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March 2022

The thermometer today shows that spring is weeks away. It is 60 degrees with blue skies and sunshine in northern Illinois. It is possible, with ideal weather conditions, for some farmer's corn/soybean planters to start rolling next month. At least that idea is fun to think about. In this very volatile and tumultuous global environment, some good news would be appreciated.

Those who watch the daily commodity markets are probably getting dizzy with the rapid increase and decrease in prices, sometimes during the same day. I mentioned in past newsletters that adverse weather conditions seem to prevail for a second growing season in South America, affecting their corn and soybean yields. To exacerbate the global supply of corn, soybeans, and wheat, both for human and animal consumption, we are now watching an incredibly sad situation evolve between Russia and Ukraine.

Ukraine has some of the richest soils in the world, equal to those in the United States. They export up to 17% of all the corn into the global market, with much of it exporting to China. They are the largest producer of sunflower oil in the world. Ukraine and Russia supply 29% of all wheat exported into the global market. With much of these commodities at risk of not being planted, harvested, and ultimately shipped from ports on the Black Sea, the commodity markets are very concerned how continued global demand for these commodities will be met.

It seems that our ability to produce these commodities could place American agriculture production in a position of high demand, which may bring high, or

even higher, commodity prices. Frankly, I prefer that these commodity prices be caused by weather anomalies or by acts of God (in a good way), and not by war.

From the input side of the ledger, the following are percentages of what Russia produces and exports to the United States for our crop fertilizer inputs.

- Anhydrous Ammonia (nitrogen) - 22%
- Urea (nitrogen) - 14%
- Ammonium Phosphate - 14%
- Potash - 20%

Even though current commodity prices are at record highs, it appears many of the fertilizer input costs will also be at record highs. The chemistry involving insecticide and herbicide inputs may be in short supply and certainly at higher prices. Some not so good news, but we are dealing with reality.

Being a farm boy, I was raised to look on the bright side. Farming has challenges and one learns to adapt. I feel very fortunate to be in the farming business and am grateful to work with what God created. Hopefully, my April newsletter will see planters rolling and a more positive outlook, for everyone.

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## Dew Farm Auction

**Tuesday - March 8, 2022 | 2:00 pm**  
The Dew Farm is a high quality, Class A farm containing 165.30 surveyed acres (159.06 tillable acres). The farm drains adequately and has an average Productivity Index of 143.3. The Dew Farm is located near the Illinois River commodity markets. The farm is being auctioned (bidder's choice), IN-PERSON (Edgewood Park Golf Club, McNabb IL) and LIVE ONLINE.

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## Fritsch Farm Auction

**Friday - March 11, 2022 | 2:00 pm**  
The 110.8723± surveyed acre, high quality Class A soils Fritsch Farm is a path of progress property annexed to Sandwich Illinois in Kendall County. Current land use is farmland, but zoned M-2. Open lease for 2022. The farm is being auctioned IN-PERSON (Sandwich VFW Post 1486, Sandwich IL) and LIVE ONLINE.

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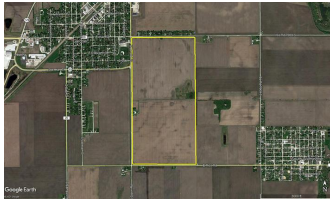


## Yorkville Farm Auction

Tuesday - March 15, 2022 | 2:00 pm  
The Yorkville Farm features an excellent location for future development. The farm contains Class A soils and drains well. Leased for 2022 at \$360 per tillable acre. Located at the corner of Ament and Immanuel Roads. Only 1½ miles west of IL Rt 47. Yorkville city limits are one mile north. Ronhill subdivision is across the road to the west. The farm is being auctioned IN-PERSON (Whitetail Ridge Golf Club, Yorkville IL) and LIVE ONLINE.

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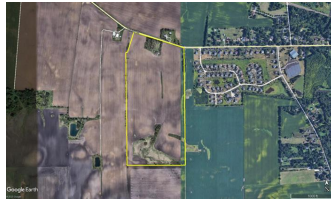
## Land Pro LLC Listings



### Eaton Smith Farm

Large contiguous tract of high-quality farmland near I-55 interchange, just 70 miles southwest of Chicago. 2022 lease open.

322.22± surveyed acres (300.49± tillable, 10.00 CRP acres), Section 10, Greenfield Township, T.31N.-R.8E., Grundy County Illinois. PI 130.1 (Reddick, Andres). Home + buildings. Main Street, Storm Road, Rice Road frontage. Ray L. Brownfield, Broker



### Sugar Grove 86 Farm

This 86-acre property lies in the path of progress. Situated near infrastructure facilities allowing for the future development of single-family homes. The gentle south facing slope could easily accommodate the development of a community solar farm and other green initiatives. Seller is willing to subdivide, if necessary.

86.869± acres (74.00± tillable). Subdivision Concept Plan available. Survey available. Sections 23 & 26, Sugar Grove Township, T.38N.-R.7E., Kane County IL. Adjacent to Aurora IL corp limits. Dave Oster, Broker



### Larson Farm

The farm is adjacent to Wyanet Illinois. It is mostly all tillable and lends itself to many opportunities. If you are in the market to invest in a smaller farm, this is the one!

50.44± tax acres (48.92± tillable acres). PI 116.1. Section 21, Wyanet Township, Bureau County Illinois. Access from 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Chip Johnston, Broker

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