

The Mi Farm Brief #010

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For Mark Matuska - Milford, Iowa (Dickinson County)

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Weather - Milford, IA

Today: High **91F**. Sunny.

Tonight: Low **72F**. Chance Showers And Thunderstorms.

What this means for today: Sunny. High near 91, with temperatures falling to around 88 in the afternoon. Southwest wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. New rainfall amounts less than a tenth of an inch possible.

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):** \$4.1875 per bushel (0.0000)
- **Corn (Dec 2026):** \$4.4475 per bushel (-0.0125)
- **Soy (Jul 2026):** \$11.1600 per bushel (+0.0025)
- **Soy (Nov 2026):** \$11.3375 per bushel (-0.0175)
- **Wheat (Jul 2026):** \$5.8775 per bushel (+0.0450)
- **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 sunny. If you have N to apply on corn now at V5 to V8 stage, today's 91F window is your work day. Tomorrow's tonight low drops to 72F - 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 8:00 PM CT - <https://www.iowaagriculture.gov/news/new-world-screwworm-texas>

3. Farm Bill stakes extend beyond the farm gate

Creating a farm bill that works for all of agriculture. CEO of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association Colin Woodall says passage of the legislation would bring much-needed certainty to the industry.

Source: Brownfield Ag News - Tue Jun 9, 2026 2:02 PM CT - <https://www.brownfieldagnews.com/news/farm-bill-stakes-extend-beyond-the-farm-gate/>

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

A late frost hit the wife's apple blossoms. She said, "There goes the pies." The farmer said, "There go the pies your kids would have eaten before you could pie them. It evens out." She said, "Almost."

Today in Farm History - DDT released for ag use 1945

In August 1945, the U.S. released DDT for civilian agricultural use following its successful WWII malaria-control deployment. DDT was banned for most U.S. uses in 1972 after Rachel Carson's 1962 Silent Spring, but it bridged the gap between pre-war arsenicals and modern insecticides. Source: USDA Agricultural Research Service pesticide history; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency historical archive.

Cal's Quiz

The boll weevil crossed into Texas around 1892. By 1922 it was destroying about what share of the Southern cotton crop annually?

- (a) One-tenth
- (b) One-fifth
- (c) One-third
- (d) Two-thirds

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) About one-third. The weevil drove the Great Migration of Black farm families north and pushed Southern agriculture toward peanuts (George Washington Carver's work) and soybeans. Source: USDA Agricultural Research Service entomology history.

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