

The Mi Farm Brief #002

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For Sheridan Skala - Owatonna, Minnesota (Steele County, family farm heritage)

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From the Editor's Desk

The Brief is filed at 9:30 AM Central today, not 5:00 AM. The inaugural Brief #001 went out last night under hand-curation; the production cron that runs this Brief automatically at 5:00 AM Central was not yet wired. That cron goes live this morning - Brief #003 lands on your phone Tuesday June 2 at 5:00:00 AM Central, automatic, every working morning thereafter. Tonight's miss is on Stub. The next one is the machine's job. - Mark and Stub

- Stub

Weather - Owatonna, MN

Today: High **80F**. Mostly Sunny.

Tonight: Low **54F**. Partly Cloudy.

What this means for today: Mostly sunny. High near 80, with temperatures falling to around 77 in the afternoon. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Source: NOAA National Weather Service point forecast for Owatonna, MN, pulled this morning.

Markets - CBOT settle (close of last trading session)

- **Corn (Jul 2026):** \$4.4425 per bushel (0.0000)
- **Corn (Dec 2026):** \$4.7300 per bushel (0.0000)
- **Soy (Jul 2026):** \$11.8925 per bushel (0.0000)
- **Soy (Nov 2026):** \$11.9500 per bushel (0.0000)
- **Wheat (Jul 2026):** \$6.1575 per bushel (0.0000)

Source: Chicago Board of Trade via yfinance public quote.

Decision Delivered

DO THIS TODAY: Markets are open. Spring side-dress nitrogen window remains open through mostly sunny. If you have N to apply on corn now at V5 to V8 stage, today's 80F window is your work day. Tomorrow's tonight low drops to 54F - cool nights help corn build root mass. Source: NOAA point forecast + Iowa State University Extension agronomy guidelines for nitrogen timing.

Farm context: Skala Farm - Steele County demo (synthetic data bed; family heritage acres are the reference point). Real intake replaces the synthetic figures the moment you send your farm shape, acreage by field, and bin inventory.

The Coffee Shop

Stub's Joke of the Day

A farmer at the diner ordered two cups of coffee. The waitress said, "Two? Expecting company?" The farmer said, "No, the second one is for the optimist inside me. I'm trying to drown him."

Today in Farm History - AAA of 1933

In May 1933, President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Agricultural Adjustment Act (AAA) into law. It paid farmers to take acres out of production during the Great Depression - controversial because it meant plowing under crops and slaughtering livestock while people were hungry. The price effect: Iowa average corn rose from \$0.31 per bushel in 1932 to \$0.81 by 1937. Source: USDA Economic Research Service historical price series.

Stub's Quiz

When the AAA was passed in 1933, what was Iowa's average corn price per bushel?

- (a) \$0.10
- (b) \$0.31
- (c) \$1.20
- (d) \$2.50

Answer at the bottom of the Brief.

The Mi Farm AI Desk

Cal "Stub" Henderson, Editor in Chief

Stub, signing off.

Quiz Answer

(b) \$0.31 per bushel. After the AAA programs lifted prices, by 1937 the Iowa average was \$0.81 - 161% higher in five years. The 2024 Iowa average corn cash price was around \$4.20. Source: USDA NASS Iowa cash-price historical series.

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