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**A New Day Dawns for a Fair Farm Bill: Sonja's
Story | Family Farm**

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**Scare Tactics by Factory Farms in Minnesota | Heritage
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Scare Tactics by Factory Farms in Minnesota

<https://heritageradionetwork.org/episode/scare-tactics-factory-farms-minnesota> **47:18**

[Sonja Trom Eayrs](#), a family law attorney in Minneapolis, has documented the way factory farming giants are deploying deceptive practices, intimidation, and harassment to expand their facilities throughout the farm belt.

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Farmers Thousands of black farmers were cheated out of their land and systematically denied loans by the federal Farm Service Agency (FSA, part of the USDA) purely on racial grounds. The result: between 1910 and 1997 [black](#)

farmers lost 90 percent of their property, while white farmers lost only 2 percent in the same period. | The Nation

Today's Top Stories



African swine fever (ASF) is a nasty bug and it's getting closer to the U.S. The highly contagious viral infection doesn't infect humans, but it is 100% fatal to hogs.

[Read More](#)

Wisconsin Farmers Union News - November/December 2021 https://0f4bc074-748c-46a4-9f19-19e840d229f2.filesusr.com/ugd/629d75_6942978aac8a462eafc5cfc90d27e83b.pdf

SRAP Live: Full Agenda - Socially Responsible Agriculture Project <https://sraproject.org/1/srap-live-full-agenda/>

USDA Invests \$20.2 Million in Grants for Dairy Business Innovation Initiatives | USDA Agricultural Marketing Service <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAAMS/bulletins/2fbb4eb>

Factory Farms: I can EXPLAIN them to you, but I can't UNDERSTAND them for you!

Tyson Cuts Off Some Longtime Poultry Growers | Eastern Shore Post <https://www.easternshorepost.com/2021/11/11/tyson-cuts-off-some-longtime-poultry-growers/>

Ag Insider: ‘There is no place at USDA for discrimination,’ says nominee | Food & Environment Reporting Network <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/ag-insider-there-is-no-place-at-usda-for-discrimination-says-nominee?e=7568fe7c73>

Corporate money keeps university ag schools ‘relevant,’ and makes them targets of donor criticism | St.Louis Post-Dispatch https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/education/corporate-money-keeps-university-ag-schools-relevant-and-makes-them-targets-of-donor-criticism/article_b8afe11a-46e0-567b-97a5-b752c1a1a934.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=usser-share

As tax dollars dry up, university ag schools turn to agribusiness dollars and industry projects | Investigate Midwest <https://investigatemitwest.org/2021/11/16/as-tax-dollars-dry-up-university-ag-schools-turn-to-agribusiness-dollars-and-industry-projects/>

Drug, feed ingredient shortages hit U.S. livestock producers | Reuters <https://www.reuters.com/business/drug-feed-ingredient-shortages-hit-us-livestock-producers-2021-11-18/>

Your Weekly Acres U.S.A. Digest | Acres U.S.A. <https://mailchi.mp/acresusa/your-weekly-acres-usa-digest-11-19-21?e=e49f04f0fe>

As tax dollars dry up, university ag schools turn to agribusiness dollars and industry projects | Iowa Public Radio <https://www.kcur.org/2021-11-15/as-tax-dollars-dry-up-university-ag-schools-turn-to-agribusiness-dollars-and-industry-projects>

FERN’s Friday Feed: Europe’s butterfly crisis | Food & Environment Reporting Network https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/europe_butterfly_crisis_11_19_21?e=7568fe7c73

Wisconsin DNR scraps clean water effort | Successful Farming <https://www.agriculture.com/news/business/kansas-state-university-professor-fights-climate-change-with-soil-carbon-sequestration>

Bad Seed: Mead's fight against a toxic ethanol plant | Lincoln Journal Star <https://journalstar.com/bad-seed-meads-fight-against-a-toxic-ethanol->

[plant/video 92dbce99-c0f6-50e1-b4ed-c64e3d839f96.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=usser-share](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92dbce99-c0f6-50e1-b4ed-c64e3d839f96)

1 Week Until Eco-Ag Conference! | Acres

U.S.A. <https://mailchi.mp/acresusa/2021-eco-ag-conference-1-week-to-go?e=e49f04f0fe>

"Indian Land for Sale," US Department of the Interior, 1911.

Canada was also eager to depopulate the natives and repopulate with white, European immigrants. See below.

Public records reveal frustration as state sought to deal with pesticide dangers from ethanol plant | Lincoln Journal Star https://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/public-records-reveal-frustration-as-state-sought-to-deal-with-pesticide-dangers-from-ethanol-plant/article_60cc64ea-0e7b-5081-8148-d453be8cce90.html

Ag Insider: 'Significant progress' in Covid-19 vaccinations at USDA | Food & Environment Reporting Network <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/ag-insidersignificant-progress-in-covid-19-vaccinations-at-usda?e=7568fe7c73>

Climate change makes it harder for Iowa to provide clean drinking water | NPR <https://www.npr.org/2021/11/20/1057622131/climate-change-iowa-clean-drinking-water>

UPDATED: USDA Announces \$90.2 Million in Grants Awarded to Strengthen Local and Regional Markets for U.S. Agricultural Products | USDA

Agricultural Marketing

Service <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAAMS/bulletins/2fda2cb>

Ag Insider: Farm exports set record, but still below forecast | Food & Environment Reporting Network <https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?e=7568fe7c73&u=0ba3f2fbf2ffd3ce787b33187&id=2a4f8c879f>

Press release: Kandiyohi County turkey flock tests positive for H5 low pathogenic avian influenza | Minnesota Board of Animal Health <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNBAH/bulletins/2fd9840>

Remembering Bernie Rollin | Farm Forward <https://mailchi.mp/farmforward/for-15-years-building-the-public-will-to-end-factory-farming-620421?e=f00fdf2b01>

Big changes lie ahead for U.S. chicken producers | Bloomberg News <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-11-22/whole-foods-chicken-certifier-upends-market-with-more-humane-breed-rules>

Donate and receive FERN's annual print collection | Food & Environment Reporting Network <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/newsmatch21-thedirt-no1?e=7568fe7c73>

University Ag Schools Turn to Big Ag Dollars as Private Donations Dry Up | Civil Eats <https://civileats.com/2021/11/19/university-ag-schools-turn-to-big-ag-dollars-as-private-donations-dry-up/>

Good news from India & fertilizer's climate cost: IATP November News | Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy <https://mailchi.mp/iatp/july2021-466000?e=7c2dfa7289>

Book of the Week Exclusive: Water For Any Farm | Acres U.S.A. <https://mailchi.mp/acresusa/book-of-the-week-exclusive-water-for-any-farm-december-2021?e=e49f04f0fe>

The Wreck of The Edmund Fitzgerald (Live In Reno) | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3x2vcergP0> 7:00

The Wreck of The Edmund Fitzgerald | Lyrics <https://www.google.com/search?q=the+wreck+of+the+edmund+fitzgerald+lyrics&oq=The+wreck+of+the+edmund+fitzgerald+-+lyrics&aqs=chrome.2.69i57j0i13i30j0i22i30l8.32673j0j9&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>

Trial lets pork plants beef up line speeds | Star Tribune <https://www.startribune.com/u-s-to-allow-pork-plants-to-operate-faster-in-trial-program/600116247/>

Growers Embrace The Great Indoors | Star Tribune <https://www.startribune.com/minnesotas-living-greens-farm-has-ambitious-indoor-produce-plans/600116250/>

Can Biden Coop Up the Monopolies? | Washington Monthly <https://washingtonmonthly.com/magazine/november-december-2021/can-biden-coop-up-the-monopolies/> **What COVID-19 Taught Us About the Food System | FoodPrint** <https://mailchi.mp/foodprint/covid-food-system?e=00430612ff>

Invitation to Partner on MFAP Engagement | City of Minneapolis <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MPLS/bulletins/2fc6a9d>

Smithfield withdraws request for CAFO permits - environmentalists criticized as too lax | Missouri Independent <https://missouriindependent.com/2021/11/01/smithfield-withdraws-request-for-cafo-permits-environmentalists-criticized-as-too-lax/>

Sign of the Times

Smithfield Withdraws Request for CAFO Permits - Environmentalists Criticized as Too Lax | Socially Responsible Agriculture Project <https://sraproject.org/news-and-events/smithfield-withdraws-11-permit-requests-2021/>

10 Amazing Egg Experiments | tinyurl.com/TWJUS-EggScience

Farm Innovator Webinar: Pricing Your Products for Profit & Ease | Acres U.S.A. <https://mailchi.mp/acresusa/national-farm-innovator-series-november-2021?e=e49f04f0fe>

Iowa deer seem to be catching COVID from humans, infecting each other | Des Moines Register <https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/news/2021/11/02/iowa-deer->

[seem-to-be-catching-covid-humans-then-infecting-each-other-new-study-finds/6254099001/](#)

Ag Insider: Why are bakers so alarmed by the boom in renewable diesel? | Food & Environment Reporting Network <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/ag-insider-why-are-bakers-so-alarmed-by-the-boom-in-renewable-diesel?e=7568fe7c73>

Concerns About Ag Land Sales - Ag Land Purchases by Institutional Investors, Foreign Countries Raise Concerns | Progressive Farmer <https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/news/business-inputs/article/2021/11/01/ag-land-purchases-institutional>

USDA Builds Pandemic Support for Certified Organic and Transitioning Operations | USDA Agricultural Marketing Service <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDAAMS/bulletins/2fabf74>

Wild Hogs Stir Up Trouble in Houston Suburb



Sugar Land, Texas, a suburb of Houston, isn't just growing in its number of residents – its wild hog population is growing, too. And residents don't know how to stop it.

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[How Colorado Eliminated Feral Hogs](#)

[Truth, Lies and Wild Pigs: Missouri Hunter Prosecuted on Presumption of Guilt?](#)

[Feral Swine: USDA Monitors World's Worst Invasive Alien Species](#)

[Cherokee Nation Rallies to Fight Wild Pig Problem](#)



Court's Decision a Win for Land, Communities & Farms

(From Land Stewardship Project) -- In a win for the people and the land of southeastern Minnesota's Winona County, the Minnesota Court of Appeals has declined to take up an appeal case that was brought forward by a large dairy attempting to expand well beyond an existing animal unit cap. >>[Read More.](#)

Ag Insider: (fixes link) U.S. snags ransomware group that hit JBS | Food & Environment Reporting Network <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/ag-insider-us-snags-ransomware-group-that-hit-jbs-593362?e=7568fe7c73>

EMERGING FARMERS WORKING GROUP | Minnesota Department of Agriculture <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/emerging-farmers-working-group>

Homegrown News | City of Minneapolis <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MPLS/bulletins/2f88d84>

Ag Insider: USDA says crop prices will drop in 2022, despite a strong economy | Food & Environment Reporting Network <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/ag-insider-usda-says-crop-prices-will-drop-in-2022-despite-a-strong-economy?e=7568fe7c73>

Your Weekly Acres U.S.A. Digest | Acres U.S.A. <https://mailchi.mp/acresusa/your-weekly-acres-usa-digest-11-5-21?e=e49f04f0fe>

FERN's Friday Feed: A lunch lesson in social justice | Food & Environment Reporting Network https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/lunch_lesson_in_social_justice_11_5_2021?e=7568fe7c73

Raising pigs used to take more patience

Duroc or Chester Whites, it was no matter. Pig production has changed and now produces less lard and requires less patience, Mychal Wilmes says.

[READ THE FULL STORY](#)

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NEWS & ACTIONS

November 22nd, 2021

3 ACTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

1) Consider attending the SRAP free online summit: Building a Socially Responsible Food Future. It's a free event where you'll hear from farmers, activists and academics (including our own Forest Jahnke) discussing environmental justice, the greenwashing of factory farm gas, community success stories, the injustices faced by contract growers, and much more. More details and registration can be found [HERE](#).

2) Sign this form to [Support the Farm System Reform Act](#)! The act would place an immediate moratorium on the construction of new or expanding large confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs), and phase out existing facilities by 2040.

3) Support [2021 WI SENATE BILL 677](#). Some of the items related to this bill are: creating a commercial nitrogen optimization pilot program; providing crop insurance rebates for cover crops; and creating a hydrogeologist position. Representative Loren Oldenburg and Senator Brad Pfaff already support this bill. Send them a thank you, or if your elected officials haven't supported the bill, send them a request.

If you're interested in any items, please send a message to contact@crawfordstewardship.org. We will inform you of our current inventory, provide payment options, and discuss shipping or coordination of a pick-up/drop off location.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday-Saturday, December 2-4: SRAP Live: Building a Socially Responsible Food Future (Online, Details [HERE](#))

- **Tuesday, December 7th (7:00-8:30pm):** WI Farmers Union Workshop Encouraging Local Leadership (Online, Details [HERE](#))

- **Thursday-Saturday, December 9-11 (all day):** Savanna Institute: Perennial Farm Gathering (Online, Details & Registration [HERE](#))

- **Thursday, December 9 (5:00-6:00pm):** Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board Meeting (Location TBD, Details [HERE](#))

- **Thursday, December 9th (7:00-9:00pm):** Indigenous Resistance to Mining in Wisconsin: Panel Discussion (Details & Registration [HERE](#))

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IN THE NEWS

DRIFTLESS BIOREGION

[Construction of controversial power line begins in Wisconsin as environmental groups fight to stop it](#) (11/8/21)

[Wisconsin Supreme Court denies request to block power line injunction](#)

(11/9/21)

[Plans for Dane County's second green cemetery move forward](#) (11/14/21)

UPPER MIDWEST

[Earth's lakes are warming at a feverish pace, with the Great Lakes leading the way](#) (11/4/21)

“In the past 25 years, lakes in the Northern Hemisphere have warmed six times as rapidly as in any other period; Superior is one of the fastest-warming”

[In big win for Enbridge, most of its old Line 3 pipeline will remain in the ground](#) (11/11/21)

“Removing the old pipeline would mitigate environmental risks and create jobs, but most landowners chose a payout to leave it in”

[Hold the salt: Organization asks Wisconsinites to cut down on use of rock salt this winter to keep state waters clean](#) (11/12/21)

“A Wisconsin group is campaigning to encourage businesses, local governments and residents to cut down on de-icing salt this winter, to protect the state's surface and drinking water.”

[Wisconsin Democrats introduce package of bills to address climate change, encourage environmental justice](#) (11/16/21)

NORTH AMERICA/TURTLE ISLAND

[Biden unveils new rules to curb methane, a potent greenhouse gas, from oil and gas operations](#) (11/2/21)

“The move comes as the U.S. presses other nations to cut their emissions at the U.N. climate

summit in Scotland.”

[America's Native Grasslands Are Disappearing](#) (11/6/21)

“The Great Plains are being torn up at a ferocious rate – with frightening implications for biodiversity and carbon storage.”

[The Politics of Water: It's in Your Sink](#) (11/11/21)

"Think of it this way: what we don't know will hurt us. And water — yes, water — is an example of just that."

[Fight over US wolf protections heads to federal courtroom](#) (11/12/21)

[Loopholes in Clean Air Act Are Letting a Texas Refinery Get Away With Pollution](#) (11/13/21)

“A Texas plant emits as much lung-damaging sulfur dioxide as it did before the Clean Air Act was passed 51 years ago.”

[Biden's Farm Methane Plan Could Worsen Consolidation And Pollution](#) (11/13/21)

"The Biden administration released its plan to bring down U.S. methane emissions. While this plan would set new limits on methane emissions coming off oil and gas plants, it does not regulate the single largest source of U.S. methane emissions: animal agriculture."

[This Colorado 'solar garden' is literally a farm under solar panels](#) (11/14/21)

[Biden discussed move, which affects a contested swath of federal land in New Mexico, at the White House Tribal Nations Summit](#) (11/15/21)

['Unconscionable': Despite Outcry Over Lead Poisoning, New Asphalt Plant Approved in Flint, Michigan](#) (11/15/21)

"Our community, our families, our children, cannot and should not take more chemical pollution."

[Indigenize the Law: Tribal Rights of Nature Movements with Casey Camp-Horinek | Part 1](#) (11/17/21)

Listen: "The idea that a river or other natural feature is a living being, imbued with the right to live and thrive is nothing new to Indigenous Peoples around the world. In this episode with Matriarch Casey Camp-Horinek, we talk about how a burgeoning indigenous-led Rights of Nature movement has the potential to protect ecosystems from destruction by granting legal rights to nature itself, and how many tribes are uniquely positioned for leadership to institute and uphold the Rights of Nature because of their sovereign legal status."

[Biden officials to propose road ban on much of Alaska's Tongass National Forest](#) (11/18/21)

"The move would restrict development on roughly 9.3 million acres in North America's largest temperate rainforest, according to those briefed on the plan"

GLOBAL

[The Road to Climate Recovery Goes Through the Wild Woods](#) (11/2/21)

[Indigenous Leaders Call for Landback Reforms and Climate Justice in "Required Reading"](#) (11/5/21)

"The authors, who are taking part in COP26 this week, discuss ways to support Indigenous communities and their allies in healing the planet and moving forward to a post-oil future."

[COP26 Report Reveals 'Massive' Credibility Gap Between Climate Commitments and 1.5°C Target](#) (11/9/21)

"If all the announced net-zero commitments are implemented, the global temperature would rise 1.8°C by 2100, policy experts said, adding, 'but this is only IF these targets are fully

implemented, and it's a big IF.' "

[This Is What the World Looks Like if We Pass the Crucial 1.5-Degree Climate Threshold](#) (11/9/21)

[China's sponge cities are a 'revolutionary rethink' to prevent flooding](#) (11/15/21)

"A 'sponge city' is a nature-based solution which uses the landscape to retain water at its source, slow down water flow and clean it throughout the process."

[COP26 – Caught in a Net: Agriculture, Climate Change, and the Decarbonisation Agenda](#) (11/17/21)

"As COP26 draws to a close, this blog offers some reflections on the fraught relationship between the mainstream process and the social movements, and what this means for the fight for a just and agroecological transition."

[Regenerative agriculture in the Amazon](#) (11/17/21)

"EcoAraguaia Farm of the Future is a former cattle ranch in the Amazon rainforest with a big mission: to show the world how producing food, restoring nature, and creating livelihoods can go hand in hand."

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California Company Says the Future of Tractors Is Electric

“This is the perfect time to launch a truly renewable, electric powered tractor, which is repowered with solar energy,” says Mani Iyer.

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[Exposed: How big farm lobbies undermine EU's green agriculture plan](#) [19.10.2021](#)

[Farmers and lobby groups are split on an EU agricultural reform that may increase farmers' incomes and consumers' prices. A DW joint report reveals a rift between farmers and the groups purporting to represent them.](#)

RURAL MEDIA / LOCAL NEWS

[‘Storm Lake’ from PBS tells the story of a rural newspaper fighting for its life](#)

GBH News (Massachusetts)

NOV 10, 2021

Key Quotes:

- Dolores Cullen is scanning through photos she'd taken at a local elementary school where Abby Bean, the reigning Iowa Pork Producers Pork Queen, had enthused over the finer points of hog production. The kids were encouraged to oink. There was a piglet wearing a diaper. It was the sort of event that oozes cute.
- But that's not what was on Cullen's mind. While driving through Albert City, she was hit with an odor so foul that she couldn't stop talking about it. "It was so putrid I almost gagged, from hog confinement," she says. When she commented on the smell during a visit to the post office to deliver newspapers, she was told it was from corn that had been put out to dry. "No," she says she

responded. “This is not the smell of drying corn. This is hog shit.”

- Welcome to [The Storm Lake Times](#), a 21-year-old twice-weekly newspaper with a circulation of about 3,000 that covers Buena Vista County, Iowa. The paper is the subject of a documentary, [“Storm Lake,”](#) that will be broadcast on most PBS stations this coming Monday, Nov. 15, at 10 p.m., including GBH-2 in Boston.
- The film, by Jerry Risius and Beth Levison, tells the story of a small rural newspaper’s fight for survival at a time when local papers across the country are cutting back and shutting down. At the center of that story are the Cullens, a remarkable family who persevere through calamities such as the rise of agribusiness, which wiped out much of the local advertising that had once sustained the paper; the spreading tentacles of the internet, which grabbed another big chunk; and, finally, the insidious invasion of COVID-19.
- The Times was already among our better-known rural newspapers by virtue of a [Pulitzer Prize that it won](#) in 2017 for a series of editorials written by Art Cullen, the editor. As the Pulitzer judges put it, the paper “successfully challenged powerful corporate agricultural interests in Iowa.” Cullen’s editorials so enraged those interests that the Iowa Senate [refused to approve](#) a resolution of congratulations, a tidbit that did not make it into the film.
- Cullen later [wrote a book](#) about his life as a small-town newspaperman, but his notoriety appears not to have been of much help to the Times’ bottom line. Indeed, “Storm Lake” is a story of struggle. At one point the publisher, Art’s older brother, John, explains how he spent months listening to readers in order to pare the television listings down from 80 channels to 31 without

sparking too much outrage, thus saving about \$10,000.

- The COVID-19 pandemic followed the Iowa caucuses by just a few weeks, and it nearly put the Times out of business. Advertising was down 50% in March 2020. Art and John muse about walking away rather than piling up more debt, or selling the Times' building.
 - But they prevailed. We learn at the end that the paper held a successful GoFundMe campaign, signed up more than 100 new subscribers and unveiled a redesigned website that was attracting 1.2 million page views per month. The paper would survive.
 - "The pay is lousy and the hours are terrible," says Art. "But you can change the world through journalism."
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