

The Mi Farm Brief #006

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

Friday, June 5, 2026. Filed by The Mi Farm AI Desk.

Weather - Owatonna, MN

Today: High **83F**. Patchy Fog then Chance Showers And Thunderstorms.

Tonight: Low **60F**. Mostly Cloudy.

What this means for today: Patchy fog before 8am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 83. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

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

Markets - CBOT settle (close of last trading session)

- **Corn (Jul 2026):** \$4.2125 per bushel (-0.0325)
- **Corn (Dec 2026):** \$4.4900 per bushel (-0.0275)
- **Soy (Jul 2026):** \$11.2875 per bushel (-0.0075)
- **Soy (Nov 2026):** \$11.4375 per bushel (+0.0225)
- **Wheat (Jul 2026):** \$5.8375 per bushel (+0.0200)

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 patchy fog then chance showers and thunderstorms. If you have N to apply on corn now at V5 to V8 stage, today's 83F window is your work day. Tomorrow's tonight low drops to 60F - 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. New World screwworm detected: What pork producers need to know

Dr. Megan Niederwerder, executive director, Swine Health Information Center, joins us to talk New World screwworm.

Source: National Hog Farmer - Thu Jun 4, 2026 11:15 AM CT - <https://www.nationalhogfarmer.com/livestock-management/new-world-screwworm-detected-what-pork-producers-need-to-know>

3. GT Thompson: NWS detection in Texas not what cattle producers wanted

House Ag Committee Chairman Glenn "GT" Thompson says Wednesday's detection of New World screwworm in southern Texas is not what the cattle industry hoped to see. "But we are prepared to fight this," the chairman said.

Source: Brownfield Ag News - Thu Jun 4, 2026 10:35 AM CT - <https://www.brownfieldagnews.com/news/gt-thompson-nws-detection-in-texas-not-what-cattle-producers-wanted/>

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

A young farmer said his planting app told him when to plant. The old farmer said, "My grandpa's elm tree told me. The app charges more."

Today in Farm History - Lincoln signs Bureau of Agriculture commissioner 1862

On May 15, 1862, the same day he created USDA, Lincoln named Isaac Newton (a Pennsylvania dairy farmer, not the physicist) as the first Commissioner of Agriculture. Newton served until his death in 1867. The role became Secretary of Agriculture and a cabinet seat in 1889. Source: USDA history office.

Stub's Quiz

By 1894, how many pages had the Sears, Roebuck and Company catalog grown to?

- (a) 32 pages
- (b) 120 pages
- (c) 322 pages
- (d) 1,000 pages

Answer at the bottom of the Brief.

The Mi Farm AI Desk

Cal "Stub" Halvorsen, Editor in Chief

Stub, signing off.

Quiz Answer

(c) 322 pages. The catalog became rural America's general store. By 1908 Sears was selling mail-order houses; by 1918, mail-order Allis-Chalmers tractors. Source: Smithsonian National Museum of American History; Sears Archives at Hagley Museum.

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