

The Mi Farm Brief #005

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

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

Weather - Owatonna, MN

Today: High **80F**. Showers And Thunderstorms Likely.

Tonight: Low **62F**. Showers And Thunderstorms Likely.

What this means for today: Showers and thunderstorms likely before 1pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 1pm and 4pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 4pm and 5pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 80. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts less than a tenth of an inch possible.

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

Markets - CBOT settle (close of last trading session)

- **Corn (Jul 2026):** \$4.2700 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 showers and thunderstorms likely. 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 62F - cool nights help corn build root mass. Source: NOAA point forecast + Iowa State University Extension agronomy guidelines.

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.

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>](<https://www.agriculture.senate.gov/newsroom/rep/press/release/chairman-boozman-leads-oversig>)

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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/skala>
- **Monthly Receipt** (refreshes first Monday 7:00 AM CT): <https://matthews-mac-mini.taila7d4e2.ts.net/receipt/skala>

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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