

The Mi Farm Brief #009

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For Mark Matuska - Milford, Iowa (Dickinson County)

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

Weather - Milford, IA

Today: High **92F**. Mostly Sunny.

Tonight: Low **71F**. Showers And Thunderstorms Likely.

What this means for today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. South southeast wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Source: NOAA National Weather Service point forecast for Milford, IA, pulled this morning.

Wall Street - yesterday's close

- **Dow Jones:** 50,872 (+0.2%, +86)
- **S&P; 500:** 7,387 (-0.3%, -19)
- **Nasdaq:** 25,679 (-1.0%, -251)
- **Russell 2000:** 2,867 (+0.4%, +12)

Source: Yahoo Finance daily close.

Markets - CBOT settle (close of last trading session)

- **Corn (Jul 2026):** \$4.2000 per bushel (+0.0125)
- **Corn (Dec 2026):** \$4.4500 per bushel (-0.0100)
- **Soy (Jul 2026):** \$11.1400 per bushel (-0.0175)
- **Soy (Nov 2026):** \$11.3125 per bushel (-0.0425)
- **Wheat (Jul 2026):** \$5.8500 per bushel (+0.0175)
- **Live Cattle (CME):** \$239.70 per cwt (-2.8%)
- **Lean Hogs (CME):** \$94.57 per cwt (+0.6%)

Source: Chicago Board of Trade + CME 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 92F window is your work day. Tomorrow's tonight low drops to 71F - cool nights help corn build root mass. Source: NOAA point forecast + Iowa State University Extension agronomy guidelines.

Farm context: Founder Edition - Milford, Iowa (Dickinson County). Per-farm Decision Delivered ships when Phase 2 has live intake..

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 - Tue Jun 9, 2026 2:00 PM CT - <https://www.iowaagriculture.gov/news/new-world-screwworm-texas>

3. FeedARMOR expands footprint as pork producers seek formaldehyde alternatives

An innovation consultant with McNess says it's been a very successful year for their newest product. Speaking to Brownfield during World Pork Expo in Des Moines last week, Dr.

Source: Brownfield Ag News - Tue Jun 9, 2026 10:47 AM CT - <https://www.brownfieldagnews.com/news/feedarmor-expands-footprint-as-pork-producers-seek-formaldehyde-alternatives/>

Cal's Receipt

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- **Weekly Scorecard** (refreshes every Sunday 4:00 PM CT):
<https://matthews-mac-mini.taila7d4e2.ts.net/scorecard/matuska>
 - **Monthly Receipt** (refreshes first Monday 7:00 AM CT): <https://matthews-mac-mini.taila7d4e2.ts.net/receipt/matuska>
- Signed by The Mi Farm AI Desk (weekly) and the Founder, Mi Farm AI (monthly).

The Coffee Shop

Cal's Joke of the Day

The Oliver 1855 was the only green tractor that wasn't a Deere. The farmer said, "She's a different shade of green." His grandson said, "Why does that matter?" The farmer said, "It matters because the Deere men can't quite tell what to think of her. That's the joke."

Today in Farm History - Minnesota statehood 1858

On May 11, 1858, Minnesota was admitted to the Union as the 32nd state. Wheat, not corn, was its first big crop - and Minneapolis became the flour-milling capital of the world by 1880, with Pillsbury and Washburn-Crosby (later General Mills) leading. Source: Minnesota Historical Society; U.S. Census Bureau.

Cal's Quiz

U.S. wheat prices were \$0.93/bu in 1914. What had they reached by 1917 thanks to WWI European demand?

- (a) \$1.15/bu
- (b) \$1.55/bu
- (c) \$2.18/bu
- (d) \$3.40/bu

Answer at the bottom of the Brief.

The Mi Farm AI Desk

Cal "Corn-Bread" Halvorsen, Editor in Chief

Cal, signing off.

Quiz Answer

(c) \$2.18/bu. Midwest land prices doubled by 1920 - then crashed by 60% in the 1921 depression, the original 'farm bubble.' Source: USDA Economic Research Service historical price series.

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