

The Mi Farm Brief #003

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For Kent Harfmann - Mantorville Township, Dodge County, Minnesota

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Weather - Mantorville, MN

Today: High **77F**. Mostly Sunny.

Tonight: Low **52F**. Mostly Clear.

What this means for today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. East wind around 8 mph.

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

Markets - CBOT settle (close of last trading session)

- **Corn (Jul 2026):** \$4.4375 per bushel (0.0000)
- **Corn (Dec 2026):** \$4.7275 per bushel (0.0000)
- **Soy (Jul 2026):** \$11.8875 per bushel (0.0000)
- **Soy (Nov 2026):** \$11.9450 per bushel (0.0000)
- **Wheat (Jul 2026):** \$6.1650 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 77F window is your work day. Tomorrow's tonight low drops to 52F - cool nights help corn build root mass. Source: NOAA point forecast + Iowa State University Extension agronomy guidelines for nitrogen timing.

Farm context: Harfmann Farm - 60 acres of hay, owner-operated since 1992 (real intake on file).

The Coffee Shop

Stub's Joke of the Day

Why did the soybean refuse to argue with the corn? It was tired of getting stalked.

Today in Farm History - First Iowa tractor 1892

In 1892, John Froelich of Clayton County, Iowa, built the first gasoline-powered tractor that could move both forward and backward and pull a thresher. He sold it to himself for the 1892 South Dakota harvest. The Froelich design became the Waterloo Boy, which Deere bought in 1918. Source: Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

Stub's Quiz

John Froelich's 1892 invention - the gasoline tractor that became the Waterloo Boy - was eventually bought by which company in 1918?

- (a) Massey Ferguson
- (b) John Deere
- (c) International Harvester
- (d) Caterpillar

Answer at the bottom of the Brief.

The Mi Farm AI Desk

Cal "Stub" Henderson, Editor in Chief

Stub, signing off.

Quiz Answer

(b) John Deere. Deere acquired the Waterloo Boy Tractor Company in 1918, which is how the Deere green-and-yellow brand became synonymous with the row-crop tractor. The original Froelich tractor is in the Smithsonian. Source: Deere & Company corporate history.

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