

The Mi Farm Brief #014

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For Mark Matuska - Milford, Iowa (Dickinson County)

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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:** 50,786 (-0.2%, -81)
- **S&P; 500:** 7,406 (+0.3%, +22)
- **Nasdaq:** 25,930 (+0.9%, +220)
- **Russell 2000:** 2,855 (+0.8%, +22)

Today's Futures - 5:00 AM CT

- **Corn (Jul 2026):** \$4.2350 per bushel (+0.0400)
- **Corn (Dec 2026):** \$4.4975 per bushel (+0.0450)
- **Soy (Jul 2026):** \$11.2075 per bushel (+0.0700)
- **Soy (Nov 2026):** \$11.3725 per bushel (+0.0525)
- **Wheat (Jul 2026):** \$5.9700 per bushel (+0.1175)
- **Live Cattle (CME):** \$248.02 per cwt (+0.6%)
- **Lean Hogs (CME):** \$93.57 per cwt (-0.5%)

Source: Chicago Board of Trade.

Decision Delivered

Your decisions for today and the week ahead:

- Crop insurance: Acreage reporting deadline - 2026-06-30 (\$2,360,640)
- Price 15,000 bu soybeans via HTA to ADM Mankato at \$11.19
- LOC at 80% drawn (\$1,200,000) - reduce before spring inputs
- Evaluate trade on Case IH Magnum 340 (2020) - 6 years old, Section 179 opportunity (\$25,440)

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

[Read the full article](#) - U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee, Mon Jun 8, 2026 8:00 AM CT

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

[Read the full article](#) - Iowa Department of Agriculture, Wed Jun 10, 2026 5:00 AM CT

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.

[Read the full article](#) - Farm Progress, Wed Jun 10, 2026 2:00 AM CT

Cal's Receipt

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- [Open your Weekly Scorecard](#) - refreshes every Sunday 4:00 PM CT
- [Open your Monthly Receipt](#) - refreshes first Monday 7:00 AM CT

The Coffee Shop

Today in Farm History - Iowa corn yields 1933

In 1933, the average Iowa corn yield was approximately 36 bushels per acre. By 2024 the Iowa average was 205 bushels per acre - 5.7 times higher on the same ground. Hybrid corn (which rolled out 1933 through 1955) is the single biggest reason. Source: USDA NASS Iowa corn yield historical series.

Cal's Quiz

John Froelich's 1892 gasoline tractor became the Waterloo Boy. Which company bought Waterloo Boy in 1918?

- (a) Massey Ferguson
- (b) John Deere
- (c) International Harvester
- (d) Caterpillar

Answer at the bottom of the Brief.

Cal's Joke of the Day

Two farmers argued about cultivator depth at the diner. One said three inches. One said four. The waitress poured more coffee. The argument lasted an hour. The corn didn't care, again.

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Quiz Answer

(b) John Deere. Deere acquired the Waterloo Boy Tractor Company in 1918, which is how the Deere green-and-yellow brand became synonymous with the row-crop tractor. The original Froelich tractor is in the Smithsonian. Source: Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

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