.

**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.

**Hay,** '24 1st cut, 4½x5 round bales, never wet, kept inside, can load, \$20/bale. Samuel McFee, 1547 Chestnut Run, Elizabeth, 26143; 304-275-8828.

**Hay,** 4x4 round bales, never wet, stored in the barn, \$50/bale. Eli Meadows, 367 George St., Beckley, 25801; 304-222-4030.

**Hay,** '25 4x4 round bales, barn kept, \$30/bale. Allen Miller, 946 Cuzzart Mtn. Dale Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 304-379-9717.

**Hay,** 5x4 round bales, horse quality, never wet, \$30/bale. Carter Miles, 346 Sugar Tree Rd., Griffithsville, 25521; 304-524-9117.

**Hay,** 80 4x4 round bales, net wrapped in plastic, \$35/bale. Randall Moore, 956 Texas Mtn. Rd., Parsons, 26287; 304-478-2087; no text.

**Hay,** '25, 1st cut, 4x4 mixed hay, barn kept, never wet, 2½ miles off 1-79, Saltwell exit, will load, \$35/bale. David Nuzum, 2086 Adamsville Rd., Shinnston, 26431; 304-669-3516.

**Hay,** sq. bales of quality mixed grass, fert., never wet, easy access, \$6/bale; shag bark hickory nuts, full kernels, in hull, \$1.25/lb. Larry Parsons, 276 Maple Dr., Evans, 25241; 304-372-4575.

**Hay,** 4x5 round bales, mixed grass, net wrapped, \$35/bale. Adam Reckart, 603 Cuzzart Mtn. Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 304-379-6708.

## 76th Annual WVPSBA Sheep &amp; Goat Sale

April 25, 11 a.m.  
 Tri Co. Fairgrounds, Petersburg, WV  
 Contact, Jonathan Taylor, 304-851-9970;  
 Bill Wilfong, 304-268-2295.

## Ravenswood FFA 4th Consignment Farm Machinery Auction

March 27, 9 a.m.  
 Jackson Co. Fairgrounds, Cottageville, WV  
 Board of Education Sale, March 28, 6 p.m.  
 Contact, Jessica Conger, 304-532-1430.

## Pasture &amp; Hayfield Spraying

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

## 23rd Annual Genetic Alliance Bull Sale

March 14, 1 p.m.  
 Pendleton Community Bldg., Franklin, WV  
 Tom Simmons, 304-6-0647.  
 Selling 70 performance tested Angus & Simmental bulls  
 Contact, John McCoy, 304-668-1751;  
 Tom Simmons, 304-668-0647.



**Appalachian  
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**Event Locations & Dates**

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

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

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

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