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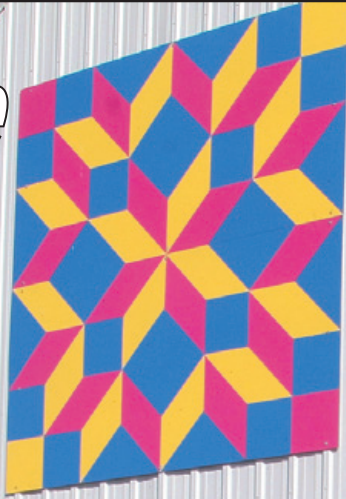
# COUNTRY VIEWS



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of agricultural  
business*

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Jamie & Mary Fahn outside by their gestation sows with their barn quilt prominently featured on their barn.



## Monogram garners National Honor in 2017

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Pig farmers adapt quickly to new antibiotic rules

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Since the rules went into effect on Jan. 1, the National Pork Board has received only two calls into its farmer call center as of September 28 requesting clarification or information on the rule change.

"America's 60,000 pig farmers are keenly aware of the change occurring on farms, and they were clearly ready, willing and able to meet the requirements of these new rules," said Terry O'Neel, board president and a Nebraska pig farmer. "To have just two calls into our call center tells me that the requirements are being met and our two-year, proactive education plan has paid off."

FDA guidance 209 and 213 ends the use of medically important antibiotics for growth promotion and increases veterinarian oversight for on-farm antibiotic use through the Veterinary Feed Directive and prescriptions.

All human medically important antibiotics administered to pigs in feed and water must have direct veterinarian oversight. This strengthens an already strong veterinary-client-patient relationship between pig farmers and their veterinarians. Both also take proactive pig management and biosecurity steps to increase the health of pigs and reduce the need for antibiotics.

Close to home, O'Neel recently completed the USDA National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) survey on his pig farm. The survey reviewed written antibiotic-use records from July - December 2016. During the survey with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture veterinarian, it was revealed that O'Neel had reduced his antimicrobial use.



Clayton and Croghan garner Iowa Environmental Leader honors

DES MOINES - John Clayton and Kyle Clayton Walnut (above) and Jerry and Nancy Croghan, Manilla, (below) were recognized this August for having received the Environmental Leader Award.

The Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Award is a joint effort between the Governor, Lt. Governor, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, and Iowa Department of Natural Resources to recognize the efforts of Iowa's farmers as environmental leaders committed to healthy soils and improved water quality.

This award recognizes the exemplary voluntary actions of farmers that improve or protect the environment and natural resources of our state. These influential environmental leaders also encourage other farmers to follow in their footsteps by showcasing the success that they have had. It recognizes those that have taken steps in their farming operations to serve as local

leaders in environmental stewardship on their farms, utilizing a variety of techniques and best management practices. As environmental leaders, these farmers have adopted best management practices and incorporated environmental stewardship throughout their farming operations.

Picture above: John Clayton and Michelle Clayton and their son, Kyle (hold Evelyn) and his wife, Jill (holding Allison) . Pictured below are Nancy and Jerry Groghan, Manilla.



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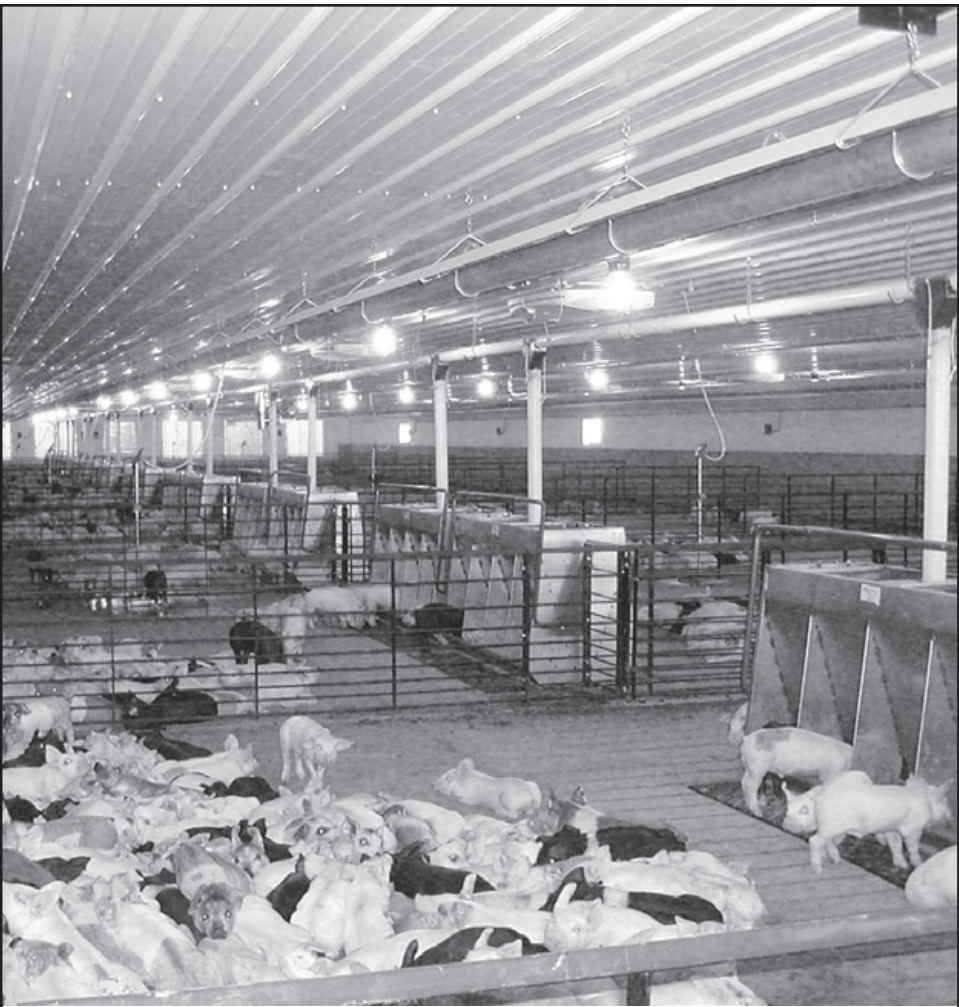
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## Southwest Iowa Pasture Clinic deemed a success

**DEFIANCE** - On July 27, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach - Shelby County hosted a Pasture Clinic at the Dave Schwarte farm near Defiance. The program included an evening meal provided by United Bank of Iowa and prepared by the Shelby County Cattleman's Association and Shelby County Extension.

Following dinner at the extension office in Harlan, participants traveled to Dave Schwarte's family farm. The educational program was led by ISU Extension and Outreach field specialists and included a variety of pasture management topics including pasture watering systems, weed control, grass seeding, and cattle management and care.

ISU Extension specialists in attendance included Shawn Shouse, Ag Engineer, Aaron Saeugling, Agronomist, Mike Witt, Agronomist, and Chris Clark, Beef Specialist. Additionally, Dave Schwarte provided a tour and detailed description of the cattle operation and grazing system.

A highlight of the evening was a pasture tour on hayrack that allowed participants to see the rotational grazing system, warm season grasses, and some Angus cow-calf pairs.



## Shelby County Farm Statistics:

(USDA Census of Agriculture 2012)

### General

- Number of farms: 869 farms.
- Total farm land: 372,350 acres.
- Average size of an Shelby County farm: 428 acres.

### Crops

In 2012:

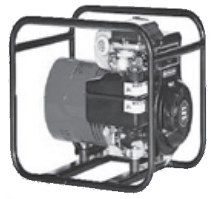
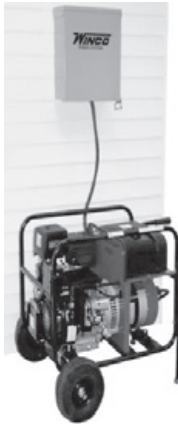
- Market value of crops grown: \$247.40 million.
- 17.80% of all jobs came from crop production.

In 2013:

- 183,500 acres of corn were harvested with an average yield of 184.2 bushels per acre.
- 132,300 acres of soybeans were harvested with an average yield of 50.2 bushels per acre.

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# Fahns a marriage of business and agricultural business

Jacey Goetzman  
staff reporter

**PORTSMOUTH** - Jamie and Mary Fahn are the illustration of the marriage between agriculture and agricultural business. They are third-generation farmers.

"I guess it runs in the blood," Jamie joked.

The Fahns run a family farm, growing corn and soybeans as well as raising hogs from farrow-to-finish. From birth to the packer, the Fahns do it all.

Mary grew up on the Wingert family farm in Panama and attended Benedictine College, Atchison, KS. She returned to Shelby County and married

Jamie. After raising their two children, she became the office manager at JBS United, an international feed company based in Sheridan, IN.

Her experience helping out around the farm has equipped her to better deal with any number of issues customers may come to her with.

"She understands since she knows what goes on [here,]" Jamie said.

## Returned to Shelby County

Jamie grew up on the family farm between Harlan and Portsmouth and moved back to Shelby County after earning his bachelor's degree at Iowa State.

It hasn't always been easy. At times, he didn't know if he had made the wisest decision when returning. He had to be very conscious and conservative in the years when the hog market was what Jamie could only describe as terrible.

"You just tighten the belt," Jamie said. "If I can cut a penny, I cut a penny."

Because they live off of the highway, their hogs are often exposed to airborne diseases. Jamie compared it to taking your kids to day-care.

"You're going to get something, sometime. You know someday it's coming," Jamie said. "You just gotta be nimble on your feet and handle it when it comes."

## Grew up around hogs

Jamie grew up around hogs and has been doing chores centered around the hogs since he was little. His children were raised the same way. Despite the tradition and proposed routine to it, no day is identical.

"When I wake up in the morning, I expect problems," Jamie said. "If you only have one or two problems, it's a good day."

The hogs may be mixed up in the wrong pens. The feed needs to be ground up. Some of the hogs may be sick. It's always something, but Jamie has fun running around and putting out the fires around the farm.

The Fahns have no hired help. They manage what they can. When a task requires two people, Jamie has to wait for Mary to make it home.

"We work very well together," Jamie said.

## Long line of farmers

Jamie and Mary, having come from a long line of farmers, understand that you're not done at five o'clock. Even with her customers, Jamie says Mary will go in early and go the extra mile to help. Being part of the farm has impacted her past her homestead and back to the business.

"It just makes you more appreciative, partly," Mary said. "I can relate to it all, too."

The Fahns have been married for 32 years. They have



Jamie and Mary Fahn are third-generation farmers and live between Harlan and Portsmouth.

two kids, Megan and Ryan. They both grew up to graduate from Iowa State and become agriculture engineers.

They raised their kids with the knowledge that even if it was an unenjoyable, dirty job, it still had to be done. That work ethic makes all the difference today.

The two hope that one day their kids may come back and potentially continue the legacy, although they think it's good that the two are currently getting away to see what it's like on the greener patches of

grass of the other side.

There are some clear advantages, however. For Jamie, one of the best parts is being his own boss. One hour, he's fixing stuff and acting as an engineer. The next, he's a veterinarian. The number of jobs he can have is almost unending on his farm.

Mary is always around to offer a helping hand, whether it's on the farm or canning tomatoes until nine at night.

"She helps out quite often," Jamie said.

Part of the fun is having

the freedom to operate, having your own farm.

Even dealing with the same issues, Mary says "every farmer does things differently."

Still, Jamie said that agriculture and ag business are based upon the same thing: building relationships and trust.

Ultimately, it's about feeling satisfied about doing something worthwhile. For Jamie, that feeling comes when he's looking out at the bean field and realizing he did a "decent" job.



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# Monogram Foods named National Processor of the Year

MEMPHIS, TN - Monogram Foods has been recognized as the national meat processing industry's 2017 Processor of the Year. And its chairman and CEO, Karl Schledwitz, was named the 2017 recipient of The Richard L. Knowlton Award, which recognizes innovative skills, corporate citizenship and exceptional business acumen.

The national recognition honors Monogram's industry-wide success in the areas of innovation, investment, growth, and vision.

"Monogram Foods was the clear frontrunner for this award," said Andy Hanacek, editor of The National Provisioner, the meat processing industry's leading publication. "Monogram has been consistently at the top of our emerging industry leaders, and during this past year they skyrocketed to the front of the pack."

Karl Schledwitz, chairman and chief executive officer of Monogram Foods, said the company is deeply appreciative of the recognition. "But the real honor for this award should be given to all of Monogram's team members whose dedication and hard work made this recognition possible," he said.

"Our team members here in Memphis and across the country go above and beyond. They have met many challenges and changes this past year with fortitude," he said. "This award belongs to them for their lasting commitment to making us a best-in-class company."

Monogram Foods will continue to invest in their processing facilities. In 2017, Monogram will invest almost \$70 million in upgrading current processing equipment, installing new processing equipment, and training their local team members on that equipment to make transitions smooth and efficient.

The company has locations in Harlan, Memphis, TN; Bristol, IN; Chandler, MN; Martinsville, VI; Plover, WI; Schulenburg, TX and Wilmington, MA. The Monogram Foods Loves Kids Foundation, since its inception in 2010, has given almost a \$1 million to charitable organization in communities where Monogram team members live and work.

(see related story on page 9)

## Shelby County Farm Statistics:

USDA Census of Agriculture 2012

### Livestock (2012)

• 9.20% of all jobs came from livestock production.

Market value of livestock sold:

- \$103.90 million.
- 104,625 head of hogs.
- 218,799 head of hogs sold.
- 14,900 cattle on feed.
- 36,470 cattle & calves sold.
- 18,124 cattle sold for slaughter.

### Shelby Economic Overview

Employment: 8,198 jobs.  
Percent employed in agriculture & ag related industries: 28.90%.

In Shelby County, agriculture contributes:

- 2,370 jobs.
- \$156.20 million in wages.
- \$605.60 million in total sales.

## Iowa Pork Industry Facts:

- At the end of 2012, Iowa had 6,266 hog operations.
- 94 percent of Iowa's hog farms are family owned enterprises.
- A total of 40,290 Iowans are employed in day-to-day production of hogs.
- Of the Iowa hog farms, 39 percent (2,451 farms) have 1,000 pigs or less.
- At any one time, there are approximately 20 million pigs being raised in Iowa. Iowa producers marketed more than 49 million hogs in 2012.
- Nearly one-third of the nation's hogs are raised in Iowa.
- Iowa is the number one pork producing state in the U.S. and the top state for pork exports.
- Exports of pork from Iowa totaled more than \$1 billion in 2016.
- Japan, Canada, Mexico and South Korea are the leading customers for Iowa pork.

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### Alfred Wingert family farm - 1526 Cedar Road, Panama

**PANAMA** - front row: Cari Wingert, Glenn Wingert, Mariann Wingert, Karen (Katherine) Wingert, Alf Wingert, Cindy Boysen.

Back row: Zach Wingert, Janet Kummerfeldt, Kaitlyn Kummerfeldt, Christine Wingert, Brian Wingert, Mitch Boysen.



### Kevin R Bruck family farm

**1725 Juniper Road, Earling**

From row: Emerson and Owen Boger

Back row: Brandon and Jessie Boger, and Kevin Bruck.



### Douglas & Patricia Saunders family farm 2418 Quince Road, Manilla

**MANILLA** - Matt Saunders, Blair, NE: Chris Saunders, Manilla; Johnathan Saunders, Pella; Doug and Patty Saunders for their property on Cumberland Stock Farm #2. The Saunders' daughter, Jenny Farar, LaVernia, TX, was unable to attend the event.

The family has in their possession a more than 600-page family diary dating back their family to England in the late 1880s to 2004 about their family and the Saunders family history. The diary is available at Manilla Community Library.



### Norman & Joyce Kenkel family farm - Hwy. 59 & 1800th St., Earling

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# Local Century Farm honorees



**Karen Hundt family farm - 36515 Sycamore Road, Avoca**

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Back row: Derek Nelson, Sandy Hundt, Doug Hundt, Reid Hundt.

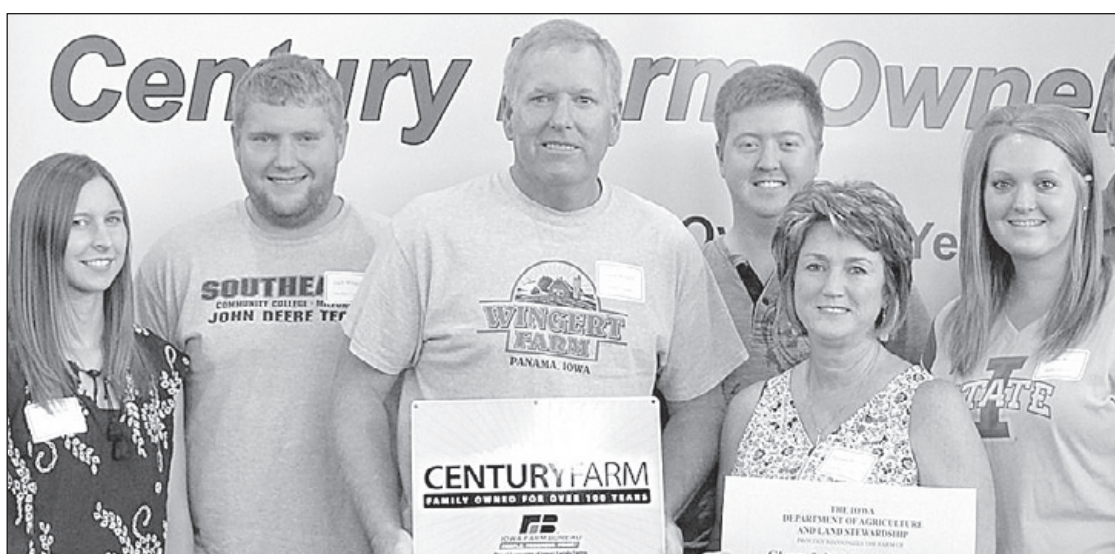
## Century Farm honors area families

The Iowa Century Farm and Heritage Farm Awards were presented at the Century/Heritage stage at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. Century Farm awards recognize farms (40 acres or more) that have been in the same family for 100 years and Heritage Farms awards recognize farms that have been owned by the same family for 150 years.

No picture available Richard Kuhr, Walnut. These awards are sponsored by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Farm Bureau.

## Iowa Pork Production Economic Contributions:

- Hog farming alone represents \$7.5 billion in total economic activity for Iowa.
- Total cash receipts for hog production in Iowa topped \$7.5 billion in 2013.
- Total production value for Iowa hog farming exceeded \$6.5 billion in 2013.
- Several billion dollars are generated in the state each year from pork processing activities.



**Glen and Mariann Wingert family farm - 1526 Cedar Road, Panama**

**PANAMA** - The Wingert family are one six family Century Farms featured in our Country Views issue. Pictured are, front, l-r: Glenn and Mariann Wingert. Back row: Cari and Zach Wingert, Brian Wingert and Christine Wingert.

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Kevan, Dean and Glen Schechinger (KDG Brothers) extended family.

## Area businesses honored at East Pott. Soil & Water 75th Anniversary event

**OAKLAND** - Two area businesses were honored at the East Pottawattamie Soil & Water Conservation District (PottSWCD) 75th anniversary banquet here last month at the Oakland Community Center.

### Ed Kleen Award

The award honors the former District Commissioner, Ed Kleen, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident. The recipient is someone who displays "all around" soil conservation and leadership to help conserve, protect and restore our soil.

The emcee said, "Leadership means to provide guidance, instruction, direction; to identify a purpose and then set goals to achieve the task; to coach, support and delegate when and where needed; having the perfect amount of respect for others and for yourself; balancing drive and determination; and being able to make decisions in a split second that impact not just you but many. This award was designed to honor someone who is doing all of that Kevan, Dean, and Glen Schechinger, KDG Brothers.

### 15-member family

Kevan, Dean and Glen Schechinger are three of 15 children in the Schechinger family; nine boys and six girls. Growing up in Westphalia the brothers learned about agriculture and agronomy from their father, Elmer.

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The brothers began their journey in 1992, they found themselves interested in the same goal...to find a farm near the city on which to live and pursue their common agriculture interests.

That November, they bought their farm, and began developing a farming operation quite different from any other in the Western Iowa area.

Not only did KDG Brothers commit to farming and working the land, but they also took on the jobs of feeding cattle, grinding and growing trees, raising strawberries, and recycling yard waste.

The Schechinger Brothers said, "...that they try to

find ways to make all portions of their business tie in with one another. It's their theory that the organics supplement each other and enable them to continue farming during the slow months of one crop or another."

Glen began growing trees as a hobby in the 1980's, and today, the farm ground has over 3,000 varying types of trees. All three brothers had hands in this chapter of their agriculture adventure. Starting the trees from plugs, they learned a lot about consistency and patience.

Next, KDG tackled recycling yard waste from neighboring communities, the original plan was to feed cattle. Their idea was to not only rid cities of the mounting problem of yard waste, but also to provide high-grade feed for livestock.

Their next endeavor involved investing in strawberries with their sister. For several years, they planted, maintained, and harvested the berries, experimenting with the best practices to make a solid product and a sensible profit. One year, they set up a booth and shared

their strawberries with the RAGBRAI riders, serving up over 800 smoothies!

### Serving their community

In addition, to running a continuously evolving farming operation, Kevan, Dean and Glen make time to give back to their community. They have or currently serve on many facets ranging from Riverside School Board, County Farm Bureau Board, Seed Company Board, Industrial Foundation, Lion's Club, and Museum Board for starters. Glen served in the military and Dean served on the Westphalia Volunteer firefighter crew.

In addition, Dean serves as Popcorn Kernel on his son's scout troop, and is an active member of his church community.

Kevan has been an integral part of implementing First Lego League into Riverside schools, has an active 4H family, and serves on his church board.

KDG Brothers are more than just business partners, they are friends. They genuinely enjoy spending time together. These gentlemen not only look after each other and their families, but also their



Becky Morenz and Mike Kolbe, Harlan Newspapers

neighbors and community. They are the "worker bees" checking off the to do lists for any event they are part of.

Whether it be cleaning up the local park on behalf of the Lion's Club, hanging decorations for church functions, cleaning up after a school band concert, serving on a youth sports committee, or scooping snow for the whole farm neighborhood...the brothers jump in wherever it's needed, no complaints and look for no praise.

The NRCS staff described their team as innovative, resourceful, and are actively engaged with their landlords. It is evident that they value this land, and work to implement opportunities and practices that will preserve our natural resources for generations to come.

Glen and Denise, Dean and Rita and their four children, and Kevan and Tera and their four kids, all reside on the 120 acre home property.

### Special Recognition Award

Garnering a special recognition award were the

Harlan Newspapers' Becky Morenz, graphic design and Mike Kolbe, marketing manager.

This special award was created to honor a person, business, or group that contributes to the East Pott SWCD mission in a unique way that is not defined by other award descriptions.

The emcee said the award went to a team that has always been a pleasure to work with, patient, flexible, and dedicated to helping the district convey their message in the most efficient and yet appealing format."

This year, as we celebrate 75 years of soil and water practices, we wanted to thank this team for their many years of partnership with the district.

Thank you for always going the extra mile, for seeing our vision and making it come to life, and for your patient professionalism in creating our annual Soil & Water Conservation report as well as completing our 24-page 75th Anniversary Book in a matter of weeks."

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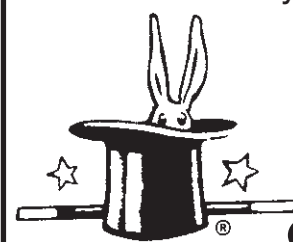
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A view from above of Monogram's Ready to Eat (RTE) production area featuring six production lines.

From left to right are the six production lines with their respective year

of installation: Line #1 – 2016; Line #2 – 2005; Line #3 – upgraded in 2016; Line #4 – 2006; Line #5 – 2008; Line #6 – 2014.

**1.030 trillion slices of bacon annually per year -**

## Monogram produces 3.6 million slices of pre-cooked bacon daily

**HARLAN** - The Harlan Monogram operation was founded in 2004 and began operations in its state of the art 46,000 square foot cooked bacon facility in January 2005 under the name Shelby County Cookers (SCC).

The company acquired by Monogram Food Solutions (MFS) on October 26, 2013 and formed a new division called Monogram Prepared Meats (MPM). They are a growing manufacturer of ready-to-eat bacon products with our manufacturing operation located in Harlan.

MPM currently participates exclusively in the ready to eat bacon category. The primary product line is sliced cooked bacon as a component to a sandwich build and a breakfast item.

Current product mix is 85% food service and 15% retail. Food Service is spread among national brand co-pack, national and regional restaurant chains, military, industrial, and distributor business. Retail business is split between national brand co-pack, private label and our Brookfield Farms and Easy Bacon brands.

In addition to the sliced items, MPM sells bacon toppings primarily to the pizza industry and industrial users. MPM also produces a large market share of round bacon for the frozen breakfast sandwich category and bacon jerky which is sold through Monogram Meat Snacks.

### Monogram created the bacon jerky food category

As part of our commitment and focus on innovation they developed the bacon jerky category in 2012 and more recently introduced our Easy Bacon brand in a regular and All Natural Uncured Roasted Bacon version into the retail space. With the current protein focused buyer they are continuing to develop bacon snack items in different applications.

MPM is one of the few independent manufacturers of ready to eat bacon. The field of competitors is relatively small totaling less than ten companies and approximately 80 cooking ovens (i.e. production line as they currently have 6 lines) in the U.S. Our competitors are primarily large brand-

ed food companies who participate in other protein categories.

Being a smaller, privately held, exclusive manufacturer of ready to eat bacon allows and requires our division to establish strong customer relationships, develop solutions for our customers, and lead the industry in innovative products.

Entry into the category is capital intense (\$3.5 million per line) and requires expertise. There has been expansion in the category amongst the current suppliers but no new competition has entered since SCC (now MPM) was formed in 2004.

They offer limited scheduled tours and really enjoy educating our community on our manufacturing process. Monogram is currently structured into 5 divisions with the following manufacturing locations and briefly what they produce:

- Monogram Prepared Meats – Harlan, IA – pre-cooked bacon slices and bacon bits
- Monogram Meat Snacks – Martinsville, VA and Chandler, MN – beef and bacon jerky
- Monogram Pet Treats – Schulenburg, TX – pet treats
- Monogram Comfort Foods – Bristol, IN – corn dogs
- Monogram Appetizers – Plover, WI and Wilmington, MA – frozen appetizers
- Corporate support office - Memphis, TN

### Fun Facts about Monogram:

- Production lines are schedule to run 18 hours per day as the other 6 hours are for sanitation
- Daily they use ~148,000 lbs. of cured pork bellies (42 million lbs. annually) – this equates to ~5,286 pigs as each pork belly averages 14 lbs. (1.5 million pigs per year; USDA projects the annual pig herd at 64.8 million)
- They expect to package 3.6 million slices of pre-cooked bacon daily – this equates to 1.030 trillion per year
- They produce and/or sell ~4 million lbs. of jerky and chips annually

**Monogram**  
prepared meats

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Monogram's annual electric usage would be:

- **33% of the Harlan Municipal Utilities** annual total electrical usage.
- **They consume enough electricity** to power 1,583 homes

- Monogram Prepared Meats

- Our six production lines have a total of 3,725 kw of cooking power

### Utilities Facts

- **Electricity** – annually they use 19 megawatts with an annual cost of \$1.8 million: usage would be 33% of HMU's (Harlan Municipal Utilities) annual total
- An average household uses 12kw therefore they consume enough electricity to power 1,583 homes in Harlan
- **Water** – annually they use 15 million gallons; usage would be 8% of HMU's annual total

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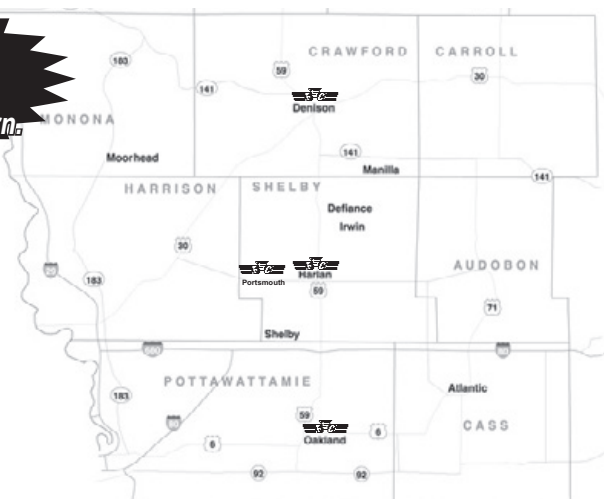
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# Manilla farm has baby boom - Triplets and twin calves born within 24 days while triplets are a one-in-a-700,000 occurrence

MANILLA - Shelby County farmers Doug and Patty Saunders who live in Greeley Twp on Cumberland Stock Farm No. 2 -- delivered on September 5 at 3 a.m. an Angus miracle with the birth of the three same sex Angus triplets.

According to a wide variety of sources, what they experienced on their farm was a one in 700,000 to have a same sex set of triplets. It is reported that the normal birth survival rate was 70 percent for triplets was 70 percent and Doug Saunders said the three calves are healthy and fine.

**Born at his side**  
There were born with Saunders at their side as he delivered the last two at 3 am and the three weighed 51 - 55 - 58 lbs.. respectively and the mother claimed all three of the calves but said Saunders is supplementing one of the calves. He and his wife's entire herd of 50 head is home raised and Saunders said during his cattle raising career he has raised Angus, Holsteins and Short-horns.

**Twin calves in August**  
In another unique event the Saunders also had a set of twin Angus calves both heifers born on August 12 at his farm.

Saunders has been raising cattle his entire life and their family has a lineage of raising cattle since his great-grandfather C.A. Saunders in 1887. Saunders' great-grandfather also who resided on the same farm. Since 1887 their farm has not had a year where cattle of some bred has not been on their family farm.

**Century Farm honorees**  
The Saunders also recently were honored at the Iowa State Fair for their Century Farm (see the photo on page 6). Their farm, Cumberland Stock Farm No. 2, was the name given to the property when it was established over 100 years ago.

The family has in their possession an over 600-page professionally published hardbound Saunders family diary and biography complete with historical photos and newspaper articles.

Their family dates to England where Saunders great-great-grandfather was married in 1851 and came to this country in 1852.

The diary is available at Manilla Library and tracks the lives of the family up until 2004.

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