

The Mi Farm Brief #011

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For Mark Matuska - Milford, Iowa (Dickinson County)

Wednesday, June 10, 2026. Filed by The Mi Farm AI Desk.

Weather - Milford, IA

Today: High **88F**. Chance Showers And Thunderstorms then Mostly Sunny.

Tonight: Low **59F**. Mostly Clear then Slight Chance Rain Showers.

What this means for today: A chance of showers and thunderstorms before noon. Mostly sunny. High near 88, with temperatures falling to around 85 in the afternoon. Southwest wind 15 to 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.

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

Wall Street - yesterday's close

- **Dow Jones:** nan (nan%, nan)
- **S&P; 500:** nan (nan%, nan)
- **Nasdaq:** nan (nan%, nan)
- **Russell 2000:** 2,855 (+0.8%, +22)

Source: Yahoo Finance daily close.

Markets - CBOT settle (close of last trading session)

- **Corn (Jul 2026):** \$4.2300 per bushel (+0.0350)
- **Corn (Dec 2026):** \$4.4925 per bushel (+0.0400)
- **Soy (Jul 2026):** \$11.1825 per bushel (+0.0450)
- **Soy (Nov 2026):** \$11.3550 per bushel (+0.0350)
- **Wheat (Jul 2026):** \$5.9450 per bushel (+0.0925)
- **Live Cattle (CME):** \$248.02 per cwt (+0.6%)
- **Lean Hogs (CME):** \$93.57 per cwt (-0.5%)

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 chance showers and thunderstorms then mostly sunny. If you have N to apply on corn now at V5 to V8 stage, today's 88F window is your work day. Tomorrow's tonight low drops to 59F - 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 - Wed Jun 10, 2026 5:00 AM CT - <https://www.iowaagriculture.gov/news/new-world-screwworm-texas>

3. Frost devastates U.S. tart cherry crop, industry at risk

A nationwide spring frost slashed Michigan's crop to 50 million pounds from the typical 200 million. Processors are fearing permanent market loss.

Source: Farm Progress - Wed Jun 10, 2026 2:00 AM CT - <https://www.farmprogress.com/fruit/frost-devastates-u-s-tart-cherry-crop-industry-at-risk>

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 new farmer spilled coffee on the diner counter. The waitress said, "Don't worry." He said, "I'm not worried. I'm embarrassed." She said, "You'll fit in fine."

Today in Farm History - John Deere born 1804

On February 7, 1804, John Deere was born in Rutland, Vermont. He moved to Grand Detour, Illinois in 1836 and in 1837 built the first commercially successful self-scouring steel plow - the one that finally cut prairie sod without clogging. By 1855 his shop in Moline was making 10,000 plows a year. Source: Smithsonian National Museum of American History; Deere & Company archives.

Cal's Quiz

USDA's first federal crop insurance pilot in 1938 sold how many policies in year one?

- (a) 1,650
- (b) 16,500
- (c) 165,000
- (d) 1.65 million

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) 165,000 wheat policies. The pilot lost money for 9 of its first 10 years before reforms in the 1980 Federal Crop Insurance Act turned it into the modern Revenue Protection program. Source: USDA Risk Management Agency historical report.

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