

# TheLife

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*by NuTech Seed*



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TO OUR READERS



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## WE'RE GREETING THE SPRING WITH OPTIMISM. WE HOPE YOU ARE, TOO.

There is more excitement and optimism for this year's spring season than there has been in some time. Grain stockpiles are shrinking and we are looking at market pricing opportunities that haven't been seen in almost a decade. In a business where we eat, sleep and breathe business cycles (and sometimes, adversity), this change is welcome and deserved.

Now it's time for all of us in ag to get to work at what we do best: Utilizing expertise for maximizing profitable production and reinvesting in our people and our businesses. As the sun warms the soil and we make our last-minute preparations, now it's time to execute – to make things grow, nurture our crops to thrive and create those fields of green we'll be admiring this summer.

But while the race is on to get seed into the ground, it needs to be done just right. Whatever decisions we make today, we'll be living with them all season. As viable and strong as a kernel of seed is, it pays dividends when we take that extra care and attention during planting.

Of course, with spring, there's always the unknown: Will it turn wet and cool? Should we give the ground another day to dry before we plant? Your NuTech team is here to support you in keeping the process rolling and efficient, even when you have to pivot.

As you're out in the field, planting a crop that takes a handful of seeds and turns it into truckloads, think about the magic

of growing a crop. You're creating life, something that you were put here to do. We're among the lucky few that get to experience it.

And when you think of growing this year, remember that it isn't limited to the crops. As technology changes around us, there's a chance to focus on something to improve on your farm every year. We do the same at NuTech, seeking to always offer better products, learn more and grow in our appreciation for our customers and the work we get to do.

As the world changes around us, we also try to remember that agriculture is a constant. The world needs us, and we need them. We choose a path of independence with a foundation of success, enjoyment and family. This passion – one few get to experience – isn't going anywhere.

Thank you for letting NuTech be a part of your 2021 season. Whether you're a long-time customer or just taking a look at us for the first time, we understand it is a privilege to serve you. We will earn your acres and return something more than bushels.

Wishing you all the best as the seed goes into the fields,

**Brad Damery**  
General Manager



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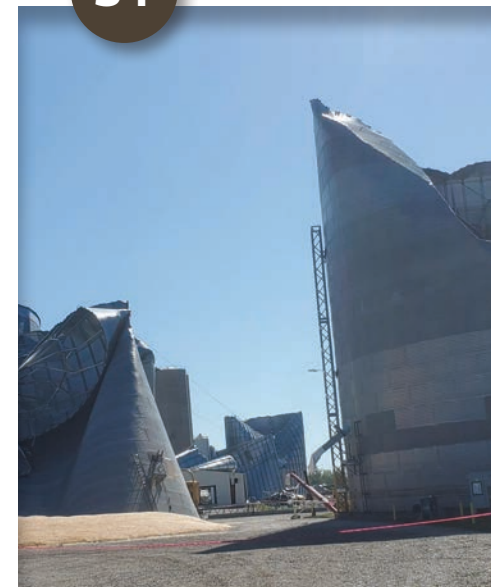
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# What's happening at NuTech this season?



THE WEATHER IS  
WARMING UP AND  
IT'S TIME TO GET  
PLANTING!



## GETTING SEED TO YOU AND HELPING YOU GET IT IN THE GROUND

This time each spring, we're busy finalizing seed deliveries and helping you plan for your plots. We're so excited to help you get new products on your acres. Seed deliveries are almost complete — you've probably already received yours — and we can help you with recommendations for product planting. Your NuTech rep can help you with product placement to make sure you get the right seed on the right acres. Whether you're using one of our exciting new products or planting more acres of top performers like 70A8AM™\*BRAND, our reps can help you plan for maximized yields in 2021.

Our products offer top-performing genetics and advanced crop protection. Some of the new product brands include:

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Contact your NuTech rep to learn more.

## GET READY TO TRAVEL AGAIN

Sonoma Valley  
August 1-6, 2021\*

Things aren't quite back to normal, but our nation is making progress. Enough so that we're planning for one of our favorite pre-COVID activities: a NuTech getaway! We're getting ready to take in the sun, sights and flavors of the beautiful Sonoma Valley this August. Contact your NuTech rep to learn how to qualify for this trip. Space is limited, so get more information today.

\*The Sonoma Valley trip is subject to any travel restrictions due to COVID-19.







# It's springtime on the farm!

Kids and grown-ups alike are just itching to get outside and enjoy life in the field again. These little artists did a great job capturing spring on the farm.



**McKynlie Strottmann**  
Age 8

The field is prepped for planting on a sunny spring day.



**Sawyer Strottmann**  
Age 6

Sawyer shows us a farmer planting seed in nice, neat rows.



**Adalyn Allen**  
Age 3

Adalyn is adding lots of color to her springtime picture of life on the farm.

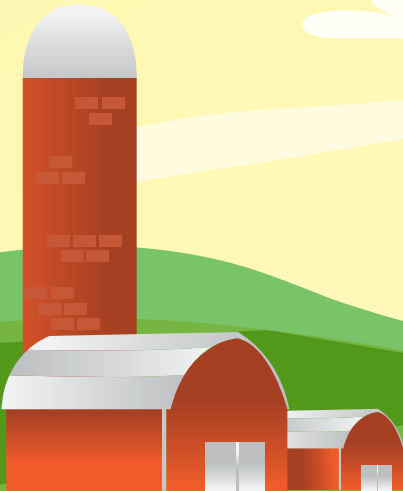
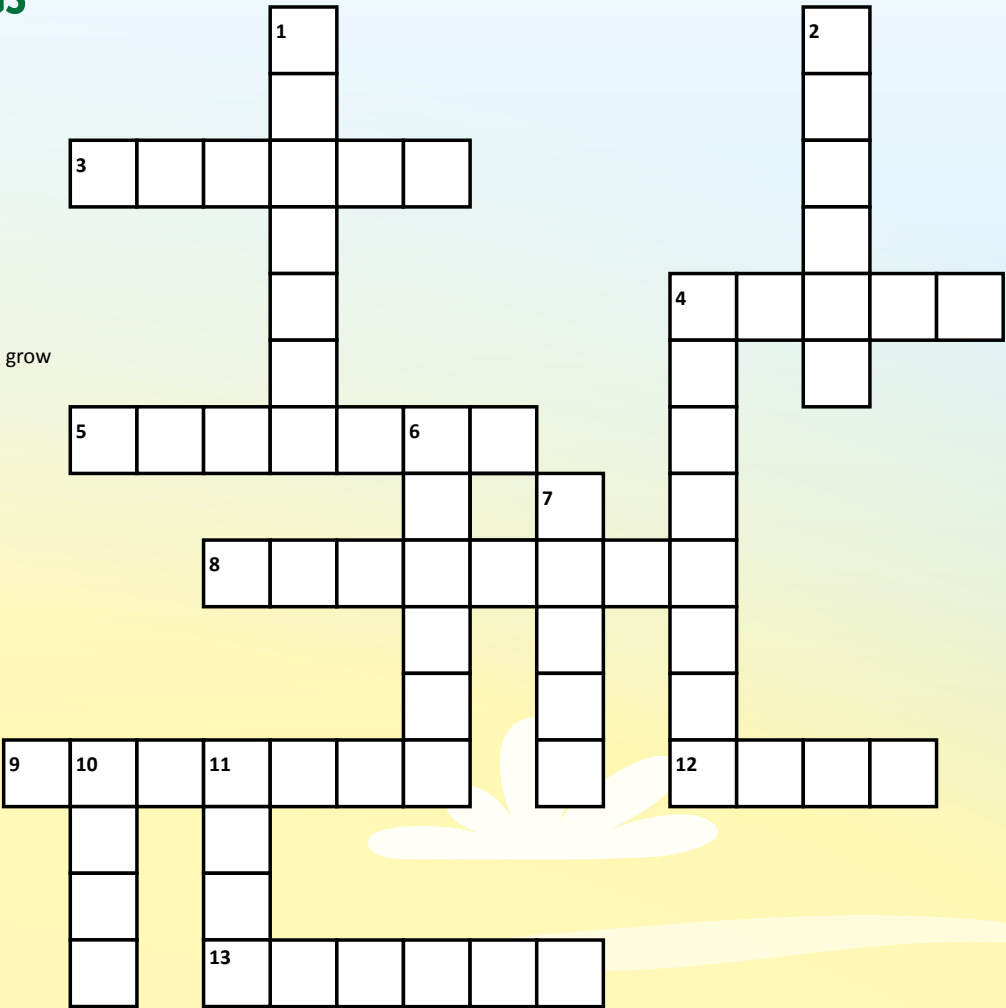
## SOLVE THESE CLUES ABOUT THIS SEASON AND THINGS YOU FIND ON THE FARM.

Down:

- 1. I lay eggs for your breakfast
- 2. Someone who grows crops
- 4. This crop grows in a pod
- 6. The holiday when a bunny visits
- 7. Where the crops grow
- 10. What comes from clouds to help plants grow
- 11. This veggie grows on stalks

Across:

- 3. The season when we plant
- 4. Plants grow from these
- 5. This puts the seed in the rows
- 8. Plants need this light to grow
- 9. You might ride into the field on this
- 12. Where the grain is stored
- 13. A favorite seed company





# Have you seen the corn today?

We try to remind ourselves to ask this question every day. It's a chance to remember why we do what we do, and never forget how lucky we are to be working in agriculture. For this issue, we asked folks across NuTech territory to share what "Have you seen the corn today?" means to them.



On the Albrecht farm, we appreciate the peacefulness that comes with rural farming. We feel proud to fly the Stars and Stripes over our NuTech research plot and are thankful to God for the opportunity to be American farmers.

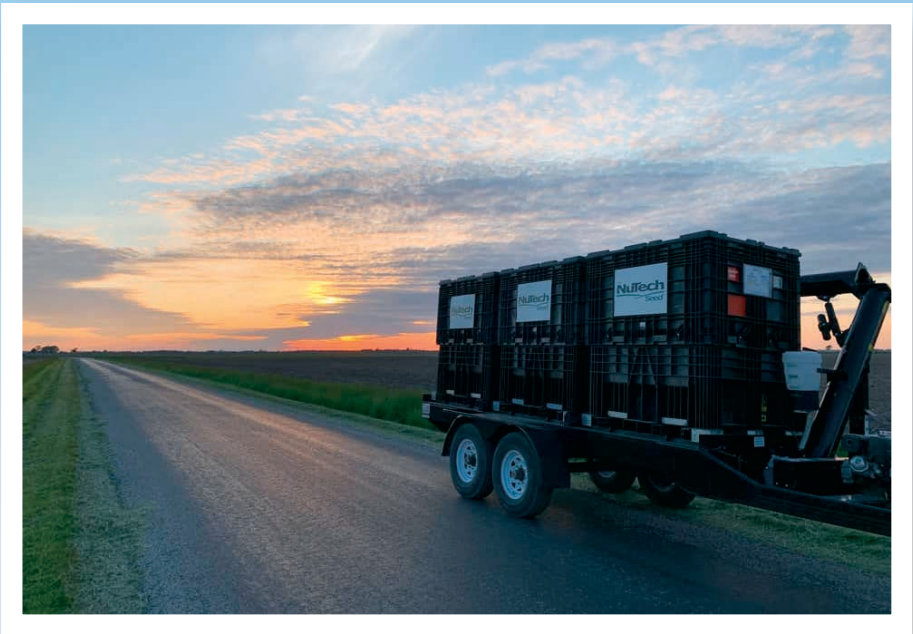
**Christi Vose**  
Tiskilwa, IL

What do I love about living on the farm? Seeing how everyone helps each other. Seeing little ones' eyes light up when they see the big farming equipment, knowing they have a million questions. Getting my hands dirty to have food on my table as well as giving food to others. Is there any other way to look and feel about being a farmer? It's the best life!! This lifestyle offers smiles, love, compassion, determination, hard work and willingness to teach and grow. American farmers are the best. Love my farming life.

**Nikki Grimpo**  
Carrollton, MO

The thing I love most about the rural life is that people are more friendly out here and I wouldn't have it any other way for raising my kids!

**Elliott Scheck**  
Grinnell, IA



On our family farm, we appreciate the beautiful views and the opportunity to grow for the world. No matter where you go, you can always find someone to talk to when it comes to farming, and to be able to say you farm is pretty cool.

**Megan Thornton**  
Litchfield, IL

I appreciate the life my boys get to have and experience. They get to help on the farm with Dad, grandpas and uncles. They'll know what hard work is and reap the benefits.

**Kayla Carpenter**  
Pleasant Hill, IL

When I drive around and see the beautiful fields, whether they be freshly tilled soil or some thriving NuTech corn, I think to myself that I am proud to be an American farmer and wouldn't want it any other way.

**Joey VonBokel**  
Pocahontas, IL



It's a question we ask each other every day at NuTech Seed. We believe it's our privilege to wake up every morning and see the corn—and soybeans and more—and the people who grow them.

Watch for more "Have you seen the corn today?" stories in this magazine and on our social media all year long as we share our appreciation for the farms and farmers we serve.



# Growing our communities

## Profiles of giving back in rural America

**In working with farmers across our region, we'd have to say that the only thing that impresses us more than their work ethic is their generosity. Of course, these aren't folks who like to brag about their good deeds – so we'll do it for them. It's our pleasure to highlight people across NuTech territory who are giving back to keep their communities vibrant and thriving. Look for more stories of giving back in future issues.**



NuTech TSR Jason Meyer has lived in Montezuma, Iowa, his whole life. He loves it there. "Montezuma is full of good people," he said. "It's an extremely supportive and tight-knit community." By way of example, Jason points to the town's support of local high school sports. Although the pandemic has put a damper on attendance, Jason said, typically, "When we go to away games, there's more of us in the away stands than the home team has on their side. We are really proud of our school."

Jason helps make sure the school remains a point of pride. He's been on the school board for eight years and now serves as its vice president. He feels it's an important investment in the future of the community. "The kids in our school are the ones that are hopefully going to take care of us in 20, 30, 40 years," he said.

### ROOTED IN THE COMMUNITY

Jason raises cattle and row crops in Montezuma and is also a seed dealer for NuTech. He's a third-generation farmer but, interestingly, Jason is actually a first-generation American farmer – rather unusual these days. Jason's grandparents, father and aunt all emigrated from Germany around 1950.

Jason hopes to someday have the family tradition continue. His eldest son is a senior at Iowa State University studying ag business and environmental science, and his daughter is a freshman at Upper Iowa University. Jason's youngest son is in fourth grade and helps out on the farm when he's not busy with baseball and video games.

As his kids grew, Jason found he had a little more time to devote to community service. "Your community is kind of like your extended family in my mind," he said. "A lot of the leadership classes I've done have talked about giving back, taking leadership roles in your community, and I've really taken that to heart."

Over the years, Jason has sponsored and coached Little League and served with the county Farm Bureau. But those activities were just a warm-up. Today, in addition to his position on the school board, Jason is chair of the Poweshiek County extension council, supports the local FFA and is working on getting a local chapter of the beef producers board back up and running in the area.

Of these activities, Jason has a special fondness for FFA. "Montezuma FFA is probably one of the best FFA programs in the whole country," Jason said. "We've got a lot of national awards and it's really something to be pretty proud of as a community."

*As part of his role on the local school board in Montezuma, IA, Jason Meyer gets to congratulate new graduates, including his own daughter. The Meyer family is devoted to the community and Jason hopes one day his kids and grandkids will make a home here, too.*



The local FFA has a 15-acre plot, and for the past 10 years, Jason has assisted with planting and harvesting, donating his time, equipment and all the seed. He also works with other local companies to donate fertilizer, chemicals and other inputs so that 100% of the profit from the plot goes back to the FFA chapter for their programming. Jason also welcomes FFA interns and work-study students on his farm. He's mentored some half-a-dozen future farmers so far.

The Meyer family also sponsors an annual FFA scholarship in memory of their daughter Kara, who was tragically killed in a farming accident in 2014. "That's probably one of the biggest things I'm glad we ever did as a family," Jason said. The scholarship honors young Kara's love of the farm and goes to students heading into an ag program. "I try to give out one scholarship for sure each year," Jason said, "But one year, I gave out six scholarships." When the family lost Kara, Jason said, "The community really stepped up and helped us, and it's a way for our family to give back to the community."

### THE REWARDS OF SERVICE

Jason says all his involvement can get a little hectic, but is well worth it. He's made lots of friends through his service, and learned a lot.

"Listening is probably one of the most important things," Jason said, "and using teamwork to come up with solutions slightly different from yours. It's different working with people who live in town, or live out on a lake or aren't farmers. It gives you a different perspective."

Jason feels service on boards is sometimes overlooked as an opportunity, but is vitally important. Boards have a hard time finding people to fill roles, he explained, but these organizations do a lot in communities. "We talk a lot about how to draw people into the community, businesses into the community. We talk about ways to beautify our communities, develop activities to draw people into town," Jason said.

Jason also thinks it's important for people who have had some success to participate in the community. When you have knowledge and experience, you can apply it to help others.

For Jason, it all comes down to leaving things better. "I love my community. I love our school system. I want it to stay viable, so someday my grandkids and great-grandkids can come to Montezuma," he said. "I hope I'm leaving a legacy and don't want it to end with me."



*Jason Meyer is always busy doing something to help his Montezuma, IA, community. Over the years, he has coached and sponsored Little League teams and is especially active in the local FFA chapter, which he proudly calls "one of the best FFA programs in the whole country."*



**Are you passionate about giving back to your community or know someone who is? We'd love to share your story!**

**Connect with us at  
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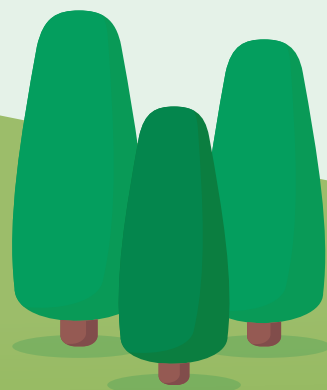




MEET

# Mallory White

*This accomplished young woman is on her way to a career supporting farmers. (Lucky for us!)*



When Mallory White started high school, she thought she wanted to be a dentist. But a family friend who teaches an agriculture class at her Union County, Kentucky, high school had long encouraged her to take his class. He was also the FFA advisor. Taking the class totally changed Mallory's perspective – and trajectory.

Although Mallory had grown up on a multi-generational farm, her idea of working in agriculture was narrow. "I thought of it just as production farming," she said. But she vividly recalled when her eyes were opened to more possibilities. "It was my freshman year, sitting in my agriculture classroom, and then my advisor began explaining different jobs in ag and hearing all these different job opportunities and that farming was more than production: people need to market what's produced, sell products to farmers and more. I remember just sitting there...I had told my mom I wanted to be a dentist! And I realized this industry affects everyone and I could be a part of that."

When Mallory told her family that her interests had changed and maybe one day she might just want to major in agriculture, "My family was surprised and shocked, but very happy," Mallory said. Now, "I could not imagine myself doing anything else."

## DONNING THE ICONIC BLUE JACKET

That same pivotal freshman year, Mallory joined FFA, continuing a long family tradition. Her dad had been a state officer, and her uncles and cousins have been members as well. "I'm following in my family's footsteps. They wore that blue jacket and walked that line."

Mallory's enthusiasm for FFA is infectious. "It truly grows leaders," she said. "It makes its members marketable and gives them important hands-on experiences in and out of agriculture." One of her favorite FFA memories is attending her first convention. "It was one of the biggest highlights of my FFA career," she said. "Seeing the thousands of FFA members in Indianapolis in their blue jackets – we call it 'the sea of blue' – seeing that many young people there to better themselves is breathtaking."

*Proud to wear the blue jacket like her father, uncles and cousins, Mallory was named President of the Kentucky FFA Association for 2020-21.*



*When Mallory decided she wanted to pursue a career in agriculture, "My family was surprised and shocked, but very happy." Mallory is studying agronomy at Murray State University, where she received the prestigious Presidential Fellowship.*

*Mallory poses with her FFA All-Region Star award in 2019. FFA "truly grows leaders," she said.*

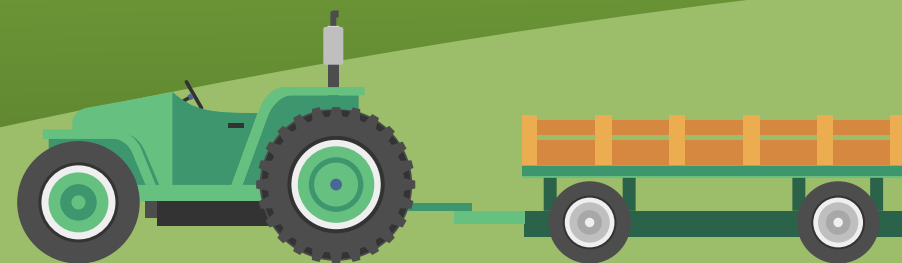


Throughout her high school years, Mallory and her dad had a friendly rivalry as she competed in some of the same areas of FFA he had enjoyed as a young man. When asked if she ever beat him at any of the same competitions, she said, laughing, "Well, I'd say so." In 2020, Mallory was named president of the Kentucky FFA Association. Her father had once been state treasurer. "When I was named president, I looked over at him," Mallory remembered, "And he had to admit it – I had bested him."

## A FUTURE IN FARMING

Mallory's dad farms alongside his three brothers and, now, their sons. "All of my cousins have come back to the farm full time," Mallory said. Mallory's dad is the only one among his brothers to only have daughters: Mallory and her 15-year-old sister, Maggie. While Mallory didn't always see a life in farming in her future, she did all the typical farm chores growing up, moving hay in the summer, feeding cows in the winter. The family farms corn and soybeans and they run a cow/calf operation. When

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Mallory is wrapping up her freshman year at Murray State University, where she's enjoying meeting new people and fellow ag enthusiasts. "I love it a lot," she said.



A farm girl from the start, here Mallory takes in the family farm from her dad's arms.



Although Mallory didn't necessarily imagine a future in farming, she always helped out with farm chores. After college, she plans to become the first woman in the family to return to their farm to work.



she finishes school, Mallory will be the first woman in her family to return to the farm.

A quick look at the Kentucky FFA officers web page shows lots more young women than young men. Does Mallory see a trend? "The ag industry is considered male-dominated, but in FFA we see more of an issue in retaining male members," Mallory explained. "The younger generation seems to be female, although not necessarily in production agriculture," she said, noting that women are interested in many facets of the industry. Mallory sees less stigma around agriculture being a career for men, but sees plenty of opportunities for both women and men. "It doesn't matter," she said, because "agriculture is for everyone."

## ACCOLADES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Becoming state president isn't Mallory's only noteworthy FFA accomplishment. She also received a national proficiency award for her work on her family's farm as part of a supervised agriculture experience (SAE) project in forage production entrepreneurship. "I never dreamed it possible to win the national award," Mallory said, "I found out sitting in my dorm room, because the convention was virtual."

She also earned a college scholarship from FFA which will supplement the Murray State Presidential Fellowship she received. This prestigious scholarship will fully cover tuition, housing and meals for Mallory for the next four years at Murray State University in Kentucky, where she is majoring in agronomy.

The scholarship is of course highly competitive. "My hopes were not high for receiving it," Mallory said. "I went through multiple rounds of interviews, wrote essays and had to have ideas about research to do." As part of the fellowship, Mallory will write a research thesis her senior year. While her research focus may evolve, she's already starting to explore the rates of return for farmers' investments in production ag, looking toward helping farmers make good decisions in choosing specific products. The fellowship will also include studying abroad and seeing how agriculture is done in other parts of the world. You can hear the excitement for the possibilities in Mallory's voice.

When asked how things are going at Murray State, Mallory said, "I love it a lot. Not as many people in high school were interested in agriculture, but now, when I step onto campus, there's always a handful of ag students." But Mallory also likes meeting people who aren't familiar with farming at all. She sees this as an opportunity to educate people about the industry. Some of the misconceptions she runs into? "That farmers are 'just' farmers," Mallory said. "The job title is much more than just the act of putting seed in the ground or feeding cows. Farmers have to be economists, they have to be able to do math, be mechanics – they have to be very smart and wise." Mallory also feels many

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people misunderstand the role of family farms, and imagine them all being gobbled up by corporate interests. "Family farms have not lost their place in American agriculture," Mallory said. She hopes to use her degree to help them.

## FIRMLY FOCUSED ON HELPING FARMERS

Mallory chose to focus on agronomy because, she said, "I'm a big row crop girl, from growing up watching my family's operation. Farmers are really wise people and have to love what they do, and I just really wanted to pick a major that would allow me to work with farmers directly. Advise them in planning, planting and harvesting."

Whatever the future brings, Mallory said, "I just hope I'm in a place to help farmers around me, at my family farm or others, or working for a company that works with farmers. Maybe living on my own farm or my family's farm." But she also admits to a bit of a bigger ambition. "I really do want to be Kentucky's first female Commissioner of Agriculture," she said. It's an elected office, and "You are in a critical place connecting with government and family farms. I can't think of anything I'd rather do, to help farms at the level of policy," Mallory said, adding, "I love Kentucky a lot, so I don't plan on leaving the state." Mallory said that when she expresses this goal, people chuckle – like she might be dreaming too big. Whether Mallory makes it to the statehouse, it's clear she's going to do great things for agriculture, and we're fortunate to count her among the next generation of farmers.

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LIFE IS DELICIOUS

# Brunch Bunch

Whether you're gathering for Easter, Mother's Day or any other reason, spring is the perfect time to enjoy these brunch dishes submitted by the NuTech office staff.

## SPINACH QUICHE MUFFINS

Submitted by Julie Westerfield

*"I love this recipe! It's great to make for Mother's Day brunch or for an Easter buffet or anytime really."*

- 1 Tbsp oil
- 1 cup ground sausage or ground turkey
- 1-2 cups fresh baby spinach
- 7 eggs (or egg whites, if preferred)
- 8 oz package white mushrooms, diced small
- ¼ cup red bell pepper, diced
- ¼ cup onion, chopped
- ¼ cup shredded cheese (I use a mix of mild cheddar and feta. You can use whatever you prefer. I bet pepper jack would be tasty.)
- Salt & pepper to taste

Preheat to 350°F. In a skillet, cook meat, onion, peppers and mushrooms until meat is done. Add spinach just before mixture is complete, cook for another 3-4 mins. Drain all liquid really well.

In a large bowl, whisk eggs until combined, add in meat and veggie mixture along with the cheese. Evenly distribute in a greased muffin pan and bake at 350°F for 20-25 minutes.



CSR Julie Westerfield with daughter Desirae and granddaughter Scarlett, looking ready for a spring brunch.

## EASY ORANGE CINNAMON ROLLS

Submitted by Katie Allen

Makes 12 rolls

- 2 8 oz cans refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1½ sticks of softened butter
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 3 tsp finely grated orange zest
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Icing:

- 2 cups powdered sugar
- Finely grated zest of 1 orange
- 2 tsp vanilla
- ¼-½ cup of fresh orange juice
- Preheat oven to 375°F.

Mix together butter, brown sugar, orange zest (for rolls only) and cinnamon with a fork and mash into a paste.

Unroll one can of crescent rolls and press together all of the perforations to make a

large rectangle. Spread half of the butter mixture over the dough and then sprinkle half of the chopped walnuts on top. Roll up the dough, starting with the long edge, and cut into 6 pieces.

Repeat step 3 with second can of rolls.

Arrange all 12 rolls in a 9-inch pie dish.

Bake for 30 minutes, or until golden brown.

While the rolls are baking, whisk together the powdered sugar, orange zest and vanilla. Slowly add in orange juice and whisk together to make a soft glaze.

Once rolls are done baking, remove from oven and let cool for 5 minutes.

Drizzle glaze over rolls and ENJOY.



## LEMON BLUEBERRY FRENCH TOAST CASSEROLE

Submitted by Monique Cullotta

- 1 loaf vanilla brioche bread (day-old bread is best)
- 8 eggs
- ½ cup sugar
- 1¾ cups whole milk
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 zested lemons
- ¼ teaspoon salt

- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- Powdered sugar for dusting

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray 9x13 baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Cut loaf of brioche into 1-inch cubes and set aside.

In large bowl, whisk together eggs, sugar, milk, salt, vanilla extract and lemon zest. Lightly pour egg mixture into the bowl with the brioche bread cubes, add in blueberries and gently fold over mixture with a rubber spatula.

Pour into baking dish and bake at 350°F for 45 minutes or until golden. Test with toothpick to make sure French toast is done. Let cool, slice, lightly dust on some powdered sugar and enjoy!



## FRUIT SALAD WITH HONEY-LIME DRESSING

*This dressing pairs well with any fruit, but is especially good with berries. Sliced star fruit makes a pretty addition.*

Salad:

- 1 pint each: blueberries, raspberries and blackberries, washed and patted dry
- ½ lb. strawberries, sliced
- 1 banana, sliced
- 1 kiwi, sliced

- ¼ cup slivered almonds, toasted

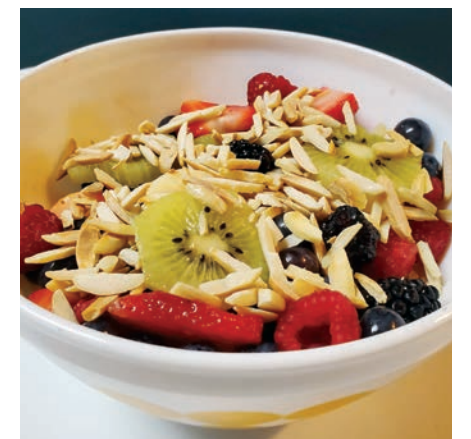
Dressing:

- 3 Tbsp fresh lime juice
- 3 Tbsp honey

Whisk together until honey is dissolved.

Pour dressing over fruit and stir to coat. Top with toasted almonds.\*

\*Place almonds in a dry sauté pan over medium heat for about 2 minutes until they turn golden and start to smell toasty. Toss frequently and watch carefully — they're easy to burn.







# The Life

in pictures

Step back with us to a perfect day last autumn in East-Central Illinois as we follow the Arthur family on their harvest.





# The Arthur family

Wife Jena takes care of the books for the farm and the machine shop while caring for the couple's two kids, Ainsley (9) and Jameson (7).



Arthur Farms is a multi-generational operation in Hindsboro, IL. Justin Arthur was brought up in farming by his grandfather, Wayne.

“I LIKE BEING OUTDOORS, AND THE CHALLENGE OF THE WEATHER AND MARKETING.”

— Justin Arthur

Although Justin has taken over running the farm, Wayne, who's now 85, “still works damn near every day,” Justin said.

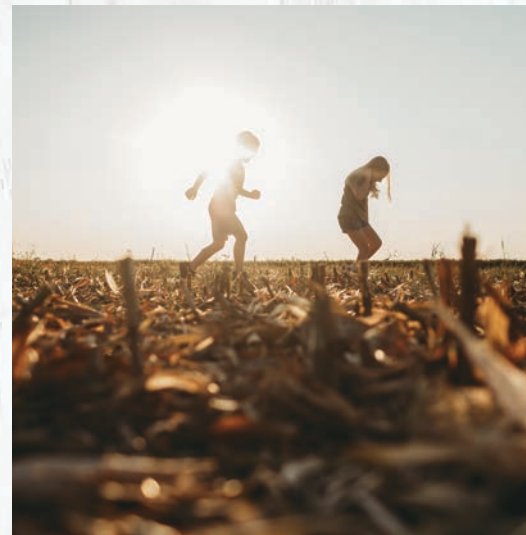
He no doubt shares his grandson's appreciation for the life of a farmer. It's never the same day twice. “I like being outdoors, and the challenge of the weather and marketing — that all intrigues me,” Justin said.



*For Justin, there's also something about growing crops with a high yield and running his own business. He likes having some control over his destiny.*





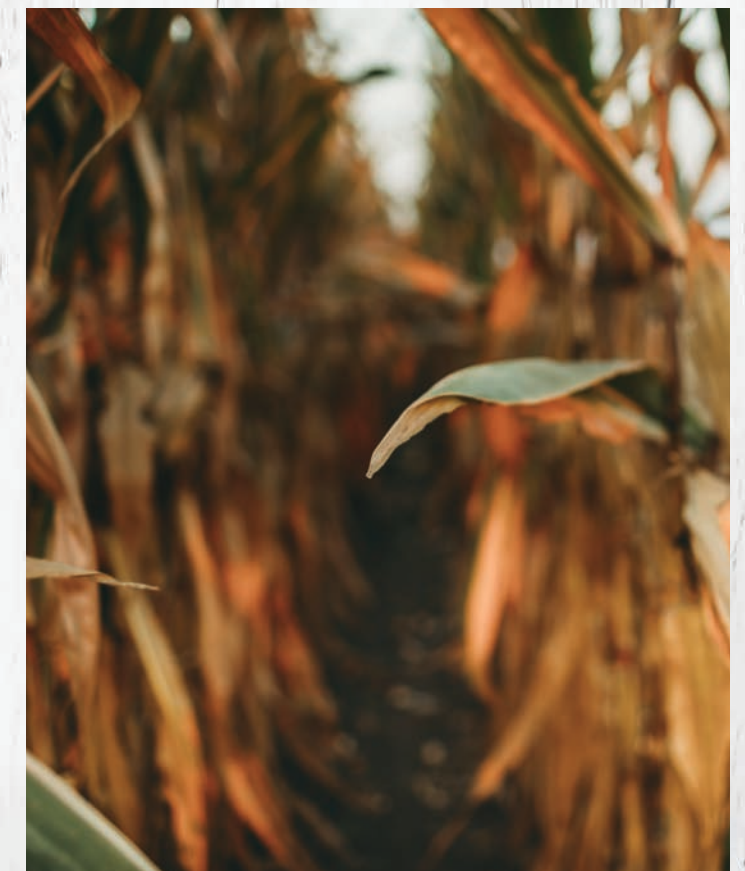


The kids love riding four-wheelers around the farm. Justin thinks it's likely one or both of them will step into the family business one day. With declining numbers of family farms and young people returning to agriculture, Justin sees an opportunity for his kids. "They'll be needed," he said. "The need for food production will be there and, as a career, farming is challenging yet you have the unique ability to run your own business."



A couple of extra workers come in to help the Arthurs bring in harvest. Justin likes the evenings of those special days the most. "We'll work 'til past dark most nights, then meet up at the elevator," Justin said. "We sit around the table and enjoy a beverage and the last part of the day together. We let the pits drain out and make a plan for the next day."

Harvest is Justin's favorite time of year. "We had a dry August," Justin recalled, "and that took us from big yields to average." But the weather was good during harvest and the family enjoyed themselves.



In Hindsboro, the family name is also associated with Arthur's Repair Shop, started by Justin's grandfather and great-grandfather almost 70 years ago.

The short-line machinery shop is a dealer for Batco conveyors and Kuhn Knight livestock equipment. At the shop, Justin is now serving second- and third-generation farmers like himself.



# PLANTING 2021

## Every planting season is a chance to start fresh.

Last year brought more than its fair share of challenges to many parts of NuTech country. But as the days get warmer and longer, optimism grows right along with every seed you plant. With good seed in the ground, and nature's cooperation, it will be time to bring the bushels in before you know it. So take a minute to enjoy your days in the planter, and know your NuTech team is behind you all the way as we turn the page on a new season.







# Getting the season in gear

Across the Central Corn Belt, NuTech DSMs are cranking into overdrive delivering seed, supporting customers and helping get the season off on the right foot. Sales Manager Mike Schaefer caught up with Eric Schweinefus, a DSM responsible for a large swath of NuTech territory, for a quick update on planting preparations.

**Mike ►** As we get closer to planting season, it's a very busy time in the seed industry — making planting recommendations, getting all seed in and delivered and lots more. How do you stay on top of all those tasks?

**Eric ►** The main thing for me is getting orders as accurate as possible right from the start. I spend about 3-4 hours every weekend going over sales reports, just making sure everything was entered correctly. I probably talk to my customer service representative, Monique, at the home office 6-10 times a day just to make sure we're all set with everything. I also get out and talk to customers. Pre-COVID, I'd typically spend three to four days a week on the road. We're starting to get back to that now. It's a lot of balls to keep in the air.

**Mike ►** You ship out some 1,600 hard boxes a year, not to mention your paper units and TrueBulk units. That's a lot of seed to keep straight.

**Eric ►** I did the math and to fulfill all my orders, I'd have to ship, on average, a semi load of seed every day from October 1 to April 1, or seven semi loads a week. It keeps me busy, and we're continuing to grow, too.

**Mike ►** It's been great to add new customers to the NuTech family these past few years. What are some of the things you've seen that are changing at NuTech, and what gets you excited

for the growing season ahead and the future?

**Eric ►** Number one, performance. Customer confidence and customer loyalty are tremendous. I'm looking forward to the continued performance we're seeing from Enlist E3® soybeans for future growth and I see that platform improving year after year. Our performance is as good as or better than the competition, so that's keeping customers with us and drawing new ones to NuTech.

**Mike ►** You mentioned working closely with the customer service team. Who else do you work with to make sure your customers are taken care of this time of year?

**Eric ►** I rely a lot on my agronomist, Brad Johnson. He helps with me with many customers, putting together a plan for them each year. We work closely to get the right seed on the right field for customer success. Meeting with my dealers is important, too. I work with 15 dealers and assist seven of those with on-farm deliveries.

**Mike ►** Late winter and early spring is also when we get our new-release products for 2022 at launch quantities. How do you work with dealers and customers to place those limited new-release products so you can get the best comparisons and information for your customers for the upcoming seasons?

**Eric ►** First, we need to place those products in the right area, but we also look strategically at which growers to work with. Growers that have been with us awhile are really ideal, so we can get plenty of accurate and timely data from them on these new products. Probably half of the people I do business with let me or the agronomy team place hybrids for them. That's really helpful, so that if we're thrown a curveball with supply during the season, I can juggle some things around and stay on the farm 100%.

**Mike ►** That's a smart approach. Since we're selling a living, breathing organism, we're always at the mercy of Mother Nature when it comes to supply shifts. That brings up another question: How do you manage changing in-season needs with customer and dealers?

**Eric ►** With the size of my territory, I keep a book of running inventory with a few key dealers I know I can access some extra seed from in-season when needed. Historically, my orders will increase into planting season. I think that's a great sign of customer loyalty — it means they're calling you for additional seed they need in-season, and not somebody else.

**Mike ►** I know like all of our DSMs you also try to do some extra things for customers during this busy time. Tell us about that.

**Eric ►** We pride ourselves at NuTech on customer service, so we like to take lunch or dinner out when growers are busy. The grower will take a little break, shut things down and enjoy a meal. It's those little things that add up.

**Mike ►** You've been in the seed business for more than 25 years now. Why do you still like the start of a new season?

**Eric ►** It's amazingly busy and you're juggling a lot of things, but the biggest thing for me is the relationships I've built over the years — I have great dealers and customers to work with. They like to see me when I show up, and I like to see them. That's a win-win.

## READY, SET, PLANT:

Your NuTech DSM is here to help with in-season orders and other questions.

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*DSM Eric Schweinefus often delivers meals to customers during busy times. Here, customers at Dale Farming Company in Ridgeway, MO, enjoy a lunch break during 2020 harvest.*



*DSM Eric Schweinefus gets a lot of orders for seed. He estimates he could deliver one semi load a day from October 1 to April 1.*



*Seed orders for 2021 are staged and tagged by customer, ready for delivery in DSM Eric Schweinefus' area.*



# Tapping into a high-performance pipeline

Leader at Corteva Agriscience, about how this team effort works to translate a global research effort into great performance right here in the Central Corn Belt.

If you're noticing better performance from your NuTech® seed the past few seasons, we have to admit we can't take ALL the credit. A great portfolio truly takes a whole team of scientists, agronomists, statisticians and local NuTech folks working together. NuTech Warehouse/Supply Lead Scott Davis chatted with Kirby Wuethrich, Multi-Channel Seeds Portfolio and Technology

to work. We've been able to develop new processes to really optimize what we can do to place genetics with the Corteva seed brands like NuTech. We work with NuTech and the other brand teams to figure out your needs and portfolio gaps, then we communicate that back to research. Then we shepherd those new products through the process, gathering data and hopefully turning those hybrids and varieties into products that will work in a commercial setting. Once a product is commercialized, we provide your team a list of product options and lots of data, so you can choose what would work best for your portfolio.

**SD:** For us, this is really the first time in my three decades in the business that my counterpart Brad Johnson and I can just focus on the in-field observations and really figuring out what's going to work for our customers. Sometimes it feels like we're drinking out of a firehose with all the options you're able to make available to us!

**KW:** Our pre-commercial trial system is extremely robust — it enables us to test hundreds of options and make those commercialization decisions

**SCOTT DAVIS:** You know, Kirby, our customers have really been seeing a lot of exciting developments in our products over the past two to three years. We're getting questions like, "Is this an outlier, or can we expect more?"

**KIRBY WUETHRICH:** I've been in the industry for 25 years now and I've seen performance evolutions that were significant, but this one stands out. I think it's a combination of the heritage germplasm, heritage process, heritage expertise, coming together in one engine as Corteva Agriscience. I think your team is seeing what will be

sustainable, long-term performance for NuTech.

**SD:** It's been amazing to have all that potential to bring to our customers, and you and your team are really our partners in that. Can you explain to NuTech farmers what your team does to help us in establishing such a solid portfolio?

**KW:** The team I have is a group of individuals that have a mix of backgrounds from the heritage companies that came together to form Corteva. They really understand the genetics, as well as how things need

with a high level of confidence in future performance. We have to plan ahead to make sure the parent seed is in place two years out, and that's why communication is so vital. Your team does a great job communicating customer needs to us so we can support those. You and Brad spend a lot of time with us, so we have hundreds of observations with every product and observing the phenotype in the environment. We couple that with data analysis for field performance, yield and agronomic traits, so there is plenty of information about every potential addition to your portfolio.

**SD:** It's so good to rely on the science of Corteva breeders and statisticians — I know I've got a robust dataset behind me, so we can really focus on what works best for our customers. It's certainly more efficient than trying to put hundreds of products into NuTech strip trials! With the work you do, we can narrow down the options and do some head-to-head comparisons.

**KW:** This is a teamwork effort, and we really need you and Brad Johnson to be in the field with us to take your own

observations, so when we get to making those decisions, you also have a good idea of what the products look like and what will work best. With this process, you don't have to spend so much time upstream. You can focus on your customers and which products will work best for them.

**SD:** You know, customers say, "Give me your best products," but there are so many products within a couple of bushels. We've got such a deep portfolio now, we can take a deep breath and make sure we're making the right selections and not just jumping on the newest thing because it's new.

**KW:** That's where your expertise is so critical, knowing the different soil types and management practices to match the needs of that grower. The goal of our pre-commercial work is to provide you the confidence to go to the customer with confidence.

**SD:** So, tell us, what are some of the new things you're working on in the pipeline?



**"I know I've got a robust dataset behind me, so we can really focus on what works best for,, our customers."**  
- Scott Davis

**KW:** In the near term, we will continue to build on the Enlist E3® soybeans portfolio. The trait itself is established and well received by the industry, so we'll bring on new genetics with improved defensive traits to build out that portfolio. In corn, we've got leader products in the Qrome® and Optimum® AcreMax® technology suites and we're preparing to launch PowerCore® + Enlist® corn and PowerCore ULTRA + Enlist corn for above-ground insect protection. We will also launch a new suite of above- and below-ground traits in high-performance genetics to further extend efficacy and durability.

**SD:** We're really excited by Enlist E3 soybeans and we made a decision early on to be a leader in that, converting the majority of our traited lineup to Enlist E3 soybeans. Can you tell me more about the PowerCore + Enlist and PowerCore ULTRA + Enlist traits?

**KW:** These trait stacks are going to give you the same yield performance you're used to seeing in Optimum AcreMax corn. PowerCore is a pyramid of Bt traits that combines three proteins to deliver broad-spectrum protection against above-ground insect pests. PowerCore ULTRA adds an additional layer of protection against hard-to-control pests such as corn earworm and western bean cutworm. The PowerCore and PowerCore ULTRA stacks are combined with the Enlist® corn trait which adds 2,4-D tolerance to the glyphosate system as well as tolerance to FOP herbicides.



The Corteva Agriscience portfolio team tests hundreds of potential product options every year.



**SD:** Lots to look forward to. Now that we've got our customers' attention with some germplasm, what about incremental improvements, like better agronomics, better fits, more subtle advances? For our customers, I try to think about different scenarios: strong no-till products, larger operations that need early and late harvest options. There's really much more to risk management than just yield.

**KW:** I totally agree. This is where consistency in the portfolio comes into play. When a product is more consistent, we can find trait scores for factors like disease tolerance, additional herbicide tolerance, improved performance under drought stress and so on. We look at those trait scores to build the strongest portfolio.

**SD:** One of the other areas you work in is digital tools. At NuTech, we're starting to use Corteva™ Fields more. What else is coming in digital?

**KW:** I'm glad to hear you're using Corteva Fields. For customers who haven't used it yet, Corteva



*NuTech works closely with the Corteva portfolio team to identify the best hybrids and varieties to meet the needs of Central Corn Belt farmers.*

Fields is a planning tool, helping your local agronomists who know the region so well with product placement and ensuring NuTech growers can get the most out of what they're planting. The next step then is our Granular Insights tool, which provides the analysis piece, using satellite imagery, disease algorithms and so forth. It's really taking the data from the fields and giving it meaning so the farmer can act on that and make the most informed decisions.

**SD:** We're looking forward to getting that piece working with our customers. I think that's going to have a lot of utility. When I think about what your team helps us do, it's really a whole process: We're predicting what products will be most useful to our customers, delivering those, executing them with solid field planning and the help of Corteva Fields, and then with Granular Insights, we'll be able to do an analysis to make sure the customer is getting the right performance from their products. It's a whole chain of actions that we're able to execute so much better with that support.

**KW:** And in return, we couldn't do what we do without input from NuTech and all your local knowledge. I'd say we make a pretty good team – all of us working toward that same goal of making your customers successful and keeping them coming back to NuTech.

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- Kirby Wuethrich



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## AGRONOMY PERSPECTIVES:

# Dealing with the derecho

*The 2020 derecho left a wake of destruction that is still impacting farmers in Iowa. Our agronomy team takes us back to that day in August and offers some tips for field recovery in the season ahead.*

"Basically, we had a hurricane in the Midwest." That's how NuTech Lead Agronomist Brad Johnson described last summer's derecho, which hit a wide swath of farmland across Iowa.

For Chris Adams, sales agronomist, this wasn't his first derecho. After experiencing derechos in 1998 and 2011, he thought he knew what to expect. "I watched it come across the radar from central to eastern Nebraska," Chris recalled. "I thought it would fizzle out in Iowa, but once it started into central Iowa, it was still building. I realized the gravity of it real quick."

Both Chris and Brad – not easily intimidated by stormy weather – found the experience unnerving. In the 100+ mph winds, windows bowed, trees toppled and power was knocked out for several days. But the damages sustained in most neighborhoods were nothing compared to what so many farmers in the area saw when they walked back outside.

"In areas where it was a direct hit, there was virtually nothing left," Brad said.

Chris agreed. "Two guys I know put up brand-new grain facilities last summer and never stored a kernel in them. They were just gone."

### ASSESSING THE IMPACT

The destruction from the 2020 derecho was unique because of the storm's

extreme size and intensity (it traveled some 750 miles<sup>1</sup> with winds clocked as high as 106 mph<sup>2</sup>), but also its timing during the growing season.

Past major derechos had occurred earlier in the season. (The 1998 event took place in late June; the 2011 event was in July.) Last year's storm hit when corn was tall enough to sustain serious damage and still maturing.

Brad and Chris saw three main types of damage in the field:

- ▶ **Greensnap**, resulting in a total loss of yield for the plant
- ▶ **Greenkink**, where the stalk bends but doesn't totally break, reducing yield by about half
- ▶ **Root lodging**, causing losses of around 20-30% of yield

Brad explained, "None of the corn was at black layer yet, so when you interrupt the plant from finishing, you get smaller kernel size, shallower kernels, shorter ears, less test weight – the end-product wasn't finishing correctly." Still, Brad observed that kernel quality in corn that was harvestable wasn't as bad as it could have been.

For growers who were impacted, the first call was to the insurance company. As with typical wind damage claims, most farmers were advised to harvest anything that was still standing at least a foot tall and to till under and destroy anything smaller.



The derecho hit just as corn was maturing, causing under-development of cobs and kernels.

Brad saw a lot of borderline fields where harvest was still possible, but hardly favorable. "You take a guy who's got a couple thousand acres of corn to harvest, and if two-thirds of it is wind damaged, it's disheartening," Brad said. "They just look at it and go, 'This is going to double my time in the field, slow down harvest and put more hours and stress on equipment.'"

On top of field damage, many farmers were also grappling with torn-up equipment and facilities.

"It's not something you just recover from and three months later everything is done and over," Chris said. "The effect is financially and mentally a lot longer-lasting than you want it to be." The pandemic has slowed down repairs, too, with shortages of building supplies. Both men noted there are still areas in Iowa where you'll see tarped roofs and structures waiting to be rebuilt.

### MAKING A GAME PLAN

Once customers had taken care of the essentials and insurance claims, the NuTech agronomy team began making field visits and helping to develop customized strategies for field recovery. While every farm is different, here is some general advice from Chris and Brad for dealing with derecho damage – or other severe wind damage – to corn.

#### FOR AREAS OF TOTAL LOSS

- ▶ Fields should be destroyed by tilling under.
- ▶ Finish tilling before winter to establish seed-to-soil contact and allow seed to germinate.
- ▶ Allow winter frost to kill off germinated kernels naturally.
  - This process won't totally eliminate volunteer corn in the spring, but it reduces the population.
- ▶ Due to continued risk of volunteer corn on these acres, rotation to soybeans is recommended.

#### ACRES THAT WERE DAMAGED, BUT STILL HARVESTED

- ▶ Despite harvest, damaged fields mean more corn is left on the ground than in a typical season.
- ▶ As with areas of total loss, tilling post-harvest is recommended.
  - Allow volunteer corn to germinate and then be killed by winter frost.
- ▶ Do shallow tilling in spring.
- ▶ Plan for a pre-planting burndown or an additional tillage pass.
- ▶ Post-emergence, expect to use two passes of herbicide labeled for volunteer corn control.
  - Several cost-effective options are available to limit adding to input costs



## What is a derecho?

- The term derecho describes widespread, severe, straight-line winds associated with lines of thunderstorms.<sup>3</sup>
- Winds must be at least 58 mph and spread over an area of 250 miles or more.<sup>4</sup>
- Central Iowa experiences a derecho approximately every two years.<sup>4</sup>
- Most derechos are not as severe or widespread as the 2020 event.

### Derecho is the opposite of tornado<sup>3</sup>

In the late 1800s, work was underway to study and better understand tornadoes. At the University of Iowa, one physics professor who was doing his own work on weather phenomena realized that tornadoes were not always the cause of damaging winds. This physicist, Dr. Gustavus Hinrichs, coined the term derecho to describe damaging but non-tornadic winds. Derecho is Spanish for "direct or straight-ahead." Hinrichs thought the word was a good contrast to tornado – another Spanish word which means twister. The word derecho fell out of use for nearly a century until weather researchers in the 1980s decided it was indeed the best description for the straight-line wind events they were studying. Since then, the term has been used more widely.

All photos courtesy of Chris Adams.



(Top)  
"Bins were crushed like cans or blown away," Brad Johnson said.

(Bottom)  
The derecho toppled trees across the area and caused home and property damage.



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-Brad Johnson



(Top)  
The storm wiped out a lot of buildings, including some that had just been constructed. “Many people are deciding how to build back sturdier,” Brad Johnson observed.

(Middle)  
Utility poles were knocked down, leaving areas without power for several days. Fence damage led to roaming livestock.



(Bottom)  
High winds decimated corn fields. Plants with greensnap were a total loss in terms of yield.

Both Chris and Brad caution growers to keep in mind that the volunteer corn they’re contending with is high-performance, high-yielding stuff – making it a special challenge to knock out. After wind destruction of corn, both Chris and Brad generally recommend rotating to soybeans. However, the NuTech agronomy team is also successfully working with growers on plans for continuous corn this year on derecho-damaged ground. **If you sustained derecho damage, please reach out to the NuTech agronomy team for advice specific to your farm.**

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# GRAVEL TRAVELS

*The weather is warming, the flowers are blooming and we're more than ready to be cured of our cabin fever! Hit the road to see these sites in NuTech country.*



## Western Kentucky Botanical Gardens Owensboro, KY

Submitted by Dylan Lanham



The Western Kentucky Botanical Gardens is a nice place to have a picnic and check out their collection of different flower arrangements, trees and shrubs, as well as the insects and butterflies that thrive there. I've been several times and always enjoy it. It's very relaxing and therapeutic to walk the paths there – a very nice thing to do in the spring and early summer while the flowers are blooming. (You can plan your visit at [wkb.org](http://wkb.org).)

Photos from [wkb.org](http://wkb.org)

## Big Thorn Farm & Brewery Georgetown, IL



Submitted by Brooke Mohr

Big Thorn is a great family-friendly place in the middle of the country near Georgetown, IL! The brewery is mainly outdoors, so the igloos were a big hit this winter! They have a greenhouse bar and a treehouse bar, which is very unique and awesome in the summer! We have been a few times with friends and always enjoy trying their new beer. They change up their beers all the time, so you won't ever have the same one. They also have a food truck, which has great snacks for adults and kids. We are looking forward to going back this spring and summer!



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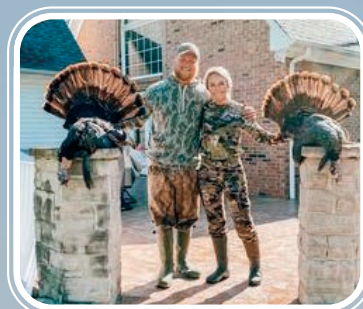
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# A picture-perfect season

Just because the fields are at rest in winter doesn't mean there isn't plenty to harvest. These hunters from across NuTech territory sent in some great snaps of their impressive bounties.

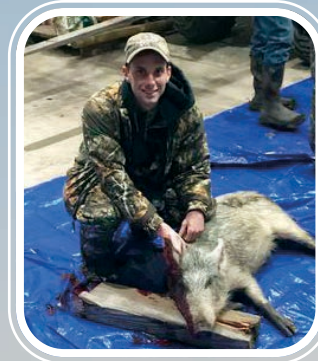


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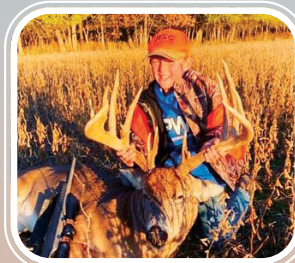


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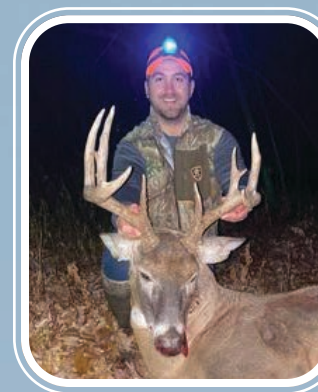
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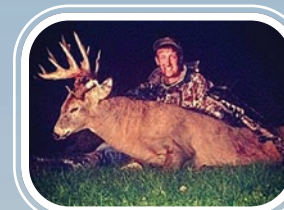
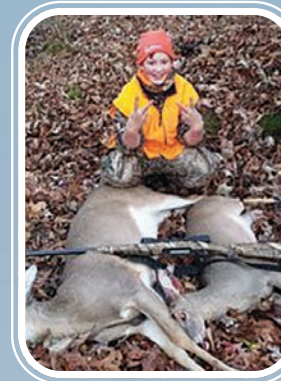


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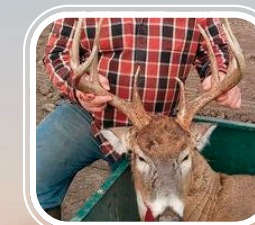
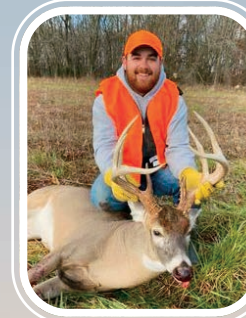
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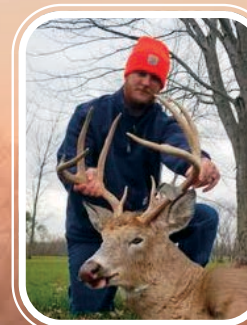
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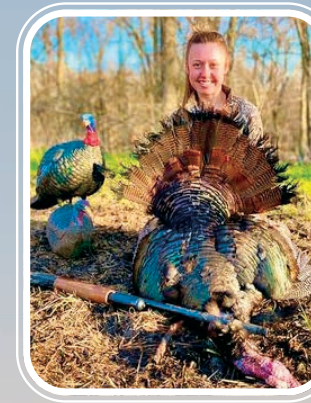
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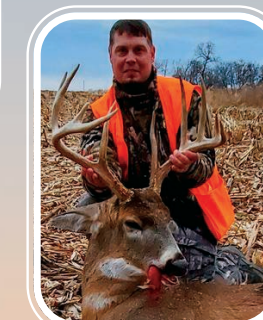
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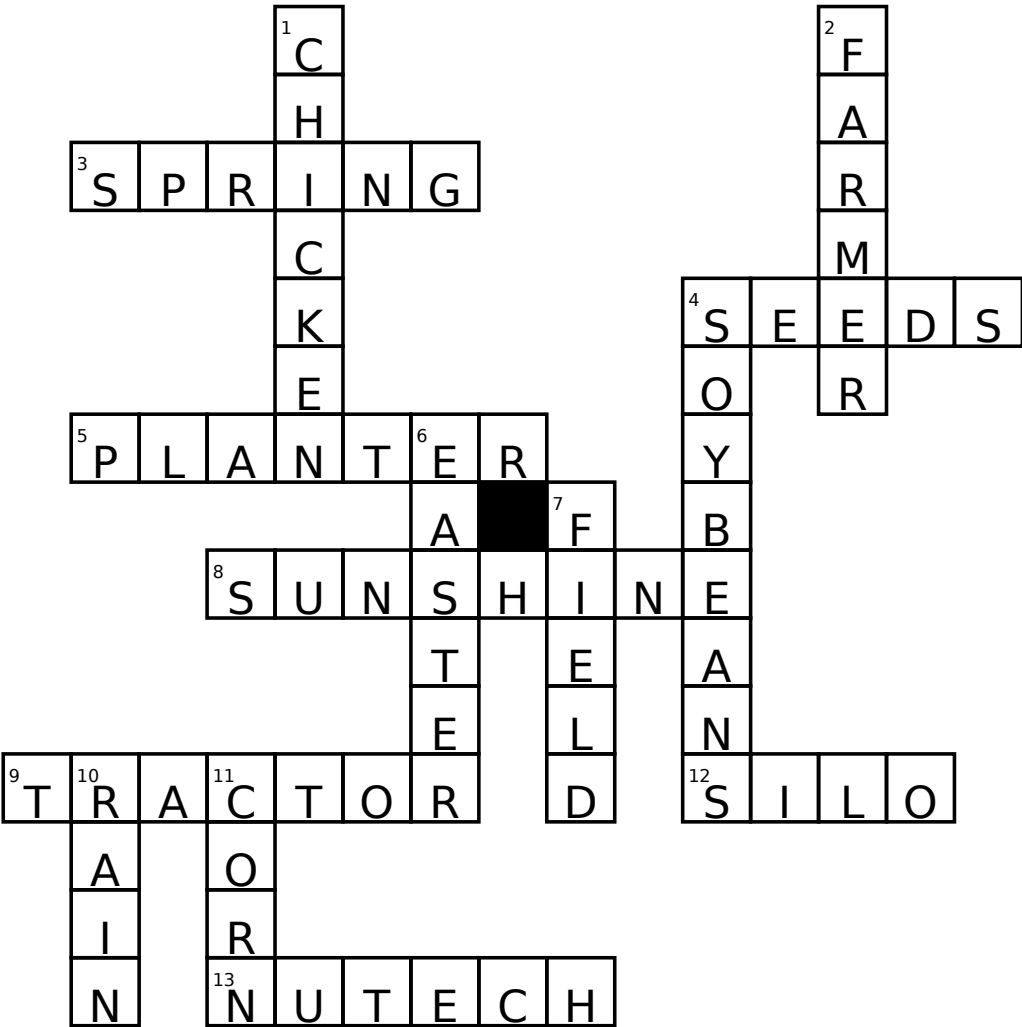
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Crossword Puzzle
Answers

- Down:
1. I lay eggs for your breakfast
2. Someone who grows crops
4. This crop grows in a pod
6. The holiday when a bunny visits
7. Where the crops grow
10. What comes from clouds to help plants grow
11. This veggie grows on stalks

- Across:
3. The season when we plant
4. Plants grow from these
5. This puts the seed in the rows
8. Plants need this light to grow
9. You might ride into the field on this
12. Where the grain is stored
13. A favorite seed company



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