

DODGE COUNTY CONCERNED CITIZENS - NEWS & INFO UPDATE - OCTOBER 2022 -
SAVE THE EARTH...STOP FACTORY FARMS - TURNING OUR MISSION INTO A
MOVEMENT

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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT MATTERS

Dodge County Concerned Citizens E/I/E Newsletter
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BEST OF THE MONTH

The swine industry is making every effort to install a large swine factory farm in northern Minnesota. This industry will ruin our beautiful northern Minnesota lakes country.

Attorney General Ellison speaks with small farmers in Blooming Prairie | NEWSBREAK <https://www.newsbreak.com/news/2762035730260/attorney-general-ellison-speaks-with-small-farmers-in-blooming-prairie>

China is buying up American farms. Washington wants to crack down. | POLITICO <https://www.politico.com/news/2021/07/19/china-buying-us-farms-foreign-purchase-499893>

Rural Minnesota Communities Fight Influence of Factory Farms | Public News

Service <https://www.publicnewsservice.org/2022-09-08/rural-farming/rural-mn-communities-fight-influence-of-factory-farms/a80561-1>

Our Voices, Our Power Candidate Townhall Interest Form | Land Stewardship Action Fund <https://secure.everyaction.com/v3FjPCOpMUyNnAnQ0kMI8A2>

Farmers ask Ellison for accountability | Dodge County Independent & Steele County Times <http://steelecountytimes.com/farmers-ask-ellison-accountability>

Worth County residents speak in opposition to incoming hog confinement | Globe Gazette https://globegazette.com/news/state-and-regional/worth-county-residents-speak-in-opposition-to-incoming-hog-confinement/article_c4564c08-a1e1-5ca2-99ad-483d221b5588.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

‘Ag-gag’ unlawful — again: A U.S. district court judge ruled that Iowa’s latest attempt to criminalize the use of cameras in agricultural facilities and other businesses is unconstitutional. It’s the third adverse decision in five years for the state’s so-called ag-gag law. (Iowa Capital Dispatch) <https://iowacapitaldispatch.com/2022/09/26/judge-says-iowas-third-ag-gag-law-is-unconstitutional-like-previous-versions/>

Smithfield settles suit: Smithfield Foods has agreed to pay \$75 million to settle a price-fixing lawsuit that plaintiffs claimed had affected 17.6 million consumer purchases of pork products. (Food Dive) <https://www.fooddive.com/news/smithfield-pork-settlement-price-fixing-jbs-minnesota-court-consumers-class-action/632840/>

National Farmer's Day - Oct. 12, 2022 | AgAmerica Lending https://agamerica.com/blog/history-of-national-farmers-day/?link_id=6&can_id=90b2217dab465cf8609d4f625deb3a1e&source=email-sept-27-rural-press-clips-2&email_referrer=email_1683865&email_subject=sept-29-rural-press-clips

The world's biggest meat company is built on corruption and it's growing in Australia | Four Corners <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NYfIXLkoB68> **Watch Video 45:51**

Victory! Community members put pressure on Iowa Select and won! | Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement <https://iowacci.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/mailing/view?id=6103>

Help your rural hometown thrive – Grow Communities 2023 | America's Farmers <https://www.americasfarmers.com/>

COPAL is a grassroots organization that seeks to impact the quality of life for Latinos in MN through working on public policy, leadership, and community | Communities Organizing Latinx Power and Action <https://copalmn.org/en/home/>

COPAL NEWS - Volume 1, Number 7 | https://doc-14-50-prod-01-apps-viewer.googleusercontent.com/viewer2/prod-01/pdf/vb0pn7hqnjsdcs3d0n46rsvq74dm4cah/0l4mrd2kegv0rb4pit3veh3ufiqop6qt/1664393550000/3/108946195520260158199/APznzaYseDBesvo9oP4VNawngwPB5GIyd_9zUNFp4L0mvq-gL_RT8GATD5qoJ20eslu5v5cJjj8-vCIimNL540hPAqWHm_BKVv8Mg66BI7idE7EZB9la6DxCe_EA5HIo-8BeOK6lY59SYgY1llfTs2EGixoV00oID-sX_bcu3GhBpcAPUcoGDHUfl5xRaPyPPbXdTm4519MSa12G6ywd4bIkde-vhzqaDwD6jBe74z8WZrs-PHMguvDGN1sOjMkDU3pH9lpp-bdN98vrQsqnRcOivG14byP2Xoa5qjKUrJgzBRnDZCdjozzl_1P01A6rT7fc8fK8T6m2CiqCigeP_GVmBuLio-fIBDzpKgMuiRb02bPkOoTwChN7mw2kF11s124-OXJR?authuser=0&nonce=udubugnj76dju&user=108946195520260158199&has_h=ggc7cnhako1f7bl6gdcjt01mtpd180dc

Here for Farmers of Color - We are a collective of Black, Indigenous, Farmers of Color (BIPOC), centered on racial justice and the development of food and farming systems that honor our communities past, present and future. **Midwest Farmers of Color Collective** <https://midwestfarmersofcolor.org/>

Family Farms Are the Bedrock of American Agriculture | InsideSources <https://insidesources.com/family-farms-are-the-bedrock-of-american-agriculture/>

Media Advisory: Ribbon cutting & Grand Opening Ceremony at Farmamerica on Oct 8 | Farmamerica <https://mailchi.mp/8a9a57e20534/media-advisory-farmamerica-grand-opening?e=584cbadb4c>

We are dedicated to advancing the prosperity of Hmong farmers through cooperative endeavors, capacity building and advocacy. HAFAs were started and is led by family farmers. Organizing is in our DNA. | **Hmong American Farmers Association** <https://www.hmongfarmers.com/>

Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce opposes city ban on new slaughterhouses | AgWeek https://www.agweek.com/news/south-dakota/sioux-falls-chamber-of-commerce-opposes-city-ban-on-new-slaughterhouses?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=agweekdaily

Despite Pushback Becker County Approves 3,000-pig Feedlot | Fergus Now <https://fergusnow.com/2022/09/09/despite-pushback-becker-county-approves-3000-pig-feedlot/>

FERN's Friday Feed: Little fish, big problems | Food & Environment Reporting Network https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/little_fish_big_problems_9_2_22?e=7568fe7c73

New FTC commissioner calls for 'a return to fairness' in antitrust enforcement | Star Tribune <https://www.startribune.com/new-ftc-commissioner-calls-for-a-return-to-fairness-in-antitrust-enforcement/600209297/>

An Apple A Day | Minnesota Grown <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNMDA/bulletins/32d286b>

"A person will sometimes devote all his life to the development of one part of his body - the wishbone." ~ Robert Frost (The only poet to win four Pulitzer Prizes)

Water Troubles in the Rio Grande Valley | Inside Climate News <https://us2.campaign-archive.com/?e=3377e9fa3d&u=7c733794100bcc7e083a163f0&id=824b5527a9>

Ag Insider: Southeast's peat bogs have carbon storage superpowers, says report | Food & Environment Reporting Network <https://mailchi.mp/thefern.org/ag-insider-southeasts-peat-bogs-have-carbon-storage-superpowers-says-report?e=7568fe7c73>

Beginning Farmers Tax Break Still Available | Minnesota Department of Agriculture <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNMDA/bulletins/32ce9c>
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September 6, 1916 - The first supermarket, Piggly Wiggly, was opened by Clarence Saunders in Memphis, Tennessee. The chain is still operating throughout the American South. **Piggly Wiggly** | Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piggly_Wiggly

Fruit and Vegetable News | University of Minnesota Extension <https://view.ecomunications2.umn.edu/?qs=c126bf6f251815d59ec18f2963de52411972fc914e8324ac13445b9da64522975ef9bda2d11f15259aba3d5a255c07ee63ffa10ff3c0f6ac46bf457723bc308790c94988149f4aedb6f3b95961ec724c>

Wisconsin Farmers Union News - United to Grow Family Agriculture | September/October 2022 https://www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com/files/ugd/629d75_5acb9a0e5ec645dfaba5ce3c2a80a757.pdf (36 pages)

Sustainable Agriculture Grant Funding Available | Minnesota Department of Agriculture <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNMDA/bulletins/32dfdb>
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It's Here! Read the September Issue | The Editors at Acres U.S.A. <https://mailchi.mp/acresusa/september-2022-issue-is-now-available?e=e49f04f0fe>

Legal fight over Sioux Falls pork plant would focus on definition of slaughterhouse - Wholestone Farms believes the butcher shop they are building on the site of its planned processing facility qualifies under current city ordinance. Opposition says a small operation is not the same as processing 6 million hogs a year. | Mitchell Republic <https://www.mitchellrepublic.com/news/south-dakota/legal-fight-over-sioux-falls-pork-plant-would-focus-on-definition-of-slaughterhouse>

As methane rules loom, some Southern California dairies flee while others see potential - Some West Coast dairies are selling their cows to buyers in other states with different air quality regulations, resulting in "leakage". | Star Tribune <https://www.startribune.com/as-methane-rules-loom-some-southern-california-dairies-flee-while-others-see-potential/600203587/>

Manure (multiple articles) | AgPhD <https://agphd.com/?s=manure>

Sponsor and Exhibitor Opportunities Open for Eco-Ag Conference! | Acres U.S.A. Events <https://mailchi.mp/acresusa/2022-eco-ag-conference-sponsor-exhibitor-options-1-news?e=e49f04f0fe>

September 9, 1776 - Congress officially renamed the country as the United States of America. It had previously been known as the United Colonies.

OCM, Organization for Competitive Markets competitivemarkets.com

FarmAmerica - Minnesota's Center for Agricultural Interpretation | <https://mailchi.mp/da172821d5e4/dirt-detectives-20169262?e=584cbadb4c>

6 Fall Tasks To Ready Your Small Farm For Winter | Hobby Farms https://www.hobbyfarms.com/6-fall-tasks-ready-your-small-farm-winter/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=sponsored_13_Sept_2022&utm_campaign=JungSeed_HF_ENews_09/13/22&utm_content=6_Farm_Tasks_for_Fall!

Handling of Pig 'Byproducts' of Slaughterhouse Definition in the Sioux Falls Pork Plant Debate | South Dakota News <https://darik.news/southdakota/handling-of-pig-byproducts-of-slaughterhouse-definition-in-the-sioux-falls-pork-plant-debate/600918.html>

Your Weekly Acres U.S.A. Digest | Acres U.S.A. <https://mailchi.mp/acresusa/your-weekly-acres-usa-digest-9-30-22?e=e49f04f0fe>

Did You Know? The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.

2022 Ag Census coming in November

This November, USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will begin data collection for the [2022 Census of Agriculture](#) across the United States.

Help spread the word to Minnesota farmers about the importance of being represented in this data.

See full press release at: [2022 Census of Agriculture national press release](#) (also available in Spanish).

