

The Mi Farm Brief #007

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

Monday, June 8, 2026. Filed by The Mi Farm AI Desk.

Weather - Lake Crystal, MN

Today: High **86F**. Slight Chance Showers And Thunderstorms then Mostly Sunny.

Tonight: Low **66F**. Slight Chance Rain Showers.

What this means for today: A slight chance of rain showers before 7am, then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms between 9am and noon. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%. New rainfall amounts less than a tenth 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):** \$4.1600 per bushel (0.0000)
- **Corn (Dec 2026):** \$4.4550 per bushel (0.0000)
- **Soy (Jul 2026):** \$11.1850 per bushel (0.0000)
- **Soy (Nov 2026):** \$11.3600 per bushel (0.0000)
- **Wheat (Jul 2026):** \$5.8200 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 slight chance showers and thunderstorms then mostly sunny. If you have N to apply on corn now at V5 to V8 stage, today's 86F window is your work day. Tomorrow's tonight low drops to 66F - 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. Secretary Naig Issues Statement on USDA Confirmation of New World Screwworm in Texas

Source: Iowa Department of Agriculture - Sun Jun 7, 2026 11:00 PM CT - <https://www.iowaagriculture.gov/news/new-world-screwworm-texas>

2. This Week in Agribusiness, June 6, 2026

World Pork Expo insights: record exports, farm bill advances, Iowa pseudorabies contained, plus more featured this week.

Source: Farm Progress - Sat Jun 6, 2026 7:00 AM CT - <https://www.farmprogress.com/week-agribusiness/this-week-in-agribusiness-june-6-2026>

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Source: National Hog Farmer - Sat Jun 6, 2026 7:00 AM CT - <https://www.nationalhogfarmer.com/market-news/this-week-in-agribusiness-june-6-2026>

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

A spark from the combine bearing started a small chaff fire. The farmer beat it out with his cap. His wife said, "That's a \$40 cap." He said, "It saved a \$400,000 combine. Best return I had all year."

Today in Farm History - Rural Free Delivery 1896

On October 1, 1896, the U.S. Post Office began Rural Free Delivery (RFD) on five experimental West Virginia routes. By 1902 it served the whole country. RFD meant a farmer could read yesterday's grain prices at his own mailbox instead of riding to town. Source: U.S. Postal Service historical archive; Smithsonian Postal Museum.

Stub's Quiz

Joseph Glidden received the barbed-wire patent in 1874 in which Illinois town?

- (a) Peoria
- (b) Rockford
- (c) DeKalb
- (d) Galesburg

Answer at the bottom of the Brief.

The Mi Farm AI Desk

Cal "Stub" Halvorsen, Editor in Chief

Stub, signing off.

Quiz Answer

(c) DeKalb. Glidden received U.S. Patent No. 157,124 on November 24, 1874. Within ten years the open range was fenced from Iowa to Texas - crop farmers loved it; cattle drovers did not. Source: U.S. Patent Office; Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

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