Sisters Emily Hawkins and Abby Swiger operate a blooming agribusiness in Marion County. You can find FernFaye Farm on a picturesque piece of property along Bunner Ridge. It’s owned by their parents Brad and Lynette Swiger.

“This property was a land grant to the Vangilder family,” explains Lynette. “That was my grandmother’s family. Decades back it was sold. Brad and I bought the property and brought it back into the family in 1986.”

“We grew up here on the farm,” adds Emily. “We raised cows and were involved in 4-H. I raised sheep. We had goats and donkeys, too. We dabbled in a little bit of everything. As long as I can remember, we’ve always been growing things.”

But when Abby and Emily graduated from high school, they both decided to pursue careers in medicine and moved away from the farm.

“We’re both nurses,” explains Abby. “I do research in leukemia and melanoma, and Emily does research in breast cancer. We both work at WVU. During the height of COVID, we would just come up here to the farm to get away, de-stress and let our kids run.”

“But this one evening, Dad gave Mom a beautiful bouquet of flowers he had bought somewhere,” Emily recalls. “We were all just talking about how cool it would be to have a place where you could go to pick your own bouquets for someone, and then we were like…wait a minute! Half those flowers we’ve grown here on the farm at some point. We could do that. We have the space to do that. We got really excited about it. By the end of the night, we had our business plan in place, and the next day, we were seeding.”

“I didn’t think they would follow through,” confesses Lynette. “I thought it would fall by the wayside. But no, it grew and grew and grew.”

Now heading into their third season, Abby and Emily cultivate a half-acre of flowers at FernFaye for their u-pick business, which is open by appointment. They grow about 40 different types of flowers, and each type has different varieties. Dahlias, zennias, cosmos, snapdragons, sunflowers and celotia are what they call their bread and butter, but they grow many more.

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— Emily Hawkins | FernFaye Farm

“Every year we’re like, ‘We’re good. We have enough varieties.’ But we always seem to add more,” laughs Abby.
FROM THE COMMISSIONER:

The Numbers Look Good

It’s hard not to get discouraged these days when you turn on the news or open a newspaper. The price of eggs has gone up 70% in the past year. Our farmers are paying higher prices for seed, fertilizer and fuel. And we all know what inflation is doing to our pocketbooks. But amidst all that bad news… we’ve got some really good news about West Virginia Agriculture, some of which is game changing for our state!

The National Agriculture Statistics Service, or NASS as we call it here at the WVDA, recently published encouraging agriculture numbers for West Virginia. Commercial red meat production nationwide is down 4%. Here in West Virginia, it’s up by 20%. Honey production in 2022 was down 1% nationally but up 4% in the Mountain State. Hay production here at home is estimated to increase this season by 18% from just two years ago. And there are more numbers from NASS that show significant gains for West Virginia Agriculture. Let’s take a look at why our numbers are so strong.

In the last four years, we have brought seven meat processing facilities online. Six are state inspected and one is federally inspected. I have personally toured three of those facilities and can tell you they are state of the art. We have our numbers are so strong.

Six years ago, when I took office, West Virginia cooperative of cattle farmers who have their meat processed, marketed and sold in grocery and convenience stores all across the state. West Virginians now have access to fresh, West Virginia beef. That’s a win for the farmers and the consumers. However, there are still meat processing gaps to be filled. I continue to press for state inspection to be recognized across state lines, although it’s currently not allowed by federal law. In my opinion, if our citizens are safe then so are our neighbors consuming state-inspected meats.

The added value of being recession proof. All of us in Agriculture and our legislators should be pushing for and supporting food processing initiatives. I believe Mountaintop Beverage, featured in our October 2022 Market Bulletin, is just the beginning for us. That project alone has created 300-plus new agriculture jobs for West Virginians and poured more than $200 million into our economy.

Six years ago, when I took office, West Virginia had about 90 or so farmers markets. Fast forward to the 2022 growing season and that number climbed to 318! Not only have we improved food access to those living in food deserts; those markets have also opened opportunities for new agribusinesses. For example, our honey producers can now reach more customers with less travel. I pressed for the passage of the cottage food laws that now allow producers to use their home kitchens to create products (breads, jams, jellies) they can sell at farmers markets and other retail operations.

Need more proof that the right policies and funding improve the state’s bottom line? The Winter Blues Farmers Market in February produced record sales and record turnout. The grand total for the four-hour market was $115,000. And don’t forget sales at our West Virginia Country Store during the State Fair. Very few customers left empty handed during those 10 days. Our WV Grown products fly out the door.

We aren’t a huge Agriculture state, but we still have a farmer on our flag. We have the opportunity and momentum, let’s continue to work toward a healthier West Virginia, a healthier economy and a healthier environment.

Kent Leonhardt, Commissioner of Agriculture

Toxic Spring Plants

As warm weather approaches, various spring plants are starting to pop up. It’s great to see these plants in bloom, but it’s also important to remember the health impacts they can have on our pets. Plants such as lilies, crocus, hyacinths, irises, daffodils, and tulips can cause illness in dogs and cats. The highest concentration of toxins in a plant are typically found in the bulb; however, the stem and flowers can contain high enough levels to make pets sick. Symptoms of toxic plant ingestion vary. Lethargy, wobbling/seizures, drooling, vomiting, and diarrhea are a few common symptoms. In addition, some toxic plants can cause liver and kidney injury depending on the amount ingested. Lilies are especially toxic, causing kidney damage in cats. If a pet owner has concerns about a plant their pet ingested, the first step is to identify the plant and call the Pet Poison Helpline and/or your local veterinarian to see if it is toxic. After that information is obtained, treatment options can be recommended if necessary. Sometimes monitoring (such as appetite, energy level, stool consistency, vomiting) is all that is necessary; while other times, hospitalization may be required. Despite the presence of these plants, pets can still enjoy time outside. Be observant and see what type of plants are around, especially if your pet ventures off-leash. Do not wait if you think your pet has ingested something toxic and needs to be seen by a veterinarian. The sooner a veterinarian is consulted the sooner treatment can be started and the best chance of a full recovery for your pet.

Reference: Poisonous Springtime Plants | Pet Poison Helpline
April Showers May Bring Spring Bulbs. What Does that Mean for Your Pet? | ASPCA

SEE A POTENTIAL INVASIVE PEST?

Send us a photo of the pest with your name and contact info to bugbusters@wvda.us or 304-558-2212.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SPOTTED LANTERNFLY!
The WVPA Scholarship was established in 2019 to help prepare a new generation of leaders and encourage students to pursue their interests in agriculture or a closely related field of study. WVPA members, their children and grandchildren are eligible to apply. Up to $3,000 will be available this funding cycle. Applications are due by May 15. If you are interested in applying, contact wvpa@hardynet.com.

all the time for photo shoots. We charge them $25 an hour, and they have full access to the farm and the flowerbeds. Last season, we were booked solid with photographers,” says Emily. “We also have people contact us and say, ‘Can you make me a bouquet’ for this or that. We’ve done wedding bouquets, flowers for wedding showers, funerals, dance recitals, you name it.”

When it comes to dividing up the work, everyone has their own job.

“Abby can be down in the flowers working all day, pulling weeds, tending to the flowers, getting her hands dirty,” says Emily. “That’s my stress relief,” Abby says laughing. “But me, I love to put the flowers together, create the bouquets. I’m very artistic,” explains Emily. “Mom is the planner, and we call Dad the farm hand. But seriously, he is the mastermind that keeps the whole thing steering down the track.”

Since opening the business, the sisters have taken agritourism classes with WVU Extension to learn how best to market their business, they’ve added a fence around the flower field to keep the critters (deer, rabbits) from eating their profits, and they’ve applied for a grant through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). They’d like to use those funds to help build a greenhouse to expand their operation. In the near future, they hope to open up the farm to host small events like weddings, as well as baby and bridal showers.

“We have a list of long-term, short-term and medium-term goals,” says Emily. “We’re evolving. Between the two of us, we have five kids between the ages of three and eight. One day, we’d like to do this full-time. For now, it’s part time.”

Even though FernFaye spans 100 acres, Abby says their operation is just a small part of that. She urges those thinking about starting their own agribusiness not to get hung up on size.

“We’ve got a half-acre of flowers. That’s what people need to know. You don’t need a lot of land to grow a successful flower field. We fit our operation into what the land gave us. That’s how we evolved... It’s good for the earth. It’s good for sustainability. It’s good for the bees. It’s good for farming!”

— Abby Swiger | FernFaye Farm

FernFaye Farm is open by appointment. You can contact them via email at fernfayefarmwv@gmail.com, their website https://www.fernfayefarmwv.com/ or on Facebook.
What’s better than a slice of pie with a scoop of vanilla ice cream? Sounds delicious doesn’t it! This month we’re featuring pies from the WVDA Old Fashioned Cookbook. These recipes were lovingly curated over decades of submission to the Market Bulletin. In fact, there are so many wonderful recipes, we had a hard time deciding what to print. We hope you’ll use these recipes to treat your family (or just yourself) to a slice of almost heaven! If you have a recipe you’d like to share, send it to: marketbulletin@wvda.us.

Time For Pie!

**Rhubarb Strawberry Pie**

- 2 cups strawberries
- 3 cups rhubarb (cut in small cubes)
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 4 tbsp. quick cooking tapioca
- 1 prepared 9-inch pie shell
- butter

**Step 1**
Preheat oven to 425-degrees.

**Step 2**
Mix the strawberries, rhubarb, sugar and tapioca together and set aside. Prepare your pie shell.

**Step 3**
Fill pie shell with strawberry-rhubarb mixture and dot the top with pats of butter.

**Step 4**
Roll remaining dough into a rectangle, about 12x9 inches; cut into 11 strips, 12 inches long and ¾ inches wide. Moisten the rim of the pie plate with water. Twist and weave a crisscross using 8 strips (4 each way); trim ends and press to moist rim and seal.

**Step 5**
Twist remaining strips (one at a time) around rim of pie to form a spiral edge. Bake 35 minutes or until rhubarb is tender when tested with a fork. For best flavor, cool pie before serving to allow juices to thicken.

**Angel Food Pie**

- 4 egg whites
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- Salt
- Unbaked pastry shell
- Berries (strawberry, red raspberries, blackberries)

**Step 1**
Preheat oven to 300-degrees.

**Step 2**
Beat egg whites until light but not stiff. Add sugar, 2 tablespoons at a time, beating well between additions. Add vanilla and a pinch of salt.

**Step 3**
Pour mixture into pastry shell and bake in a slow oven until filling is set, about 30-40 minutes.

**Step 4**
Cool thoroughly and top with your choice of slightly sweetened berries.

**Tip:**
Make sure your egg whites are at room temperature when you whip them. If you forget to take the eggs out of the refrigerator, you can immerse them in room-temperature water for five minutes. Additionally, any yolk left in the egg whites will prevent your whites from whipping.

**Molasses Pie**

- ½ cup flour
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ tsp. allspice
- ½ tsp. cinnamon
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 cup sour milk
- ¼ cup molasses
- 2 eggs
- 2 tbsp. melted butter
- Flaky pastry

**Step 1**
Preheat oven to 375-degrees.

**Step 2**
Mix all dry ingredients together except soda. Dissolve soda in sour milk; mix into the molasses and add to dry ingredients. Add beaten eggs, then melted butter. Beat until smooth.

**Step 3**
L ine a pie pan with flaky crust; pour in filling and bake until pie begins to brown. Reduce heat to 350-degrees and bake until crust is brown and filling is firm. (Egg whites may be reserved for meringue, if desired.)

**Did You Know?**

Those with arthritis should watch what they eat—a number of foods can do a lot for their symptoms. And now you can add molasses to the list. Some research suggests it can ease swollen joints. Because it’s rich in calcium and iron, molasses also promotes good bone and tissue health. In order to reap the benefits of molasses for arthritis, one can simply consume the syrup in their food or drink.

https://www.tasteofhome.com/
On June 11, 2023, livestock owners will need a prescription from a veterinarian to purchase the few antibiotics that currently remain over the counter (OTC). This is in addition to the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) Veterinary Feed Directive that was initiated in 2017. FDA’s intent is to ensure antimicrobial drugs are not being overused or used incorrectly which can lead to antimicrobial resistance pathogens. These antibiotics can be used for both human and animal medicine.

The drugs that will need a prescription in June 2023 include: cephapirin and cephapirin benzathine, gentamicin, lincomycin, oxytetracycline, penicillin G procaine and benzathine, sulfadimethoxine, sulfamethazine, and tylosin. The new labels on these products will read, “Caution: Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.” This does not mean livestock owners will have to buy those antibiotics from their veterinarian, but you will need a prescription from a vet to purchase them elsewhere.

To provide prescriptions, veterinarians are required to have an established veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR). According to regulations, a VCPR can only exist when the veterinarian is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animals by virtue of examining them, including by medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animals are kept.

For over a year, through multiple channels, WVDA and partner agencies have been forewarning animal owners about the upcoming FDA prescription requirements for purchasing antibiotic drugs. WVDA Animal Health Division suggests farms that have not previously had a VPCR, engaging a licensed veterinary practitioner could also assist development of overall herd health plans that can include vaccination programs, internal and external parasite control, nutritional and reproductive management, as well as establish a working relationship should an emergency arise such as trauma requiring treatment, birthing emergency requiring intervention, diagnostic testing, and surgeries.

The declining number of large animal veterinarians in West Virginia and the nation presents a serious challenge. WVDA and the West Virginia Veterinary Medical Association (WVVMA) have proposed initiatives to recruit and retain large animal veterinarians for West Virginia, but thus far, there has not been legislative support. WVDA Animal Health Division already supports National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) grant programs for food animal veterinarians for West Virginia. WVDA is also working with West Virginia land grant universities and vet tech colleges to establish a four-year veterinary technology program in West Virginia with large animal emphasis. WVDA Animal Health Division has hosted multiple veterinary college externships, partly to recruit veterinarians to West Virginia after their graduation. They have also provided requested recommendations for West Virginia students applying to out-of-state veterinary programs.

More information on the upcoming antibiotic use changes is available at www.fda.gov/animal-veterinary.
Isaiah Morgan Distillery, owned by Frank and Elizabeth Dix, now has its very own Facebook page! The Distillery used to share Facebook space with its sister operation Kirkwood Winery. Now, the distillery is on its own. Check it out and make sure to like the page.

Appalachian Honey Bee Co.

Who: Dwight and Christina Siemiaczko
Location: Charleston
Products: Honey
Where to Buy: Capitol Market.

How they got started:
Dwight: Christina decided she wanted a hive or two back in 2017. Our first year, we were not successful but we had good mentors along the way. Originally, we just wanted to keep bees, but I quickly learned everybody wants honey. So, we expanded. We worked through the process of getting our labels and joining the WV Grown program so we could sell retail.

Future Plans:
Currently we have 20 hives. I am a veteran and we’ve partnered with Patriot Gardens. They have bees, too. They offer great business opportunities. I hope to expand with them. We’re also trying to get into Tamarack.

Why join WV Grown?
I think to be competitive you need it. It makes us more reputable to our customers. It helps us network. Plus, all my honey comes from West Virginia. We want customers to know that.

For More Information:
304-558-2210
wvgrown@wvda.us
https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/west-virginia-grown/

WVG NEWS

A big congratulations to Connie Martin of WeBFryin’ Snacks! Connie was one of 10 recipients of a Charleston Area Alliance Women and Minority-Owned Small Business Grant. Connie and her husband Rick joined the WV Grown program back in 2020.

Swilled Dog has teamed up with the WVU Davis College of Agriculture to create a new dry cider called Gold Rush. The apples used in the cider were sourced locally (WV grown!) through their partnership with Davis College. Stop by the Swilled Dog taproom in Upper Tract to try some.

For More Information:

• Hempridge Pharms LLC
• Rocketpoe Labs
• Heavenly Hills Homestead
• Blue Acre Appalachian Aquaponics
• Genesis Mountain Farm
• Mineral County FFA
• Roseboro Farms
• S & T Farm
• Seabolt Farm
• Sims Hydroponics
• The Custard Stand
• The Wild Sonflower
• Tom’s Creek Family Farm
• Triple E Farms
• The Public Market
Lyons Named Executive Director of WVCA

Judith Lyons has been hired as executive director of the West Virginia Conservation Agency. In her new role, partnerships will be a key focus for Lyons.

“The districts are our main partner,” she told WVACD directors during their April quarterly meeting. “You are the foundation of our work.”

She also wants to strengthen existing partnerships with the WVDA and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through honest and transparent communication.

As executive director, Lyons will oversee the agency’s entire operations, including an $11.4 million budget, and will work closely with elected supervisors in the state’s 14 conservation districts and the State Conservation Committee. She will report directly to the SCC.

“My vision is to provide the very best service to the citizens of the state that enables them to take care of their land, the soil and the water by sustainable, practical methods for the longevity and enhancement of their lives,” she said.

Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt welcomed Lyons to her new position.

“Judith has served in the environmental and conservation field for over 20 years,” he said. “Her management and technical experience will be a tremendous asset to the West Virginia Conservation Agency and the Committee looks forward to working with her in continuing its mission.”

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- Judith Lyons, WVCA

Lyons has been with the WVCA since 2010, most recently as the assistant director of watershed projects. She had also been a longtime watershed program manager for southern West Virginia and a contract/permitting manager with the agency. Before joining the agency, she served as an environmental resources specialist with the state DEP’s Construction Stormwater Team. She holds an associate degree in general education and a bachelor’s degree in sociology from West Virginia State University.

Support for West Virginian Agriculture Exporters

In 2022, West Virginia saw $172.5 million in agricultural exports leave the state for international markets. Forestry exports accounted for over 83% of those sales. When it came to consumer-oriented agricultural products, such as poultry, spices, and sauces/condiments, West Virginia exports totaled a little over $22 million of the $87.5 billion in U.S. export sales of consumer-oriented agriculture.¹

The bottom line - West Virginia has room to grow in the export of consumer-oriented agricultural products. But how does a West Virginia producer of beef jerky, for example, find a buyer in the Middle East?

Fifty years ago, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) asked the same question. In 1973, they created a trade association dedicated to supporting exporters from West Virginia and the entire South. The Southern U.S. Trade Association, or SUSTA, has a membership made up of the Departments of Agriculture in 14 states and Puerto Rico. The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) is an active member, and Commissioner Kent Leonhardt sits on the board of SUSTA.

SUSTA members are small agri-businesses with big goals for international growth. A company that has never exported can start with export education, which consists of Export Readiness Training, webinars with experts in the field, an Export Helpline to answer specific questions, and more. Once members are ready to meet with foreign buyers, there is a long calendar of events where members can pay as little as $25 to meet foreign buyers. For example, every year SUSTA will bring a delegation of importers from Mexico to Georgia and Texas where they will meet with SUSTA companies.

Through the 50% Cost Share program, SUSTA reimburses half of certain international marketing expenses, alleviating some of the financial burden associated with exporting. Eligible expenses include advertising internationally (social media, influencers, billboards, wrapping a van, etc), exhibition at and travel to international trade shows, modifying packaging and labels for foreign markets, in-store sampling, and the list goes on.

Exporting internationally can seem overwhelming, but with resources like SUSTA, success is within reach. If you’re interested in learning more about SUSTA, contact WVDA Planning Coordinator/Southeast Region Ashley Amos at 304-618-7110 or aamos@wvda.us.

¹ Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau Trade Data, U.S. State Export Data
Abigayle: When I was growing up, we had chickens and pigs. I joined FFA my freshman year because I was interested in animals and animal science. My first project was raising eggs for the ham, bacon and egg sale. Now, I’m involved with the animals here in our barn at the high school. I come in every morning, and we assess the animals. We feed, water and clean out their pens and lay down new bedding. Sometimes I come in on the weekends to help take care of them. Being in FFA, I’ve learned leadership skills and public speaking. I plan to go to college. I might study to be a vet tech or a veterinarian. It will be something in animal science.
Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Doddridge Co. Library, 1104 Arnoldsburg Rd., Spencer, 25276; 304-365-9953.

Cowmen Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 3rd Monday, 6:00 p.m., Crestline Grange, 26601; 202-309-9762; dbmalcomb@gmail.com.


Hancock County Beekeepers Assoc., 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Old Union Church, 202-213-2690; secretaty.phba@gmail.com.

Preston Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, Third Thursday, 7 p.m., Kingwood Ext. Office, 115 Court St., Kingwood.

Southwestern 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.

Tri State Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 3rd Thursday, Feb.-May, 6:30 p.m., Good Zoo Bldg., Oglebay Park, Wheeling, novice classes begin Feb. 22, Contact Steve Roth, srho2201@comcast.net.

Upshur Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Farm Bureau Bldg. on Rt. 33 between Buckhannon & Weston, terri@comcast.net.

West Central Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 4th Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Reedy Senior Center/Latiner St., turn by fire dept., Reedy, Contact Dale, 304-354-6916.

West Virginia Beekeepers Assoc., Fall Conference, Oct. 20 & 21, Fairmont.

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

Black Angus bull, easy calving, $2,000. Amanda Adamson, 5496 Whitmer Rd., Harmon, 26582; 304-227-4380.


Reg. Black Angus bulls, good disp., all papers complete, del. avail., $2,000/up. Joanne Edgell, 1471 Bingamon Rd., Worthington, 26591; 304-592-2717.

Reg. Angus 13-mo. bull, CH Fantasia sire, Super Carcass Trait dam, solid EPDs & will make a good heifer bull, excel. disp./fleaet, $1,800. Cody Ewing, 1340 Larkmead Rd., Parkersburg, 26101; 304-539-1303.

Reg. Angus, Limousin & Lim/Flex 18-mo. & 2-yr. bulls, performance info avail., black & polled, easy calving, vac., passed BSE, $2,500/ up. Kim Getz, 122 Dolly Hill Rd., Scherr, 26627; 304-749-8435; ralimousin@frontiernet.net.


Hereford 7-mo. bull calf, non-reg., beautiful & nicely marked, will be good for breeding or starting a herd. father on premises, $800. David Malcomb, 166 Indian Camp Rd., French Creek, 26218; 202-309-9762; dbmalcomb@gmail.com.


Black Angus bull & 3/4 Black Angus 1/4 Herefords bull, black/white face bull, both 14-mo., semen tested, $2,000/ea. Scott White, 821 Hileman Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 304-698-7268.

Equip Sales

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

Gravely 8123 w/mower & PTO driven, compost grinder, $1,100. Nelson Blake, 2382 Johnstown Rd., Lost Creek, 26385; 304-203-7005; after 6 p.m.

Vulcan #8 hillside 1-horse turn plow, good pt. & shoe, $150; Moora, 5 disc mower, needs some work, $1,000. Charles Brown, 287 White Oak Rd., Birch River, 26610; 304-649-2152.


Gravely 5269 walk behind rotary plow tiller, brush hog, circular mower, $1,800; MF Dynabrade 7’ mower, $1,800, bldw. plow, $350; wagon running gear, $250. Richard Fauer, 806 Mill Crk. Rd., Mt. Alto, 25262; 304-373-7933.

Int’l Farmall Cub ‘52 & ‘50 Super A, both good cond./implements for both, $2,800/ea. Michael Fluharty, 500 Terrance Dr., Mannington, 26582; 304-365-9953.

JD 459 round baler twine & over edge net wrap, wide pick-up, 1,500 bales, shed kept, ex. cond., $29,000. Fred Ferguson, 80 Ballard Ave., Peterstown, 24963; 304-573-4123.

NH 4561 r/7 bar, 7’ bar, single guards, new paint, fair-good cond., $1,550. Johnny Greathouse, 1104 Arnoldus Rd., Spencer, 25276; 304-927-3791.


MF tractors: 135; 65 w/brush hog, both $3,000; #3 sq. baler, 1,500; Ford 3-pt. 2 row corn planter & 2 row cultivator, $500; manual head gate, $125; Tarter 500 lb. calf creep feeder, $450. D. Hanson, 228 Meadowview Lane, Crawley, 24931; 304-661-2444.

CID compact tractor, 72” snow plow, manual angle, excel. cond., $1,500. Randy Harvey, 287 Cloverfield Lane Lewisburg, 24901; 304-647-4135.

Vermeer 504 Super I baler, $7,500. Travis Hays, 540 Post Hill, Flemington, 26347; 304-672-1106.
Farm Sales

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

Mason Co.: 70 A. w/house, barns, outbuilds, hay fields, ponds, woods, running stream, 2000’ rd. frontage, located in Fraziers Bottom, $500,000. Bruce Hunt, 4890 Black Oak Rd., Fraziers Bottom, 25082, 304-205-2483.

Farm Wants

Want to rent pasture/farm w/fences & water for beef cattle, cash rent. David Gall, 1367 Fields Crk. Rd., Independence, 26374; 304-864-6080.

Goat Sales

Nigerian Dwarf/Pygmy mix bucklings, 4, $150/ea; D. Hanson, 228 Meadowview Lane, Crawley, 24931; 304-661-2444.

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Nigerian Dwarfs: 1-yr. white w/black doe; reg. 1-yr. black w/minimal white, blue eyes; reg. 14-wk. light buckskin doeling, polled, $300/ea; Tess Skinner, P.O. Box 31, Sand Fork, 26430; 304-642-3531.

Kiko

3/23 buckling, vacc./wormed, will be available. May, $275/ea; Wade Stiltner, 213 Short Cut Branch, Fort Gay, 25514; 304-272-5049.

ABDA

Nigerian Dwarf kids, doelings, bucklings, & wethers, blue eyes, some polled, others disbudded, closed herd, CAE neg. herd, $125/up. Mary Wolfe, 1430 Tribble Rd., Leon, 25123; 304-458-1992; leslie.wolfe@frontier.com.

73RD ANNUAL WV PUREBRED SHEEP & GOAT SHOW/SALE

National Country Cheviot Sale Tri-Co. Fairgrounds, Petersburg, WV June 2, 11 a.m. Goat & Sheep Shows June 3, 2:30 p.m. Sheep & Goat Sale June 4, Mountaineer Classis & Mt. State Show Series

Horse Sales

Team of 11-yr. & 12-yr. mules, 15h, broke to ride work or pack, used to train men w/for the service, $8,000. Mike Roach, 449 Georgia Roach Rd., Lesage, 25537; 304-840-7170.

Plant Sales

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

Seeds:
- Castor, $1/8; Holley Hop dbl. flower, red, $1/2 tsp.; Marigold flower, gold, $1/2 tsp.; cinna-
- mon vine flower, $1/16; spider plant flower, $1/16/4 tsp; white cucumber, $1/2 tsp; all SASE, extra postage for extra orders. B. Hagy, 2744 Fenwick Rd., Richwood, 26261; 304-846-4364.
- Castor beans/mole killer, $2/12 seed, SASE to Jerry McCauley 5519 Seneca Trail, Valley Bend, 26293; 304-642-9723.

Sheep Sales

Hamp./Suffolk: 3/23 lambs, $225; 3/22 yrlg. ewes, $250. Kevin Jones, 1039 Range Rd., Wadestown, 26590; 304-476-1247

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.

Horse trailer, $2, 12’’. 200 Neil Chenoweth, 3010 Parsons Rd., Elkkins, 26241; 304-636-5310.

AKC reg. German Shep. pups, solid white & black/silver, long haired, large boned, guaranteed, $1,500. Rebecca Cathell, 4028 Cryton Owl Hollow Rd., Paw Paw, 25434; 304-947-5480.


Farmland for rent, 10 A., mostly grassland, fenced with water stream, $850/mo.


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Hay, 4x5 round bales, wrapped, $45/bale. Michael Morris, 151 Morris Hollow Rd., Rosemont, 26424; 304-627-5064.

Black Walnut Kernels, vacuum sealed 1 lb. package, $15, plus postage. Calvin Morrison, P.O. Box 877, Jane Lew, 26378; 304-884-7444.


Anatolian/Great Pyrenees, 1½-yr. intact male, been w/goats since birth, excel. disp., good w/kids; $300. Eric Napier, 6834 Whites Crk. Rd., Wayne, 25570; 304-544-9742.

Eggs, free range, $3/dz., can meet in Beckley on Fridays or in Shady Springs in the evenings through out the wk., eggs can also be picked up at the farm. Kaitlynn Osborne, 187 Lamplighter Dr., Shady Springs, 25918; 304-860-8330.

Hay, '22 lg. sq. bales, quality mixed grasses, easy access, never wet, $5/bale. Larry Parsons, 76 Maple Drive, Evans, 25241. 304-372-4575.

Texas Heelers 3/12 pups, black/white, tails docked, pick up at farm, $100/ea. Roy Peachey, Jr., 7264 Plain Valley Rd., Letart, 25253; 304-895-3066.


Straw, wire tie: sq. bales, $5/bale; sq. bales, $6/bale; round bales, $45/bale. Tom Wilson, 12621 Charleston Rd., Leon, 25123; 304-674-5724; 304-674-3405.

Spotted Lanternfly (Lycorma delicatula) egg masses have hatched in West Virginia. This means that early instar nymphs of this invasive insect pest are now visible in areas that are infested with spotted lanternfly. Currently, spotted lanternfly populations have been detected in six of West Virginia’s counties: Brooke, Mineral, Hampshire, Morgan, Berkeley, and Jefferson.

Early instar spotted lanternfly nymphs look quite different from adult spotted lanternfly. They lack wings and are black with white spots. These nymphs suck plant sap from their preferred host, the invasive tree-of-heaven (Ailanthus altissima) and several desirable secondary hosts such as black walnut, maple, and grapes. Tree-of-heaven boosts populations of these pests. Since tree-of-heaven is also an invasive species, the WVDA encourages landowners to remove tree-of-heaven so that spotted lanternfly populations and damage to desirable plants are both reduced.

If you see a spotted lanternfly, the WVDA wants to know about it. Report your sighting to: bugbusters@wvda.us or call 304-558-2212. If possible, please submit a photo.
### Garden Calendar

#### MAY 2023

**MAY 1**
- Plant figs. Seed or transplant parsley.  
- Transplant onions.

**MAY 2**
- Seed fennel. Plant fingerling potatoes.

**MAY 3**
- Plant red, blue and gold potatoes.  
- Transplant or seed Chinese cabbage.

**MAY 4**
- Seed snap beans (outdoors).  
- Seed head lettuce (outdoors).

**MAY 5**
- Seed leaf lettuce and winter squash (outdoors).

**MAY 6**
- Control broadleaf weeds in lawn.  
- Seed summer squash and cucumbers (outdoors).

**MAY 7**
- Seed late celery (outdoors).

**MAY 8**
- Seed sweet corn. Seed cilantro (outdoors).  
- Plant bak choy.

**MAY 9**

**MAY 10**
- Seed annual flowers.  
- Transplant or seed melons. Fertilize houseplants.

**MAY 11**
- Seed sweet potatoes.  
- Harvest scapes from hardneck garlic.

**MAY 12**
- Plant tomatoes. Plant large pumpkins.  
- Seed lima beans.

**MAY 13**
- Plant peppers, okra and cabbage.  
- Harvest established asparagus.

**MAY 14**
- Seed sweet corn. Seed borage and zinnias to attract pollinators.

**MAY 15**
- Remove strawberry blossoms on newly transplanted plants.

**MAY 16**
- Seed or transplant basil.  
- Seed Malabar spinach.

**MAY 17**
- Install row covers to exclude insects on cabbage and broccoli.

**MAY 18**
- Prune azaleas, viburnum, lilac and forsythia after blooming.

**MAY 19**
- Begin control measures for cucumber beetle.

**MAY 20**
- Plant tomatoes and eggplant. Turn compost.

**MAY 21**
- Plant jack-o’-lantern pumpkins.

**MAY 22**
- Prune tomatoes at first flowering.  
- Plant an herb garden.

**MAY 23**
- Stake and mulch tomatoes.  
- Trellis cucumbers.

**MAY 24**
- Plant asparagus beans. Transplant fennel.

**MAY 25**
- Seed leaf lettuce as a companion plant with trellised cucumbers.

**MAY 26**
- Seed Roma beans.

Source: WVU Extension Service Garden Calendar