

The Mi Farm Brief #004

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For Sheridan Skala - Owatonna, Minnesota (Steele County, family farm heritage)

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Weather - Owatonna, MN

Today: High **81F**. Sunny.

Tonight: Low **55F**. Partly Cloudy.

What this means for today: Sunny, with a high near 81. South wind 10 to 15 mph.

Source: NOAA National Weather Service point forecast for Owatonna, MN, pulled this morning.

Markets - CBOT settle (close of last trading session)

- **Corn (Jul 2026):** \$4.4025 per bushel (-0.0025)
- **Corn (Dec 2026):** \$4.6675 per bushel (+0.0025)
- **Soy (Jul 2026):** \$11.6950 per bushel (+0.0425)
- **Soy (Nov 2026):** \$11.8175 per bushel (+0.0400)
- **Wheat (Jul 2026):** \$6.0250 per bushel (-0.0050)

Source: Chicago Board of Trade via yfinance public quote.

Decision Delivered

DO THIS TODAY: Markets are open. Spring side-dress nitrogen window remains open through sunny. If you have N to apply on corn now at V5 to V8 stage, today's 81F window is your work day. Tomorrow's tonight low drops to 55F - cool nights help corn build root mass. Source: NOAA point forecast + Iowa State University Extension agronomy guidelines.

Farm context: Skala Farm - Steele County demo (synthetic data bed; family heritage acres are the reference point). Real intake replaces the synthetic figures the moment you send your farm shape, acreage by field, and bin inventory.

From Cal's News Desk

What moved across the wires since yesterday's Brief - sourced, dated, and verifiable. Click through any item to read it straight from the source.

1. Chairman Boozman Leads Oversight Hearing of U.S. Forest Service, Urges Senate Passage of Fix Our Forests Act

Source: U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee - Tue Jun 2, 2026 8:00 AM CT - <https://www.agriculture.senate.gov/newsroom/rep/press/release/chairman-boozman-leads-oversight-hearing-of-us-forest-service-urges-senate-passage-of-fix-our-forests-act>

2. Grower concerned about dry conditions in eastern Iowa

An eastern Iowa farmer says his 2026 planting season was successful. But Lance Lillibridge tells Brownfield he's concerned about drought conditions.

Source: Brownfield Ag News - Tue Jun 2, 2026 2:40 PM CT - <https://www.brownfieldagnews.com/news/grower-concerned-about-dry-conditions-in-eastern-iowa/>

3. Reynolds signs Iowa Farm Act, Farm to Faucet water quality package into law

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds signed some key ag-related bills into law on Monday. Reynolds says the Iowa Farm Act is the state's first-of-its-kind farm bill.

Source: Brownfield Ag News - Tue Jun 2, 2026 2:35 PM CT - <https://www.brownfieldagnews.com/news/reynolds-signs-iowa-farm-act-farm-to-faucet-water-quality-package-into-law/>

The Coffee Shop

Stub's Joke of the Day

Why does an old fence post lean? Because it's been holding wire for forty years and nobody's offered it a break. It's earned the lean.

Today in Farm History - John Froelich born 1849

On November 24, 1849, John Froelich was born in Giard, Iowa. In 1892 he built the first gasoline tractor that could drive both forward and reverse and pull a thresher, then used it for the South Dakota harvest. His Waterloo Gasoline Engine Company became Waterloo Boy, which John Deere bought in 1918 for \$2.35 million. Source: Iowa State Historical Society; Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

Stub's Quiz

Bordeaux mixture, discovered in 1882 in France, is a combination of what two ingredients?

- (a) Sulfur and water
- (b) Copper sulfate and lime
- (c) Vinegar and salt
- (d) Lead arsenate and oil

Answer at the bottom of the Brief.

The Mi Farm AI Desk

Cal "Stub" Halvorsen, Editor in Chief

Stub, signing off.

Quiz Answer

(b) Copper sulfate and lime. French botanist Pierre-Marie-Alexis Millardet noticed grapevines sprayed blue along Bordeaux roads (to deter thieves) were free of downy mildew. It is still used in organic apple and grape production today. Source: USDA Agricultural Research Service plant pathology history.

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