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- 3 Cow of the Year Ballots Postmarked (or online forms)
- 3 Junior Advior Resumes Due
- 23-24 State Holstein Convention & MO Dairy Expo; Oasis Hotel, Springfield, MO
- 30 MO Dairy Hall of Honors Awards Presentation, Columbia

## FEBRUARY

- 1 2028 MO Holstein Futurity Entries Due
- 10 Pulsator Deadline Spring – Midwest Holstein Issue

## MARCH

- Mid-March Southern National Entries Due
- Mid-March Accepting consignments MO All Breeds Heifer Tag Sale

## APRIL

- 1 Dick Little Jr. Essay Contest Deadline
- 6-10 Southern National Holstein & Jersey Show
- 8 Oklahoma State Sale, Stillwater
- 15 Cow Camp Registration Deadline

## MAY

- 15 MO Holstein Assoc Dues are payable
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- End of May MO 4-H Cow Camp
- MO All Breeds Heifer Tag Sale
- MO All Breeds Heifer Show

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**JANUARY 23**  
*Following the  
Awards Banquet*



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# EXPO 2026 Topics

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

- Keynote: Dr. Jeffrey Bewley, *WKY SmartHolsteinLab*
- Data Driven Decisions
- Determining the Best Technology for my operation
- Virtual Fencing
- Tech Improvements to Advance Nutrition
- Prescriptive Spraying with Drones to Control Weed Pressure in Pastures
- Maximize with Mapping

## INDUSTRY Meetings

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

- 4 p.m. - State Milk Board
- 6 p.m. - Missouri Dairy Growth Council

### SATURDAY MORNING, JANUARY 24

- MO Brown Swiss Association\*
- MO Holstein and Junior Holstein Association\*
- MO Jersey Cattle Club\*

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## Schedule

### FRIDAY, JAN. 23

*Noon Speaker: "Technology in Dairy"*

**Dr. Jeff Bewley**, Holstein USA Smart Lab

4:30 PM: **MHA Committee Meetings**

5:00 PM: **MO Holstein Princess/Miss Interviews**

5:00 PM: **Happy Hour** and Cash Bar

5:00-9:00 PM: **Silent Auction** of donated items.

*Donate items to your breed of choice or youth.*

6:00 PM: **Hors d'oeuvres** and cash bar

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6:30 PM: **Missouri Dairy-All Breeds Award Banquet**

*MHA Awards Presentations: All-MO Awards, Junior All-MO Awards, Futurity, Cow of the Year, Crowning of Princess/Miss Spring Classic Scholarship and Distinguished Juniors*

7:00 PM: **Cornhole Tournament**: Teams can enter

*Friday, 23rd for \$40/team. Categories and prizes for adults, family (adults/youth), youth (2 youth)*

### SATURDAY, JAN 24

9:00 AM: **MHA Board Meeting**

9:00 AM: **Missouri Junior Holstein Speech Contest**

10:00 AM: **Jr Holstein Annual Meeting**

10:30 AM: **MHA Annual Meeting**

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#### Awards:

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## Juniors

*Can't wait to see you at the State Convention!*

### Public Speaking Contest

Juniors interested in the Public Speaking contest at National Convention need to pre-qualify this year!

Qualifying contest will be held Saturday at State Convention.

Sign-up with

**Bailey by Jan 09, 2026.**

### Auction Items Needed

NEEDING DONATIONS: Anyone interested in donating or contributing items to our annual silent auction held during the state convention would be greatly appreciated. The auction will run Friday evening. Please deliver your items to Jodi or Bailey

**Friday, January 23, by 3 pm. Thank You!**

### Annual Meeting

Please make plans to attend our Junior Meeting Sat. morning at 10:00am during the state convention. This is where a lot of decisions are made regarding the junior association's actions throughout the year. There are numerous items to discuss and we need everyone's thoughts and ideas to help make it a wonderful year.

# HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION

## 2025 AWARDS

### 2025 PROGRESSIVE GENETICS WINNERS

Herd Name	Yrs Qualified	Avg. CTPI
James L. & Novalee Coats	19	2606
Lamar Oberholtzer	4	2653
Leslie Parrigon	2	2477
Lohmann Farms LLC	1	2415
Marilyn Calvin	1	2411
Purina Animal Nut. Center	12	2719
Schoen Farms Inc	2	2521
University of Missouri	7	2685

### 40-Year Holstein USA Members

Northwest MO State, Maryville (NW)

### 50-Year Holstein USA Members

Janice Perry, Republic (SW)

### 2024 Missouri Cow of the Year:

Wrightvale BG Elvis Brooke,  
Blake Wright, Verona

### 2025 PROGRESSIVE BREEDERS REGISTRY WINNERS

Herd Name	Yrs	Hombred %	Baa	Milk	Fat	Protein
Anthony L. Musser	6	89.9	108.1	30673	1252	996
Clifford M Oberholtzer	2	80.9	107.1	32323	1289	1025
John & Jane Staiger	9	100.0	105.4	28143	1058	882
Michael Leinbach	1	89.3	106.5	26637	1199	906
Todd & Brad Groves	16	91.3	109.7	29955	1231	962
University of Missouri	7	100.0	105.0	33002	1291	1065

## 2025 National Jr. Holstein Convention Awards

**Folding Display-** Amanda Brooks, Mountain Grove, MO and Hope McClellan, Willow Springs, MO

**Digital Scrapbook-** 2nd place, Kason Wilson, Miller, MO

**Banner-** Kimber Wilson, Miller, MO

**Dairy Jeopardy-** Case Melzer, Harrisonville, MO

**Prepared Public Speaking –** Sophia Geppert, Kingdom City

**Extemporaneous Speaking -1st Place:** Case Melzer, Harrisonville, MO

## 2025 Missouri State Junior Awards

**Holstein Princess-** Hope McClellan, Willow Springs, MO

**Jr. Distinguished Sr Division-** Hope McClellan, Willow Springs, MO

**Spring Classic Scholarship-** Sophia Geppert, Kingdom City, MO

**Key Bacon Memorial Award (24th):** Wrightvale Master Elsie, Emma Parrigon, Winter Calf

**Mark Highfill Memorial Award (21st):** Parrdari Mogul 2013, Emma Parrigon, 5-Year Old



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**Schedule:**

- 5:00 p.m. Silent Auction  
*Donate items to your breed / group of choice*
- 6:30 Awards Presentation  
*All-Breeds & Youth*
- 7:00 Cornhole Tournament  
*All-Breeds and 3 categories*

**3 Divisions**  
Youth - age 16 & under  
Family - one adult / one youth  
Adult - age 16 & over

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**Please help - Bring a Cornhole Board**

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# 2025 ALL-MISSOURI AWARDS

## Spring Heifer Calf

AM	Kurthhaven JLewis Lotto	Crystal Chamberlin
RAM	HVZ Hulu Ariana	Harper VanZyverden
JAM	HVZ Hulu Ariana	Harper VanZyverden
RJAM	MS Tstrck Adalida	Brantley & Addilyn Keltner

## Winter Heifer Calf

AM	Wrightvale Smrfst Roulette	Blake Wright
RAM	Wrightvale Master Elsie	Emma Parrigon
JAM	Wrightvale Master Elsie	Emma Parrigon
RJAM	ST-MIL Triple Ivory Darla	Nolan Miller/ Raygan Dougherty

## Fall Heifer Calf

AM	Ms Wrightvale Grvs Ladybeth	Larry Wright & Groves-Vu
RAM	C-of-O Master Anthem-ET	College Of The Ozarks
JAM	Char-Land Denver Lubbock	Calvin Culpepper
RJAM	Char-Land Denver Sham	Case Melzer

## Summer Yearling

AM	Mead-Manor Arc Adlyn-Red-ET	Larry Wright & Rick King
RAM	Mi-Wil Gem Butterfly Tattoo	Kimber Wilson
JAM	Mi-Wil Tattoo Desperado	Colton Kleiboeker
RJAM	Luck-E-Charm DLambda Lambie	Case Melzer

## Spring Yearling

AM	Betley Max Lust-Red-ET	Lora Wright
RAM	Mi-Wil Gem Warrior Lainey	K,K,E Wilson; B Grewe; C&C Kleiboeker
JAM	Mi-Wil Gem Warrior Lainey	K,K,E Wilson; B Grewe; C&C Kleiboeker
RJAM	Keltner-Farm Cad Delilah	Brantley Keltner

## Winter Yearling

AM	MB-Luckylady Lovely-Red-ET	Larry & Jodi Wright
RAM	Kara-Kesh-RK Sabrina-Red-ET	K & K Wilson & B Grewe
JAM	Kara-Kesh-RK Sabrina-Red-ET	K & K Wilson & B Grewe

## Fall Yearling

AM	V-Lane Warrior Freya-Red-ET	Larry Wright & Rick King
RAM	Wrightvale AR RumRunner-Red	Lora Wright
JAM	Penn-Dream Twilight 59	Nora Penn
RJAM	McClellan Rambo Olympian	Hope McClellan

## Junior Best 3

AM	Roulette/Ladybeth/Elsie	Wrightvale
RAM	FC Blimp/Anthem/ Adventure	College of the Ozarks

Paul Selken Memorial Herdsmanship Award: Nora Penn & Family

## Junior 2-Year-Old Cow

AM	Char-Land Captivating Arial	Adeline Dickerson
JAM	Char-Land Captivating Arial	Adeline Dickerson

## Senior 2-Year-Old Cow

AM	C-of-O Altitude Annabelle	College Of The Ozarks
RAM	ST-Mil Lonnie Auggie	Trent Miller
JAM	Schoen Handshake Adel 3559	Harper VanZyverden
RJAM	C-of-O Alt Tabitha Ann	Brantley Keltner

## Senior 3-Year-Old Cow

AM	C-of-O Warrior Archie	College Of The Ozarks
RAM	Parrdari Hancock 61	Jared Parrigon

## 4-Year Old Cow

AM	Wrightvale Dmndbck Rosa-Red	Lora Wright
RAM	Groves-Vu Altitude Blush	Robert & Janice Perry
JAM	Willows-Edge Kdoc Mannix	Lila Wantland

## 5-Year-Old Cow

AM	Wrightvale Looks Like Luck	Blake Wright
RAM	Parrdari Mogul 2013	Emma Parrigon
JAM	Parrdari Mogul 2013	Emma Parrigon

## Aged Cow

AM	Wrightvale Doorman Pony-ET	Larry & Jodi Wright
RAM	JL-KEL-Land MC Fergalicious	Lila Wantland
JAM	JL-KEL-Land MC Fergalicious	Lila Wantland

## Produce of Dam

AM	C-of-O Tadoo Areona(Annabelle/Adventure) C of O
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## Daughter - Dam

AM	Dmndbck Rosa/AR RumRummer	Lora Wright
RAM	FC Blimp/Altitude Bobby Sue	College Of The Ozarks

## Best 3 Females

AM	Looks Like Luck / Pony / Rosa	Wrightvale
RAM	Anabelle / Archie / Blueberry	College Of The Ozarks

## Dairy Herd

AM	Anabelle/Archie/Blueberry/Blimp	College Of The Ozarks
RAM		

## Breeder's Herd

AM	Luck/Pony/Rosa/Roulette/Ladybeth	Wrightvale
RAM	Annabelle/Archie/Blueberry/Adventure/Anthem	C of O

AM: All-Missouri Award

RAM: Reserve All-Missouri Award

JAM: Junior All-Missouri Award

RJAM: Reserve Junior All-Missouri Award

Awards will be presented Friday, January 23rd at 6:30pm Awards Ceremony

## 2025 3-Yr-Old Sho-Me Futurity

1<sup>st</sup> Place, 1<sup>st</sup> Prod.

C-of-O Hanans Blueberry-ET VG-88

College of the Ozarks, Pt. Lookout

2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prod.

C-of-O Warrior Archie VG-86

College of the Ozarks, Pt. Lookout

Total Original Entries: 36 head, 5 breeders; Total Pot \$900.00

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# FFA MEMBERS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION



The Neosho FFA Milk Quality and Products Career Development Team (Dairy Foods) received a Gold Rating and placed 8th place! Addi Wiest was recognized as 5th place individually.

Congratulations to this group!

**Photo left to right:**  
Mason Berner, Adalyn Wiest, Nancy Vargas Gonzalez, Conner Gray, Advisor Cole Jackson



## POLICY CORNER

The Senate recently passed the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act in a significant win for dairy producers across the country. For over a decade, federal school nutrition guidelines limited cafeterias to only skim and 1% milk, which led to declining fluid-milk consumption among children. The new bill reverses that trend by allowing schools to once again offer whole, 2%, 1%, skim, and lactose-free milk, including flavored or unflavored.

The bill passed the Senate unanimously on November 20th, with bipartisan co-lead sponsors of the Senate version in Senator Roger Marshall (R-KS) and Senator Peter Welch (D-VT). With the bill now heading to the House, the outlook is positive. There is a high likelihood that the bill will pass the House and be signed into law by President Trump. However, the timeline of the bill in question being passed by the House is a whole other story. One recurring trend here in Washington, D.C., as of late, is that agriculture policy reforms get put in competition with other high-ticket legislative items, which often gets them pushed to the side. Simply put, even with unanimous Senate support, there is no telling when it will be brought on the House floor for debate and final passage. The House Speaker, Mike Johnson, could either put it up for a vote fairly soon because it has bipartisan support or let it sit because it is of lower comparative importance than other policy areas.

The bill previously passed the House in December 2023 by a sweeping 330-91 vote but was blocked by then-Senate Ag Committee Chair Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) for the rest of the 118th Congress. Each new two-year Congress starts fresh, so the bill restarted in the 119th (2025-26) with the Senate acting first, so House approval is needed to move it to the President.

Restoring higher-fat milk options is integral to the dairy industry on both the supply and demand side of the equation. If schools offer better-tasting milk options, the industry will regain new generations of milk drinkers, increase enthusiasm, and, hopefully, drive higher demand for fluid milk and be a good first step in correcting the fluid milk oversupply today.

While the Senate's passage of the bill is commendable, the bill is not over the finish line yet. **Call your Member of Congress and urge them to support the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act. You can find the contact information for your representative at: [house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative](https://house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative)**

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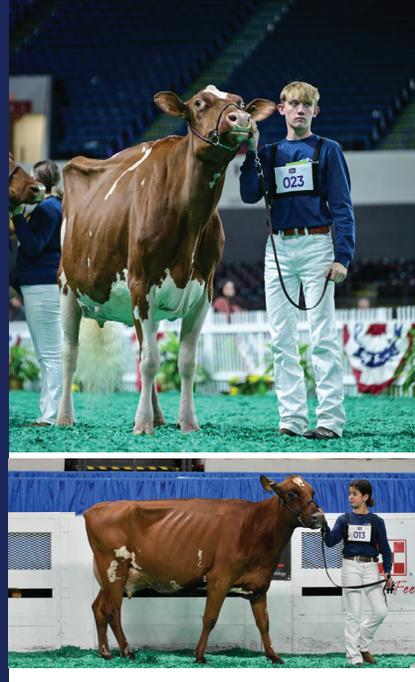
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8th, Bailey Groves

## Guernsey

**Valley Gem Rocket Easygoin**-Spring Calf

13th Open, 6th Jr, Cobie Kleiboeker

**Coulee Crest Vernon Savannah**-ETV-Spring Calf

25th Open, 11th Jr, Nora Penn

**Dix-Lee Torpedo Jokes Aside**-Winter Heifer Calf

10th Open, 7th Jr, Whitney Yerina

**Coulee Crest Sparta Camila**-ETV-P-Fall Heifer Calf

31st Open 18th Jr, Nora Penn

**DND VG Corona Jump Around**-Summer Yearling Heifer

14th Open, 8th Junior, Colton Kleiboeker

**Dix-Lee Kojack Janis Joplin**-ETV-Spring Yearling Heifer

8th Open, 5th Jr, Whitney Yerina

## Red & White Holstein

**Mi-Wil Analyst Destiny**-Red-Four-Year Old Cow

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7th Jr, 9th Open, Whitney Yerina & Diesel Dixon

**Aragorn Babylac**-Fall Heifer

11th Jr, 12th Open, Lucille Day,

**Family-AF-AYR Jpot Detonator**-Summer Yearling

7th Jr, 9th Open, Diesel Dixon

**Wincrest Ringer Revamp**-Spring Yearling

8th Jr, 11th Open, Lucille Day

**Stil-Dreamn Reynolds Jellyroll**-Winter Yearling

5th Jr, Emma Coleman

**Aragorn Cherrie**-Milking Yearling

1st Jr, 2nd Open, Lucille Day

**Grand-View Reynolds Dope**-Jr 2 Year Old Cow

5th Jr, 5th Open, Emma Coleman

**Kar-Ayr Reynolds Chocolate Chip**-Sr 2 Year Old Cow

1st Jr, 5th Open, Emma Coleman

**Aragorn Badass**-Sr 2 Year Old Cow

2nd Jr, 2nd Open, Daniel Day

**Stil-Dreamn Tuxedo CandyCookie**-Sr 3 Year Old Cow

3rd Jr, 3rd Open, Diesel Dixon

**Kar-Ayr Roush Chocolate Chip**-5 Year Old Cow

3rd Jr, 3rd Open, Emma Coleman

## Brown Swiss

**Pit-Crew Phantom Taylor**-Spring Heifer Calf

15th Open, Molly Archer

## Guernsey

**Valley Gem Rocket Easygoin**-Spring Heifer

7th Jr, Cobie Kleiboeker

**Dix-Lee Torpedo Jokes Aside**-Winter Heifer

10th Jr, 10th Open, Whitney Yerina

**Valley Gem EH MC Elusive**-ETV-Winter Heifer

3rd Jr, Kason Wilson

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2nd Jr, Reserve Jr Champion Jr Show, Colton Kleiboeker

**Stil Dreamn Torpedo Ballistic**-Fall Heifer

12th Jr, 9th Open, Diesel Dixon

**Dix-Lee Torpedo Jackyl**-Fall Heifer

15th Jr, 16th Open, Whitney Yerina

**Dix-Lee Kojack Janis Joplin**-ETV-Spring Yearling

2nd Jr, 2nd Open, Whitney Yerina,

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Senior & Grand Champion Jr Show, Whitney Yerina

**Whitney Yerina**-3rd Best 3 Females, 6th Produce of Dam

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2nd Jr, 3rd Open, Emma Parrigon

**Wrightvale Smrfst Roulette**-Winter Heifer

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6th Open, Larry Wright

**Larry Wright**-2nd Jr Best 3 Females

**Robthom Martina Pety**-Five Year Old Cow

2nd Jr, 1st Open, Best Bred and Owned, Sr. & Grand

Champion Open Show, Ling and Streets

## Jersey

**Victorious Cinn-Star Bentley**-Sr 2 Year Old Cow

1st Jr, 5th Open, Brielle Helmer

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## Milking Shorthorn

**Aragorn Barn Barry**-Spring Heifer Calf

5th Jr, 16th Open, Madison Day

**Halpins Winston Attic**-Sr 2 Year Old Cow

4th Jr, 8th Open, Lila Wantland

**Aragorn Fancy Exp**-Jr 2 Year Old Cow

4th Open, Madison Day

**Aragorn Barnstomper**-Sr 2 Year Old Cow

5th Jr, 6th Open, Lucille Day

## Red and White Holsteins

**Mead-Manor Arc Adlyn**-Red-ET-Summer Yearling

4th Open, Larry Wright

**Mi-Wil Analyst Destiny**-Red-4 Year Old Cow, 2nd Jr

& Reserve Sr Champion, HM Grand, 1st Open & Reserve

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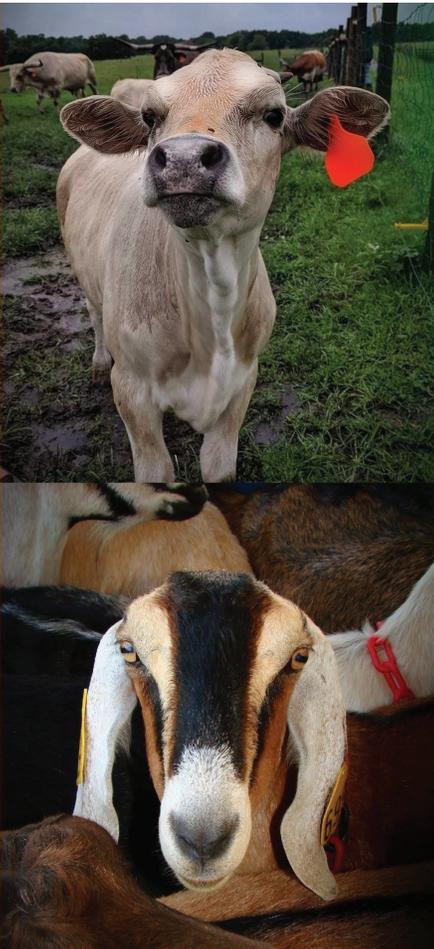
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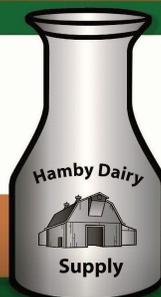
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# A LOOK AT THE MILK MARKET

Hailey Schepers  
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Milk prices have fallen nearly \$2 per hundredweight in the past month due primarily to strong supply and mixed demand, with Class IV leading the declines.

With the recent government shutdown that ended on November 13, key USDA reports, such as Milk Production and Cold Storage, were delayed. The last Cold Storage report showed both butter and cheese production higher than the previous year's levels. Butter demand has been steady, but the increase in milk supply combined with an increase in butterfat content in milk has further pressured prices. Export demand supported U.S. cheese prices earlier in the year, but with global milk production stronger, particularly in the European Union, the U.S. could lose some price advantage in the global markets. Dry whey prices are stronger, driven by demand for high protein whey products. As a reminder, cheese and whey drive the Class III portion of your milk check, while butter and nonfat dry milk make up the Class IV portion.

Recent declines in milk prices, coupled with rising projected feed costs, have pressured the milk-feed margin outlook as we look into 2026. High beef prices support beef-on-dairy revenue, which is contributing additional value to the bottom line for many farmers we work with. These high prices won't last forever, and the outlook for revenue from beef-on-dairy calves is uncertain. As a result of lower cattle inventories and high beef prices, Tyson announced the closure of their Nebraska beef plant, which accounts for 5% of total U.S. slaughtering. Ongoing U.S. policy decisions, including the lift of the 40% Brazil beef import tariffs, discussions around an increase of beef imports from Argentina, and the timeline for reopening the U.S./Mexico border for beef imports amid the New World Screwworm outbreak, could put further pressure on cattle markets. To protect your beef-on-dairy calf and cull cow revenue, call DFA Risk Management to discuss setting a price floor with Livestock Risk Protection (LRP) insurance.

The October Milk Production report showed milk production up 3.7% from a year ago – continuing the trend of strong growth, which is expected to continue. The U.S. milking herd is at the highest level since 1993, supporting production growth, though the last report was the first of this year to not show a herd increase. Strong beef-on-dairy calf revenue may slow herd reductions typically seen during periods of lower milk prices, though some regional conditions may result in higher cull rates. If dairy cow slaughter picks up in the next few months, we could see a decrease in milk production, supporting milk prices.

## Daily U.S. Milk Production



Looking ahead, the delayed release of USDA reports, future culling patterns, rising global milk production, and policies affecting beef and dairy prices could all impact milk prices and profitability. Current CME Class III and Class IV milk price futures for 2026 are around \$17 and \$14 per hundredweight, respectively. In the current climate of lower milk prices, protecting a profitable margin has become increasingly important. Using risk management programs can help reduce the volatility in your milk check and ensure profitability for your operation.

One common program is Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC), a national program that protects the All-Milk price minus a national feed price margin. For 2025, there haven't yet been any payments from this program, but price pressure could trigger payouts for November and December. DMC enrollment for 2026 has

not opened yet, but the passing of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act has increased the pounds you can enroll in Tier 1 coverage to 6 million pounds annually, up from 5 million. No matter your dairy's size, and no matter what payout projections look like right now, the \$9.50 coverage option should be your go-to, always in, risk management program. For most of the years this program has been around, DMC has paid out more than the 15 cents per hundredweight cost. Once enrollment for 2026 opens, you can get signed up through your local FSA office.

Another risk management tool is Dairy Revenue Protection (Dairy-RP), which is a government subsidized crop insurance program that allows you to place a floor on your milk revenue. If actual milk revenue falls below your guaranteed level, you will receive an indemnity, but if prices rally above your guaranteed level, you will still benefit from the higher price, net of your premium. Coverage can be obtained quarterly up to 15 days in advance of the selected time frame.

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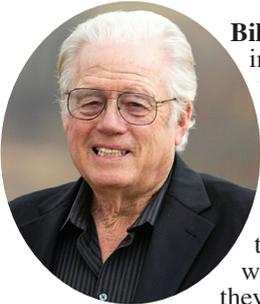
# MISSOURI NEWS



**John H. Hanafin**, of Clever, MO, passed away peacefully at his home on October 22, 2025. John was born on October 14, 1946, in Springfield, MO, to Kenneth and Exie (Roy) Hanafin and was one of three children in the home.

John graduated from Clever High School with the class of 1964, and went on to attend the University of Missouri with an Educational Specialist degree and went on to teach Agriculture at both the middle and high school levels in Clever, Hurley and Galena for over twenty years. On August 14, 1971, he married Kim Kemp, and together they shared 52 amazing years before her passing in 2023. John and Kim were blessed with three children, Johnna, Sarah and Jason. John's love for agriculture carried on to his own farm, which he enjoyed overseeing till the day he passed. John was very active in the Holstein Association and enjoyed going to all the area dairy cattle shows. John was the kind of person who took care of everyone ahead of himself. He was a loving Papa who loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He also enjoyed traveling, having gone to Ireland, yearly family trips to Florida to see the ocean he loved dearly, as well as trips to various locations that his son, who was in the Air Force, was stationed, Washington D.C, Wyoming and Guam just to name a few. He is preceded in death by his parents and his loving wife of 52 years, Kim.

John is survived by his children; Johnna Connors, Sarah (Jason) Justice and Jason (Stacy) Hanafin, grandchildren Jacob Hanafin, Bailee Justice, Alex Connors, Cristian Connors, Jaden Hanafin, Samantha Justice, Jarod Hanafin, Jayme Hanafin and Amelia Justice, brother Jim (Donna) Hanafin, sister Judy (Doug) Forgey, a very special cousin, Larry (Jodi) Wright as well as other extended family and countless friends.



**Billy Lee Clouse**, of Mansfield, was born at home, in Douglas County, Missouri, on June 20, 1941, to George and Laurel (Wallace) Clouse. He departed this life November 15, 2025, from injuries sustained in a traffic accident near his home at the age of 84 years.

Billy grew up on the family dairy farm, near the Bryant community in Douglas County, where, together with his siblings and mother, they were responsible for keeping the farm going while George was often gone preaching as he was in full-time evangelistic work. As a young boy, Billy attended Oak Grove School near the current Roadside Park in Douglas County. While attending Mt. Zion, Billy met and fell in love with Dorothy Jean Jackson. They were high school sweethearts who graduated together in 1959. In 1961, after high school graduation, Billy had purchased land near Mansfield, Missouri, with plans to take his twenty Holstein cows there to start a dairy farm. It took from May until August for the farmhouse to become available to move into, so sometime around 9:00 PM on August 3, 1961, after Billy milked the cows, the couple met at Brush Arbor Church for a simple wedding ceremony. Their honeymoon was spent back on the farm, where they lived together for over 60 years until Dorothy's passing from an extended battle with cancer.

To this union, four children were born. Running a dairy farm does not leave a lot of time for family vacations, but there were some memorable trips to the Great Smokey Mountains and Yellowstone. Later, after things slowed down some, Billy and Dorothy enjoyed vacations with their dear cousins Roy and Sue Clouse.

In later years, Billy would say that farming was the only job he had ever had, when in fact he often had several jobs at one time to supplement the farm. He ran a milk route, hauled hay and fertilizer, and was a distributor for Pro-Lix liquid feed. He sold hundreds of Holstein herd bulls in various areas, including Webster, Wright, and Douglas counties. Our lives were forever changed when Billy and Gina were involved in an unexpected traffic accident, where one second Billy was with us, and the next he was in the very presence of Jesus. It is a miracle that Gina survived, and we are forever thankful for all the details that God worked out that day.

Memorial contributions can be made on behalf of the family to The Gideons International or Mount Zion Bible School.



Our beloved parents **Dale L. Spencer**, 88, and **Betty J. Spencer**, 88, passed on from this life on November 30, 2025. Their love story spanned seven decades, so it is only fitting they left this world together.

Dale was born October 1, 1937 in Reeds, Missouri to Basil Lewis and Christine May Spencer. Betty was born November 11, 1937 in Reeds, Missouri to Cecil Harley and Violet Belle Henry. Dale and Betty attended Sarcoxie High School where they became high school sweethearts, graduating in 1955. Dale liked to say that Betty graduated at the top of the class and he brought up the bottom. After high school, Betty worked at Chapman and Folmers in Avilla for a year before she and Dale married on June 30, 1956. Dale served in the National Guard for several years until their children came along. They moved to the Stotts City farm in 1958 where they lived for the rest of their lives.

Dale and Betty owned a family dairy operation and built a grade A dairy barn on the farm in 1966. They maintained a 100% registered Holstein herd. Dale milked and took care of the hay and crops while Betty handled the bookkeeping, registrations, and all the other paperwork for the farm. To their union four children were born: Kelly Dale in 1958, Kristi Belle in 1960, Karla Jo in 1963 and Kyle Lewis in 1966. After Kyle went off to college, Betty began working at Wal-Mart in Monett in the sporting goods and automotive department, working there for more than 20 years. Upon retiring from the dairy, Dale and Kelly began doing custom farm work together. Having a bit more free time, they began getting involved in tractor pulling, a hobby they both enjoyed. Dale was a member of the Spring River Tractor Pulling Association for many years. Betty enjoyed attending the tractor pulls and videoing as many as she could for Dale and others to watch during the off season. Dale and Betty also enjoyed RV traveling for many years, often taking their grandchildren. They visited many state and national parks across the United States. Spending time with their grandchildren, and more recently their great-grandchildren, was one of their great joys in life.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents; son Kelly Spencer; and brothers Parker and Russell Spencer. Betty was preceded in death by her parents; son Kelly Spencer; brother Leon Henry; and sister Charlotte Jones. They are dearly missed by daughters Kristi Blevins (Roger) and Karla Deaver (Ken), both of Stotts City; and son Kyle (Lisa) of Kansas City; seven grandchildren: Heather (Hiep) Nguyen; Lacy (Randy) Walters; Morgan (Tyler) Sekula; Casey Blevins, Cory Blevins, Westin Spencer and Addison Spencer; and five great-grandchildren; Brooks and Brecken Wonder, Maddux and Maverick Walters and Poppy Nguyen. Betty is also survived by brother Ray Henry; sisters Kay Dunn and Donna Parker. Dale and Betty are also survived by many special nieces and nephews and were very fond of their extended family.

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Midwest Dairy focuses on key moments to promote dairy to consumers, layering multiple approaches to drive sales and build trust in the marketplace. One highlight in 2025 has been the “Back to Sports” season, which focuses on bringing dairy to tailgates across our 10-state region. By working with retail partners to deliver messages on multiple channels, we ensure that dairy’s story is seen and heard wherever people shop.

We know that consumers have a strong interest in the dairy category, with almost 97% of households purchasing cheese, making it a natural fit for game-day favorites. Must-have dairy products for a tailgate include classics like chips and queso dip, cheese for burgers, wings with buttermilk ranch dip, and of course, meat, cheese, and cracker trays.

To encourage shoppers to add these products to their game-day grocery lists, Midwest Dairy is partnering with retailers to deliver inspiration through multiple touchpoints. In-store signage and videos, shoppable digital ads, themed promotions, social media campaigns, and recipe content are all designed to help families and fans create the ultimate tailgate spread.

Throughout the fall, Midwest Dairy is teaming up with top grocery partners across our 10-state region, including Hy-Vee, Cub Foods, Fareway, and Price Chopper, to make dairy the star of tailgating displays and weekly specials. Online activations extend that reach even further through platforms like Chicory and Instacart, where digital banners, recipe integrations, and “Add to Cart” ads help shoppers bring dairy home with just one click.

These checkoff efforts emphasize flexibility and reach, ensuring that dairy remains present both digitally and in stores and is seasonally relevant. Each partnership features strong, consistent creative designed to connect with consumers’ passion for football, food, and community. Dairy-forward messages like “Get in the Game with Dairy,” “Team Up with Dairy,” “Create the Ultimate Game Day Spread,” and “Long Live Fall” remind shoppers that dairy belongs at every gathering, from the tailgate lot to the living-room couch. These themes not only drive purchase intent but also position dairy as fresh, local, and nutritious, qualities that resonate with today’s consumers seeking both flavor and function.

Beyond the eye-catching creative, Midwest Dairy’s retail team helps stores stay ahead of consumer trends by sharing category insights and seasonal data on shopper behavior. This collaboration helps retailers plan displays and digital content that maximize sales while keeping dairy front and center in meal planning conversations. It’s a win-win! Consumers find relevant meal ideas, retailers see increased traffic and basket size, and farmers benefit from stronger category growth.

Midwest Dairy is dedicated to listening to consumers and bringing dairy to life at the retail level to increase usage of dairy for the benefit of dairy farmers. Our objective is to grow the dairy category and support retail initiatives to



increase consumer demand. Midwest Dairy capitalizes on key moments of the year, such as tailgating, to showcase dairy products in unique and exciting ways to connect with consumers and drive incremental sales.

As fans fire up their grills and gather for game days, Midwest Dairy is ensuring dairy is in every cooler, cart, and conversation. These efforts demonstrate the power of checkoff dollars at work. Driving consideration, awareness, and ultimately conversion to sales during these key time periods is a touchdown for dairy! As a result of these promotions, we aim to see dairy in every in-store and digital cart and in the hands of loyal fans at every tailgate. Highlighting dairy as a fresh, local, and nutritious choice fuels fans and builds long-term demand that supports farm families across the Midwest.

As you shop this fall, look for “Team Up with Dairy” signage at your local grocery store, explore tailgate recipes online, and share the excitement with family and friends. Every block of cheese, carton of milk, and tub of sour cream helps support the hardworking dairy farmers across the Midwest.

To learn more about how Midwest Dairy drives trust and sales through programs like these, visit [MidwestDairy.com](http://MidwestDairy.com)—and make dairy the MVP of your next tailgate.

## Dairy Farmer Resources

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# Missouri 4-H

Missouri's 4-H dairy judging team had a successful first contest, participating in the Dr. George Heersche Jr NAILE Invitational Dairy Judging Contest in Louisville, KY. Team members Lexi Angelo, Carissa Simagna, and Colton Kleiboeker judged in the contest, while future teammate Jesse Davis judged ringside. The team is coached by Karla Deaver. Results from the contest are as follows:

- \* 4th place overall team out of 20 (tied for 3rd but lost to Wisconsin on a tiebreaker)
- \* 2nd high team Jerseys
- \* 3rd high team Brown Swiss
- \* 5th High team Holsteins
- \* 5th High team Oral Reasons

### Individually:

- \* Lexi Angelo 4th high individual overall
- \* Colton Kleiboeker 7th high individual overall
- \* Lexi 6th in Ayrshires and 9th in oral reasons
- \* Colton 8th in Brown Swiss and 10th in Holsteins
- \* Carissa Simagna 5th in Jerseys



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## Bovine Theileriosis

By this point, many of you have probably heard of “that new tick disease” affecting cattle in Missouri. Some of you may have even experienced its harmful effects. For those that have experienced it, you have my sympathies. To those that haven’t, the next few paragraphs may be a bit terrifying, but hopefully you can gain some knowledge on how to control its spread and maybe even save a cow in the event your herd is unfortunate enough to contract this disease.

*Theileria orientalis*, specifically the Ikeda genotype, is a protozoal organism that is relatively new to the United States. The first reported case was discovered on the east coast in the mid-2000’s and has since spread westward. The first reported case in Missouri was in 2023, and all regions of the state have reported cases. The organism is transmitted by ticks feeding on infected animals then feeding on naïve cattle. Once infected the ticks will transmit the organism vertically to their offspring and thus repeating the life cycle. The primary carrier of the organism is the Asian Longhorned Tick, however other insect vectors such as lice, mosquitos, flies and other tick species have been, at least loosely, linked to the organism’s spread. *Theileria* can also be spread via blood contaminated needles and other tools routinely used in cattle processing. The efficiency of mechanical *Theileria* transmission does not appear to be as effective as that of anaplasmosis. Vertical transmission, from dam to calf in utero, is possible, however the impact is unknown at this time.

*Theileria* is an intracellular parasite infecting the red blood cells of cattle. The immune system then recognizes the infected cells and attempts to eliminate them, leading to anemia. Severity of disease is related to severity of anemia. Clinically affected animals may exhibit depression with pale mucus membranes in mild cases to severe depression, jaundice and weakness or the inability to stand in severe cases. Literature reports only an average of a 5% death loss in affected animals. In my clinical experience death loss is often greater than 5%, 25% of clinically affected animals seems more in line. Additionally, cows may fail to conceive during the breeding season and pregnant animals may abort after pregnancy diagnosis. I personally have heard of abortion rates as high as 90% in groups of heifers that became infected after pregnancy diagnosis. I have personally seen beef herds with as low as 30% conception rate following natural service over a 90-day breeding season. Little is reported about the effects of *Theileria* infection on bulls, but it can be assumed that infection can lead to infertility as well as the unwillingness to breed due to weakness from anemia.

Clinical signs in cattle are very similar to those of anaplasmosis. There may be a few differentiating factors between the two diseases, however. Cattle of any age can show clinical signs when infected with *Theileria*. Anaplasmosis tends to affect middle aged to older animals. Abortion is also more commonly reported with *Theileria*. Additionally, animals tend not to be as aggressive as with anaplasmosis infections. Post-mortem exam will appear very similar, but splenic enlargement does not tend to be as severe in cases of *Theileria*. Co-infections with both organisms has been common in my experience though, which makes sense as transmission routes are similar.

Diagnosis cannot be made on clinical signs or post-mortem examination alone. Veterinarians may be able to visualize the organism on blood smears under a microscope, but these findings are not specific. Laboratory testing via PCR on unclotted blood or spleen tissue is the gold standard of diagnosis.

Now that we have gone through a lot of clinical signs and transmission routes it’s time to get down what everyone wants to know. How do we treat sick animals? And how do we prevent infection to begin with?

Unfortunately, I don’t have great news on the treatment front. There are no approved treatments for *Theileria* in the United States. Other countries do have approved treatments, but it does not appear that the FDA will allow emergency use approval for these compounds at this time. At this point, supportive care is our only option. Many veterinarians have recommended treatment with oxytetracycline (OTC) like LA200 or LA 300. Success has been variable at best as OTC is an antibiotic with limited activity against protozoal organisms. As mentioned above, co-infection with anaplasmosis has been common and treatment success with OTC is likely due to improved health from treating those infections. Other ancillary treatments aimed at reducing anemia and inflammation have been variably successful as well. It seems that my most successful outcomes have used a combination of OTC, iron dextran and b vitamins to combat anemia, dexamethasone if not pregnant or in short enough gestation to (if not pregnant) to reduce immune response and Ferraplease to reduce stress as much as possible. Reduction of stress is of the utmost concern. Infected animals are under a tremendous amount of stress. Limit handling to only essential tasks and if you must handle them, use low stress handling procedures as much as possible. Don’t forget about nutritional stress. When animals are sick, they will often go off feed. But, the body must be able to take those essential nutrients in to appropriately respond to infections and the increased needs of the immune system. Provide clean, fresh water as well. Not all cases I treated have survived, but this has worked for several animals in my practice. The best resource will always be your local veterinarian when it comes to treatments that work best for your area and any potential extra-label use of medications to treat disease.

Prevention of infection is the cornerstone of controlling this disease. Since ticks and other biting insects are the primary vectors for spreading *Theileria*, using appropriate insecticides is invaluable in reducing the chances of infection. Use products with an acaricidal activity, while also paying attention to labels for the class of cattle you are treating. Do not accidentally get a hot tank by not properly reading the label.

Although there are no vaccines currently available against *Theileria*, Medgene, a prescription platform vaccine company, does have a vaccine that purportedly helps reduce tick populations over time. This vaccine essentially works to destroy the gut lining of the tick when it encounters antibodies in the host’s blood stream post vaccination. Medgene launched the vaccine in the spring of 2025, so long term results are not known at this time. The vaccine does appear to be safe and can be used in all stages of pregnancy. As a prescription platform vaccine, your veterinarian must sign off on its use, and they will be a wealth of knowledge when it comes to whether the vaccine will be a good fit for your operation or not.

If you have made it this far, I want to thank you for sticking it out with me. This is a ton of information, and it only scratches the surface of what seems to be an ever-changing disease we know precious little about. Hopefully 2026 will bring some new treatment regimen or control measures we can implement that will eliminate this scourge.

Thanks for reading.  
John D. Tyra, DVM

*“The farmer has to be an optimist or he wouldn’t still be a farmer.” – Will Rogers*



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