

The Mi Farm Brief #008

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

Tuesday, June 9, 2026. Filed by The Mi Farm AI Desk.

Weather - Lake Crystal, MN

Today: High **93F**. Mostly Sunny.

Tonight: Low **67F**. Mostly Cloudy.

What this means for today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. Heat index values as high as 97. East southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

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):** \$4.1950 per bushel (+0.0075)
- **Corn (Dec 2026):** \$4.4650 per bushel (+0.0050)
- **Soy (Jul 2026):** \$11.1425 per bushel (-0.0150)
- **Soy (Nov 2026):** \$11.3475 per bushel (-0.0075)
- **Wheat (Jul 2026):** \$5.8425 per bushel (+0.0100)

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 93F window is your work day. Tomorrow's tonight low drops to 67F - 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. Ag Committee Advances Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development Nominee

Source: U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee - Mon Jun 8, 2026 8:00 AM CT - <https://www.agriculture.senate.gov/newsroom/rep/press/release/ag-committee-advances-under-secretary-of-agriculture-for-rural-development-nominee>

2. Secretary Naig Issues Statement on USDA Confirmation of New World Screwworm in Texas

Source: Iowa Department of Agriculture - Mon Jun 8, 2026 11:19 PM CT - <https://www.iowaagriculture.gov/news/new-world-screwworm-texas>

3. Protect your herd against forage shortages

Drought and wildfires cause concern for ranches and farms across the High Plains.

Source: Farm Progress - Mon Jun 8, 2026 2:00 AM CT - <https://www.farmprogress.com/forage/protect-your-herd-against-forage-shortages>

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

Cal's Joke of the Day

Three farmers debated whether it would rain. One said yes. One said no. The third said, "Both. First yes, then no, then yes again, all within an hour." He was right. They bought him coffee.

Today in Farm History - Soil Conservation Service 1933

Hugh Hammond Bennett, the "father of soil conservation," testified before Congress on March 23, 1934, while a Dust Bowl storm darkened the room. Congress passed the Soil Conservation Act the next year. Today's NRCS conservation payments to farmers (EQIP, CSP) trace directly to that hearing. Source: USDA NRCS historical archive.

Cal's Quiz

Between 1945 and 1955, what happened to the U.S. draft-horse population?

- (a) Doubled
- (b) Stayed flat
- (c) Fell 40%
- (d) Fell 80%

Answer at the bottom of the Brief.

The Mi Farm AI Desk

Cal "Corn-Bread" Halvorsen, Editor in Chief

Cal, signing off.

Quiz Answer

(d) Fell 80%. Tractor count more than doubled in the same decade (2.4 million to 4.7 million). The shift cost American agriculture about 4 million labor jobs in ten years. Source: USDA Economic Research Service farm mechanization series.

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