

The Mi Farm Brief #005

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For Nate Meixell - Lake Crystal, Minnesota (Blue Earth County)

Thursday, June 4, 2026. Filed by The Mi Farm AI Desk.

Weather - Lake Crystal, MN

Today: High **82F**. Chance Showers And Thunderstorms.

Tonight: Low **64F**. Chance Showers And Thunderstorms.

What this means for today: A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 7am and 9am, then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms between 9am and 11am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 11am and 1pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy. High near 82, with temperatures falling to around 79 in the afternoon. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.

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

Markets - CBOT settle (close of last trading session)

- **Corn (Jul 2026):** \$4.2700 per bushel (-0.0450)
- **Corn (Dec 2026):** \$4.5525 per bushel (-0.0450)
- **Soy (Jul 2026):** \$11.4725 per bushel (-0.0675)
- **Soy (Nov 2026):** \$11.6175 per bushel (-0.0550)
- **Wheat (Jul 2026):** \$5.8650 per bushel (-0.0075)

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 chance showers and thunderstorms. If you have N to apply on corn now at V5 to V8 stage, today's 82F window is your work day. Tomorrow's tonight low drops to 64F - cool nights help corn build root mass. Source: NOAA point forecast + Iowa State University Extension agronomy guidelines.

Farm context: Meixell Farms - 3,700 acres (1,600 owned + 2,100 rented), corn/soybean rotation, Crystal Valley cooperative (real intake on file)..

From Cal's News Desk

What moved across the wires since yesterday's Brief - sourced, dated, and verifiable. Click through any item to read it straight from the source.

1. Boozman, Thompson Statement on Domestic Detection of New World Screwworm

Source: U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee - Wed Jun 3, 2026 8:00 AM CT - <https://www.agriculture.senate.gov/newsroom/rep/press/release/boozman-thompson-statement-on-domestic-detection-of-new-world-screwworm>

2. Chairman Boozman Leads Oversight Hearing of U.S. Forest Service, Urges Senate Passage of Fix Our Forests Act

Source: U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee - Tue Jun 2, 2026 8:00 AM CT - [<https://www.agriculture.senate.gov/newsroom/rep/press/release/chairman-boozman-leads-oversight-hearing-of-us-forest-service-urges-senate-passage-of-fix-our-forests-act>]

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3. USDA's specialty crop assistance helps some, not all

An economist says USDA's recently announced assistance program for specialty crop producers helps some producers but fails to help others. Economist Danny Munch with the American Farm Bureau Federation says USDA's 1.625 billion dollars for specialty crop assistance is higher t...

Source: Brownfield Ag News - Wed Jun 3, 2026 3:40 PM CT - https://www.brownfieldagnews.com/news/usdas-specialty-crop-assistance-helps-some-not-all/

Cal's Receipt

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- **Weekly Scorecard** (refreshes every Sunday 4:00 PM CT):
<https://matthews-mac-mini.taila7d4e2.ts.net/scorecard/meixell>
- **Monthly Receipt** (refreshes first Monday 7:00 AM CT): <https://matthews-mac-mini.taila7d4e2.ts.net/receipt/meixell>

Signed by The Mi Farm AI Desk (weekly) and the Founder, Mi Farm AI (monthly).

The Coffee Shop

Stub's Joke of the Day

The farmer drove his mother-in-law to town in his pickup. She said, "This is bumpy." He said, "This is honest. The road is bumpy. The pickup is honest about it." She said, "Marketing is wasted on you."

Today in Farm History - First USDA crop insurance pilot 1938

On February 16, 1938, USDA's first federal crop insurance pilot opened for wheat farmers - 165,000 policies sold in the first year. The pilot lost money for 9 of its first 10 years before reforms in the 1980 Federal Crop Insurance Act turned it into the modern Revenue Protection program. Source: USDA Risk Management Agency historical report.

Stub's Quiz

Eli Whitney's 1798 U.S. government contract that pioneered interchangeable parts was for how many muskets?

- (a) 1,000
- (b) 5,000
- (c) 10,000
- (d) 50,000

Answer at the bottom of the Brief.

The Mi Farm AI Desk

Cal "Stub" Halvorsen, Editor in Chief

Stub, signing off.

Quiz Answer

(c) 10,000 muskets. The principle - identical machine-made parts assembled by less-skilled labor - became the foundation of the McCormick reaper factory (1847), the Deere plow works (1855), and every farm-equipment factory since. Source: Smithsonian National Museum of American History; U.S. Patent Office.

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